

THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

10th January 2020

Week Commencing Monday 13th January 2020 will be A Week

We encourage parents and carers to read our Parental Bulletin every week – we use this document to inform you of all important upcoming dates and events and it is the best way for you to stay informed. Any letters sent home, upcoming and past events, celebrations, important dates and fixtures are all in one document for your convenience.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week, the word of the week will be:

MYRIAD

Definition: countless or extreme in number.

Example:

There are a myriad of reasons why summer is the best season.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Well done to our students of the week who will receive a priority lunch pass for next week - Well done!

Year 7 – Isabella Stedman

Year 8 – Oliver Rason & Emily-May Price

Year 9 – Demi Gould & Alfie Marshall

Year 10 – Jessica-Jane Hutchins

Year 11 – David Ioannou

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIXTURES

Date	Fixture
Monday 13 th January	GCSE Rock Climbing – Group 1
Tuesday 14 th January	U14 Basketball v. West Hatch @ Home
Wednesday 15 th January	GCSE Rock Climbing – Group 2
Thursday 16 th January	U14 Basketball v. King Harold - Away

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

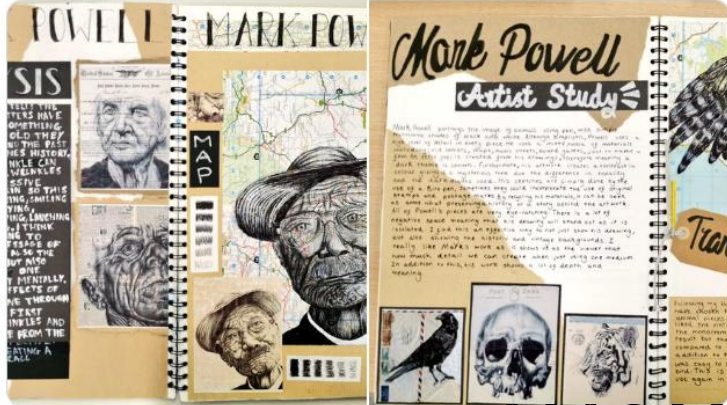
Date	Event
Thursday 16 th January	Year 11 Parents Evening – 4:15-7:15pm
Wednesday 12 th February	Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
Thursday 13 th February	TOA & PTA Art Gallery Event
Friday 14 th February 2020	Inset Day (No Students in School)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term – School Finishes at 3:00pm
Monday 24 th February	First Day Back
Wednesday 4 th March	BAT Moderation – School Closes at 2:00pm
Monday 6 th – Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 6 th – Friday 13 th April 2020	China Trip - 10

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Each week, we pick the highlights from our student's achievements on Twitter and share them here. Here are this week's highlights:

Miss KJeffer Creative Leader
@ArtLeaderKJE

Mark Powell Research Beauties :)
Love the map and brown paper detail in the layout and transcriptions of these pages! Recreating the artists technique with biro.



WOW!

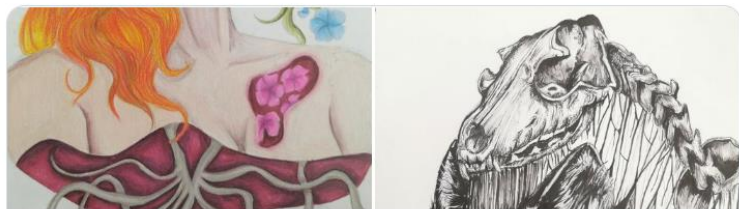
Ongar Academy PE
@OngarPe

Great turn out for year 7 & 8 netball training tonight!
Can't wait for round 2 of the district matches to start!
Got to hold on to top places for U14 & U16 and move up the table in yr7/8. #beginwithendinmind #netball



Miss KJeffer Creative Leader
@ArtLeaderKJE

A MASSIVE WOW to these incredible title pages from year 10! The effort and detail is AWESOME! Proud teacher!



Miss KJeffer Creative Leader
@ArtLeaderKJE

An enthusiastic year 9 is super keen to work on his Venom painting. Our first KS3 student to use oils so confidently - well done Elliott!



