



The
Ongar
Academy

September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Public Examination Fees 2026-27

The Ongar Academy is committed to support your child's education by providing access to a wide range of qualifications. Students will be entered for the examination of subjects for which they have prepared whilst in the school. Entry to all examinations is free.

Students may have a reduced number of examination entries where specific circumstances prevail. (e.g. excessive pressure of work, mitigating circumstances, personal/health problems, attendance).

Parents/carers will be notified in writing for those examinations for which their children are being entered.

Entry fees for each GCSE individual qualification range between £50 and £100 approximately. Details of exam fees are available from the examination boards websites.

Under the terms of the Education Act 1996, schools are empowered to recover any public examination fees if a candidate fails, without good reason, to complete the examination and coursework requirements.

The Ongar Academy has determined that, if a child fails, without good reason, to attend an examination for which he has been entered for, it will endeavour to recover the costs of the examination by charging the parent/carers. In the event of illness on the day, a medical certificate should be forwarded to the school within two working days of the examination.

I would like parents/carers to recognise the financial commitment that is made for each student and the need to ensure that they attend all examinations for which they have been entered.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Sands

Headteacher