

THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

25th September 2020

Week Commencing 28th September 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

Amiable

/ˈeɪmiəb(ə)l/

Adjective

Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner.

"the amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically"



GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING FOCUS THIS WEEK: CAPITAL LETTERS

See the attached presentation that will be shared with students.

ASSEMBLY FOCUS: SAFEGUARDING

STARS OF THE WEEK!



These are our students of the week who will receive 5 achievement points & a certificate – Well done!

Year 7 – Allie W & Sara C

Year 8 – Frank L & Lucy F

Year 9 – Jake T & Keira D

Year 10 – Chelsea H & Bradley P

Year 11 – Jamie-Lea B & Keiron-Lee G

FAQs

FORGOTTEN ITEMS/VISITORS

Parents/Carers are not allowed on the school site, and we will not be accepting any forgotten items. Please call the school office on 01277 500990 with any issues.

WISEPAY


The Ongar Academy's Wisepay App Code is **59191688**

STUDENT ABSENCES – GUIDANCE

[Follow this link to the NHS website which details the government guidelines for student absence.](#)

[Follow this link for the Symptom Checker.](#)

If your son/daughter is presenting with any Covid-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, call 111 immediately.



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

MILK – UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES & OTHER INFORMATION

When checking your son/daughter's information on MILK, please bear in mind that it can take up to 24 hours for information to correctly reflect as it syncs at set times throughout the day. If you need any support with MILK, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via admin@theongaracademy.org

LETTER FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND

Please see the attached letter to parents and carers.

TEACHER FEATURE

MR HUDGELL – HEAD OF YEAR 10 & 11

Role: Standards and Progress Leader of Years 10 & 11

Likes: Football, Manchester City FC, Christmas, stand-up comedy and spending time with family and friends



WHAT MADE YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

One of the main reasons I wanted to become a teacher was due to the fact that I thoroughly enjoyed my school experience as a student, and was fortunate to have inspiring teachers who kept me focussed and motivated. By being a teacher, it has allowed me to share my love of learning and I'm able to support students in my care on a daily basis which is incredibly rewarding. I also felt the need and desire to give something back to the community and therefore have the drive to work with students of all ages and abilities to support them throughout their educational journey and help them achieve their future aspirations.

Please note...

MR PEARSON'S SHOUT OUT BULLETIN

Please see Mr Pearson's Shout Out Bulletin attached!

MASKS

We ask that you please make sure your son/daughter carries TWO masks whilst at school, in case one is lost or breaks.

Letters Sent Home

- Amendments to Dismissal Times
- Introduction from Mr Talbot
- Introduction from Mr Hudgell
- Free School Meals
- Student Leadership Team Assembly
- Open Evening Arrangements

FLU JABS FOR YEAR 7

We are currently organising Flu Jabs for our year 7 that will take place on November 25th. Further information will be sent out next week.

YEAR 11 – STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Reminder: Deadline for applications for our Student Leadership Team is this Monday, 28th September 2020. Further information attached.

TEACHER TRAINING AT THE ONGAR ACADEMY

Thinking about a career change? Interested in becoming a teacher? The Ongar Academy is very proud to work in partnership with Essex School Direct to support in the training of the next generation of teachers. If you are interested please go to www.essexschool.com for further details on how you can join this worthwhile and rewarding profession.

EPHING FOREST YOUTH COUNCIL – HANDS – FACE – SPACE POSTER

Epping Forest Youth Council have updated their poster in honour of the government campaign: Hands, Face, Space

EFYC Epping Forest Youth Council

The Epping Forest Youth Council
Stay Safe, Wash Hands, Cover Face, Keep Space

Contact Diane Gilson-Butler, Young Persons Officer
@eppingforestdc.gov.uk/efyc
efyc@eppingforestdc.gov.uk
01992 564365 07789 372179

NHS West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Braeside Independent School	Chigwell School	Davenant Foundation School						
 Samantha Halcrow	 Riya Bhargava	 Simran Tiwana	 Cameron Khadem	 Martin Prinsloo	 Jamie Schooling	 Alec Ivanov	 Archie Flynn	 Oscar Prosser
Epping St John's School			King Harold Acad.	The Ongar Academy		Independent		
 Megan Wilson	 Sonny Bazzoni	 Max Adams	 Tomor Troshupa	 Sammy Miller	 Finlay Wallbanks	 Natalya Oronto-Vidal	 Harry Sellen	 Harriette Pickering
Roding Valley High School					West Hatch High School		Debden Park High School	
 Frank Cullis	 Bianca Nedelcu	 Natalie Moffat	 Lauren Marks	 Sydnae Smith	 Aliza Zarras	 Zaara Ahmed	 Daniel Turner	 Matthew Carter

MESSAGE FROM ONGAR JUNIORS

Ongar Juniors U14s School year 9 are seeking additional players to join our existing team. We play in Brentwood league Division 1.

We are previous cup winners and 3rd placed league finish. FA certified coaches, first aid trained, DBS checked.

Please get in touch via our website,
<https://www.ongarjuniorsfootballclub.co.uk/>
or find us on Twitter/Facebook



ESSEX SHORT BREAKS

Please see the attached flyer for Essex Short Breaks who offer clubs and activities running across Essex for students with disabilities.

You can access short break activities and clubs for children and young people with a disability if:

- You live within the administrative boundaries of Essex County Council
- You are aged between 0 and 18 or
- You have a diagnosis of special educational needs and / or a disability

HOUSEHOLD RELIEF BOXES – AVAILABLE IN EPPING FOREST

To request this, please either call the school office – 01277 500990 or email us via admin@theongaracademy.org. Requests must be referred by the school. There are only four weeks funding remaining for these boxes. Boxes can be requested on more than one occasion and are quickly delivered following referral.

VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST
Relief Boxes

Throughout September and October - VAEF will be assigning Relief Boxes to individuals or households who are struggling, financially, partly due to Covid19.

Relief Boxes are provided and delivered to the referred client's address by Ongar Dairy Group and contain an estimated 2-week supply of fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, butter, milk and eggs for one person, or an estimated 1-week supply, for a couple or small family. (See image of contents).

The Relief Box also contains the following household items:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo / Conditioner (all in one)
- Shower gel
- 4 pack of toilet roll
- Washing powder
- Washing up liquid
- Hand sanitiser
- Disinfectant

Request referrals from partner agencies must be received no later than 12pm on a Wednesday.

Relief boxes will be distributed to referred clients on a Thursday between 9am-5pm

For referrals - please email covidresponse@vaef.org.uk with the following information:

- Client full name
- Telephone number
- Is support required as a result of covid19 (Y/N)?
- Full address
- Date of birth

Relief Boxes may be requested for a client more than once; however they can not be repeatedly guaranteed. Partner agencies are advised to make request referrals for clients with the greatest immediate support need, as a result of loss of income, redundancy, or financial circumstances impacted by covid19 pandemic.

in partnership with:

Voluntary Action Epping Forest
Registered charity no: 1097376

To discuss any referral case, specifically, and any wider personal support that may be available / offered - please call Nick on:
07967 726 851

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING – YEAR 7 2021 INTAKE

Further information regarding our Open Evening can be found here:

<https://www.theongaracademy.org/year-7-admissions>

2021 INTAKE

 **The Ongar Academy**

Virtual Open Evening 2020

Including
**The Headteacher's Speech
and a Q&A Session**

Monday 28th September

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Here is a letter from Mr Osborne with more information: [Letter From Mr Osborne](#)

COVID-19 HELPLINE

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling **0800 046 8687**

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

DON'T FORGET!

PTA UPDATE

Please see the latest PTA minutes via our website.



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:

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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.