

SIXTH FORM AT FORGE



.....Coming.....

TOGETHER

IS A BEGINNING

keeping together is

PROGRESS

working together is

★**SUCCESS**★

~Henry Ford



We both want you to study here, we believe Ormiston Forge Academy is the best place for post 16 study in Sandwell. You are coming into adulthood and this is the final step before higher education or the world of work. You need to get this decision right and we believe that we can match your ambition, provide the right support and deliver an environment that suits both academic and vocational excellence.

Our results speak for themselves, we've just had a record-breaking summer for A levels but if bits of paper, facts and figures don't interest you, speak to our students. Speak to former students. They're our best testimony. We are Forge. Come and join us.

Dr Lisa Mason
Principal

Darren Grimes
Assistant Principal for Key Stage 5

One of the main reasons you are reading this prospectus is to find out the type of courses we offer at Forge. We have a wide range of options and are always on hand to provide advice and guidance on what can be a difficult decision. Students joining the Sixth Form can follow either an A level pathway or a vocational pathway made up of BTEC courses. Those following an A level pathway can choose three or four A level courses from the range of subjects listed below.

A LEVELS INCLUDE:

Art and Design
 English Literature
 Mathematics
 Further Mathematics
 Chemistry / Physics / Biology
 Languages
 Design and Technology
 Classics / Ancient History
 Philosophy and Ethics
 Geography
 Sociology
 Law
 Business
 Psychology

Students undertaking the A level pathway will also have the opportunity to study the following subjects: Sport (BTEC), ICT (BTEC), Music (BTEC), Extended Project Qualification and Financial Studies.

We strongly believe that students should have as much flexibility and choice as possible when making decisions about which courses to take. As such, it is possible for a student to create a bespoke timetable that includes a mixture of A level and BTEC courses.

Students opting for vocational courses can choose one of five different pathways made up of level 3 BTEC courses. These five pathways are set out on the opposite page. Each of the pathways enables students to specialise in a specific field of vocational study, designed to equip them with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to build successful careers in associated industries and lines of work.

VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS INCLUDE:

CARE PATHWAY

BTEC Health and Social Care

Leading to careers in nursing, midwifery, social work, mentoring, counselling, psychology, youth work and teaching.

BUSINESS PATHWAY

BTEC Business

Leading to careers in business, management, IT, administration, customer service, retail, finance, marketing, human resources and web design.

ACTIVE PATHWAY

BTEC Sport

Leading to careers in sports science, physiotherapy, sport coaching and sport management.

CREATIVE PATHWAY

BTEC Performing Arts and Music

Leading to careers in music, theatre, performing arts, teaching and music or performance therapy.

FLEXIBLE PATHWAY

BTEC Business with ICT/Sport/Music

Leading to careers in business, management, IT, administration, customer service, retail, finance, marketing, human resources, web design, sport management and A&R.

The pathway that you follow in Sixth Form will ultimately depend on your interests, longer term career ambitions and your ability to meet the entry requirements set for each subject. For more information about entry requirements, please refer to our course listing document, which is available on our website.



University courses, degree apprenticeships and quality opportunities are often over-subscribed so it's really important that you leave us with the strongest possible profile and develop a wide range of skills that will ultimately strengthen your university or future job applications. At Forge we fully appreciate the importance of helping to develop our sixth form students as individuals and not just academically. As a result of this, every student has the opportunity to participate in a range of non-qualification activities designed to help make Sixth Form life busy and exciting. In recent years this has included first aid courses, sport clubs, charity events and a reading programme with primary students. In addition, time for work experience is also provided in year 12.

Moreover, as part of a larger Academy community, all students are encouraged to take on a leadership responsibility during their time in Sixth Form. There are many different leadership roles and activities to choose from including subject ambassador, mentor for younger students and senior prefect. Taking on roles like these enable our sixth form students to set the tone of the Academy and fulfil their position as role models for younger students. Many of our sixth form students also enjoy the opportunity to take on a paid position of responsibility acting as a break time supervisor.





FORGE FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Our football scholarship allows students to combine weekly high-quality football training, led by qualified sports coaches, with their A level and/or BTEC courses. Those joining the scholarship can also play in the Association of Colleges (AOC) league for Ormiston Forge Academy's football team. The opportunity to gain FA football coaching qualifications is also provided.



In addition to A level and BTEC courses, sixth form students also have the opportunity to build other qualifications into their timetable. We call these our enrichment qualifications and they are designed to further develop study skills, help prepare for life after Sixth Form and improve readiness for the world of work. Moreover, each enrichment qualification attracts UCAS points, which means they can help to secure the points needed to progress to university. In recent years our enrichment qualifications have included:

- Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Financial Studies
- The Extended Project Qualification
- Level 3 Certificate of Personal Effectiveness

More information regarding these qualifications is available in our course listing document.



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WHAT LIES WITHIN US

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~Ralph Waldo Emerson



We take a very personalised approach to life beyond our Sixth Form, simply because we recognise that all students have very individual needs. There are so many options once you have completed your studies and we feel that by working together we can identify the best pathway for you.

Our focus on your life beyond Sixth Form doesn't start in your final year of study. Our work starts the minute you walk through our door and after two or three years of study we'll get to know each other really well. It won't surprise you that we have a near-perfect record of our sixth formers going on to work or university.

Our dedicated careers team will work with you on your choices. We operate lots of visits to universities and host talks by universities at Forge, we run a scheme called The Access Project where you have the opportunity to be mentored by a subject specialist in Birmingham and we care. We care greatly about your future. We want you to be brilliant and happy and we'll do all we can to make sure this happens.

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You can download more information from our website or pick up a pack from the Academy reception. This will include our policies, dress code, times of the Academy day and full course listings.

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