



The  
**Ongar**  
Academy

# *Teaching and Learning at The Ongar Academy*

## **About Us**

The Ongar Academy is a vibrant place to study and work. We are always learning and the evolution of our teaching practice is central to our philosophy.

When The Ongar Academy opened in September 2015, we aimed to build a learning culture quickly and embedded lots of practice seen in local outstanding contexts. The ability and freedom to take risks in teaching is paired with our commitment to provide the best possible learning opportunities for students.

## **Our Philosophy**

Our typical lessons are structured around the 'teaching backwards' methodology and share threads of practice with the very best schools in the country.

## **Embedding the habits of learning**

Assessment for learning is central to our delivery. We do not share levels or grades with students but instead choose to give them constructive comments designed to concentrate the mind on embedded skills and habits rather than 'surface learning'.

## **Cutting Edge Research**

We are very proud that only in our second year, we are now recognised as a partner school with Cambridge University's prestigious CAMSTAR programme designed to enable teachers to participate in cutting edge research.

Together, with Dr Sue Brindley and her team, we are delighted to offer support to those who wish to undertake further professional study.

## **Our Values**

Our values are Resilience, Respect, Integrity and Community. We aim to stay true to these as the school grows, matures and continues to develop.



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