Amazing

Mr G Pullen
@MrGPullen

Fantastic day watching 10 G and R smash Decay Equations! Hugely impressed! 🧑‍🔬 @TheOngarAcademy @OngarScience #SchoolofChoice #NutureEnrichEmpower

Miss KJeffer Creative Leader
@ArtLeaderKJE

Pretty as a... portrait! :) Beau, Lottie and Tia showing off their pencil work!



WELCOME BACK

We want to wish all our students a warm welcome back into Spring Term 2020.

Reminder: Any general queries, or correspondence regarding your son/daughter should be forwarded to admin@theongaracademy.org or communicated to us via telephone using 01277 500990.

Communication to Mr Osborne should go to head@theongaracademy.org.

Queries regarding individual subjects should go to faculty leaders – emails are available on the final page of each week's bulletin.

Attendance issues should either be left on the absence line or emailed to attendance@theongaracademy.org. If your son/daughter is absent, we do require parent/carer contact on a **daily basis**.

If you require assistance with your Wisepay account, please email wisepay@theongaracademy.org.

We are here to help, and happy to help, so please communicate your concerns with us so we can support you. And of course, any positive feedback is welcomed and encouraged!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your son/daughter has recently qualified for Free School Meals, please note that Essex County Council do not immediately communicate this information with us, so please make sure that you make the school aware so that we can put the provision in place for them as soon as possible.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS FROM ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE

We would like to remind parents/carers that School Nurses should not send text messages as their first contact with you.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the (West) Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on 0300 247 0122.

To see examples of suspicious text messages, click the link below:

<https://who-called.co.uk/Number/07562068525>

BROOK talks: Relationship and Sex Education- What parents need to know

Epping St Johns	11th February 2020
Bury Lane, Epping CM16 5JB	18:00-20:00 Click HERE to book.

Brook invites you to a Sex Education workshop created especially for local parents and carers.

Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore how the new legislation will impact on your child and-

- What it means for primary and secondary school students,
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

For more info contact:
joanne.quinn@brook.org.uk

brook.org.uk
Healthy lives for young people



THE ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE BULLETIN

ECFWS is delivered by Virgin Care Limited in partnership with Barnardo's, to deliver children and family services across Essex, including local children's community health provision. Every month, they promote and support specific local, national, and international campaigns by providing information and resources. The campaigns are interactive with real-life practical learning examples, including web links to resources.

The focus this month is on Healthy Lifestyles – Please see the Campaign Bulletin attached

ALICE IN WONDERLAND – THE LAVERS ENTERTAINERS

The Lavers Entertainers are proud to present...



OPENING NIGHT Friday, 24th January 7.30pm
Saturday, 25th January 3.00pm and 7.30pm
Friday, 31st January 7.30pm
Saturday, 1st February 3.00pm and...
FINAL NIGHT Saturday, 1st February 7.30pm

Adult £10 Children (under 12) £1
FINAL NIGHT £15

This includes £5 donation to CRY (www.c-r-y.org.uk)

Tickets are available to purchase from 1st December
Tickets are non-refundable

Mark Baines 07789 902185
Nikki Baines 07870 462330

ATTENDANCE DROP IN SESSIONS

Letters have been sent to Parent/Carers offering them attendance support – if you are interested in meeting with our attendance officer to see how we can support your family, please contact attendance@theongaracademy.org

GCSE MUSIC: INFORMATION MORNING – 26TH FEBRUARY 2020

The Music department are holding a GCSE information breakfast morning on Wednesday 26th February, at 8am. Invitations will be sent out via post and email on Monday.

DON'T FORGET!



PTA INFORMATION

Facebook: [The Ongar Academy PTA](#)

Twitter: [@OngarPTA](#)

Email: ongarpta@gmail.com

Ongar Lost Property Facebook: [Ongar Academy Uniform](#)

COMMUNICATION

Please find below contact details for the Heads of Faculties:

English	Mrs Suttle	staffpsu@theongaracademy.org
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Technology/Art	Mrs Worboys	staffcwo@theongaracademy.org
MFL	Mr Diaz-Ward	staffsdi@theongaracademy.org

Mr Osborne: head@theongaracademy.org

Wisepay: wisepay@theongaracademy.org

Attendance: attendance@theongaracademy.org

Our staff will endeavour to respond within **24 hours**.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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IF YOU DO HAVE ANY ISSUES RELATED TO SCHOOL WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.