

THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

13th December 2019

Week Commencing Monday 16th December 2019 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:

FRAGILE

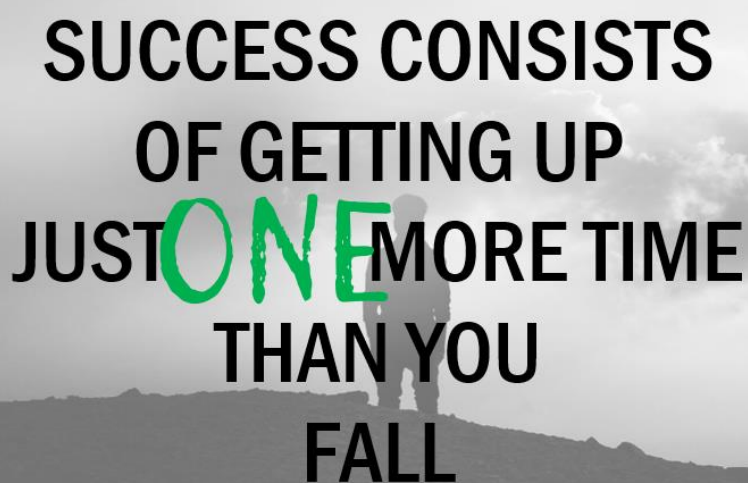
Definition: something easily damaged or broken or something that is vulnerable.

Example:

The two countries have a fragile peace treaty.

OR

I only tapped the cup on the table but it broke because it was so fragile.



SUCCESS CONSISTS
OF GETTING UP
JUST ONE MORE TIME
THAN YOU
FALL

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 – Eddie Scott

Year 8 – Ava Charles & Iannis Cudalbu

Year 9 – Keir Hammant & Emma Wheldon

Year 10 – Evie Lawrence & Harvey Stroud

Year 11 – Kirsty Norfolk & Jack Norman

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIXTURES

Fixtures will resume in the New Year

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
16 th December	Chelsea Trials for Ongar 6
	Deadline for Ongar 6 Applications
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th December	Rewards Trips
19 th December	End of Term <i>School closes at 12:05pm</i>
6 th January	Inset Day (No Students in School)
7 th January	First Day of Spring Term
14 th February 2020	Inset Day (No Students in School)
6 th April - 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:

AMAZING!

Deputy Headteacher
@DeputyTOA

So proud of you three. Congratulations on the completion of the firebreak course and the accreditation you have received. #resilience #proud @TheOngarAcademy @AcaOngar



Mrs Hunter
@christinahtr

My own Christmas angels - form 8B! 🎄 🧑‍🎨 #TOA



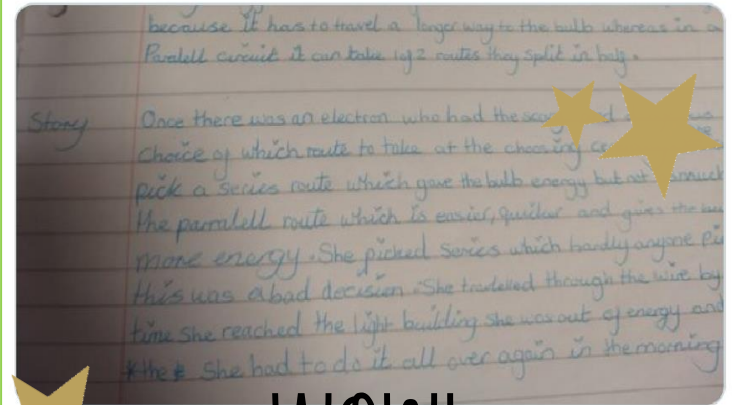
Unity Enterprises East Anglia
@UnityEntEA

Hugely looking forward to Thursday with this brilliant group from @TheOngarAcademy we are off to the Army which is always a superb insight into a range of careers, opportunities and skills. #army #BritishArmy #careers #skills #insight #aspiration #ambition #futures #goals #essex



MrsDickinson @MrsDickinsonTOA · 10 Dec

Beautifully written short story about an electron deciding whether it would prefer to be in a series or parallel circuit, well done Sienna! #imagination #crosscurriculum #creativescience #youngscientist #schoolofchoice



WOW!

smadge @Smd964 · 1h

The #TOATechTeam have once again been amazing, they have all worked hard together to learn the process of installing, asset marking and preparing the new laptops & trolley for use by the school in 2020, Thankyou you CD, CK, TS, TG, CH & EJ #apprentices Merry Xmas @TheOngarAcademy



YEAR 11 iMEDIA EXAMINATION – 8th January 2020

We would like to remind parents/carers of the Creative iMedia Examination taking place on 8th January 2020.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

IMPORTANT - DofE Expedition Dates

If your son or daughter is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh award, then you would have received a letter notifying you of the planned practice and expedition dates next year. We have changed the date of the **practice expedition** as it is more convenient for our year 11 students who will be sitting their exams. The new date is **May 23/24**. This is the weekend before half term and so it will give our students time to rest afterwards and should not cut into exam timetables. The main expedition date will remain the same.

If you have any questions, please get in touch. The deadline to pay the £40 deposit to take part in these expedition dates is the last day of term.

Many thanks,
Mr Coleman

ONGAR 6 – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS & CHELSEA FC TRIALS

If your son/daughter is applying for Ongar 6, please note that the deadline for applications is **16th December 2019**. Applications can be found on our [website](#), and hard copies can be obtained via our school office. To submit your application you can do so via email: Ongar6@theongaracademy.org, via post to Ongar 6, The Ongar Academy, Fyfield Road, Ongar, CM5 0AN, or directly to the school office.

If your son/daughter is applying for Ongar 6 and is interested in our partnership with **Chelsea FC Foundation**, trials will be held on **Monday 16th December 2019**. For more information, please email the school directly. Further information can be found [here](#).

Our Subject Information for Ongar 6 can also be found on our [website](#).

Good luck with your applications and we look forward to September 2020.

INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING AT THE ONGAR ACADEMY

If you are thinking of going into teaching and would like to train, please explore our link below:

<http://www.theongaracademy.org/teacher-training/>

FEBRUARY 2021 SKI TRIP – UPDATE

All students who have a confirmed place on the trip will be receiving an information letter in the new year with more details about the trip as well as additional details on expectations, kit recommendations and the parental information evening we will be holding at the beginning of the next academic year.

Please continue to follow the payment plan outlined in the original letters.

For those of you that opted to go on the second trip during Easter 2021 will be receiving further communication.

PARENT NURTURING PROGRAMME

Please find attached information regarding the Parent Nurturing Programme starting in January, in partnership with Live Well, Family Links and Spark, which may be of use to some parents, carers and families.

The programme aims to help parents and careers of teenagers deal with challenges for a calmer more nurturing family environment.

The course aims to help:

- Develop communication skills
- Improve emotional health
- Increase self-awareness and self-worth
- Learn strategies to manage behaviours

DON'T FORGET!

PTA INFORMATION

Next PTA Committee Meeting: **11th December 2019 – 7:30pm**



Facebook: [The Ongar Academy PTA](#)

Twitter: [@OngarPTA](#)

Email: ongarpta@gmail.com

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

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

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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.