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The Forge family is everything we do.

It is our philosophy, our success, our failure and a home. It is a welcoming, safe and passionate environment that allows us all to be the best we can be and it drives our values of resilience, aspiration and respect.

The Forge family embraces us all and doesn't judge, through others it gives us the strength to build our community and make it the beating heart of all we do. You'll experience some of those beats in this book. You can find the practical information online but understanding what makes being a Forge student so special is different. It's what makes us good, all day, every day.

It's about the Forge life.





Being a Forge student doesn't start and end at the Academy gate. You are part of our community from the day you start and we hope that you'll always consider yourself a part of the Forge family. Generations of families have attended Forge and we have a strong alumni programme where former students can stay in touch. But for us it's about knowing. We get to know each and every child, we know families and we all work together. Talking is key and you are as likely to see our pastoral staff in the community as you are in the Academy. The relationships that we build are instrumental to our success. Together we are the support when it's needed, the challenge and the celebration.



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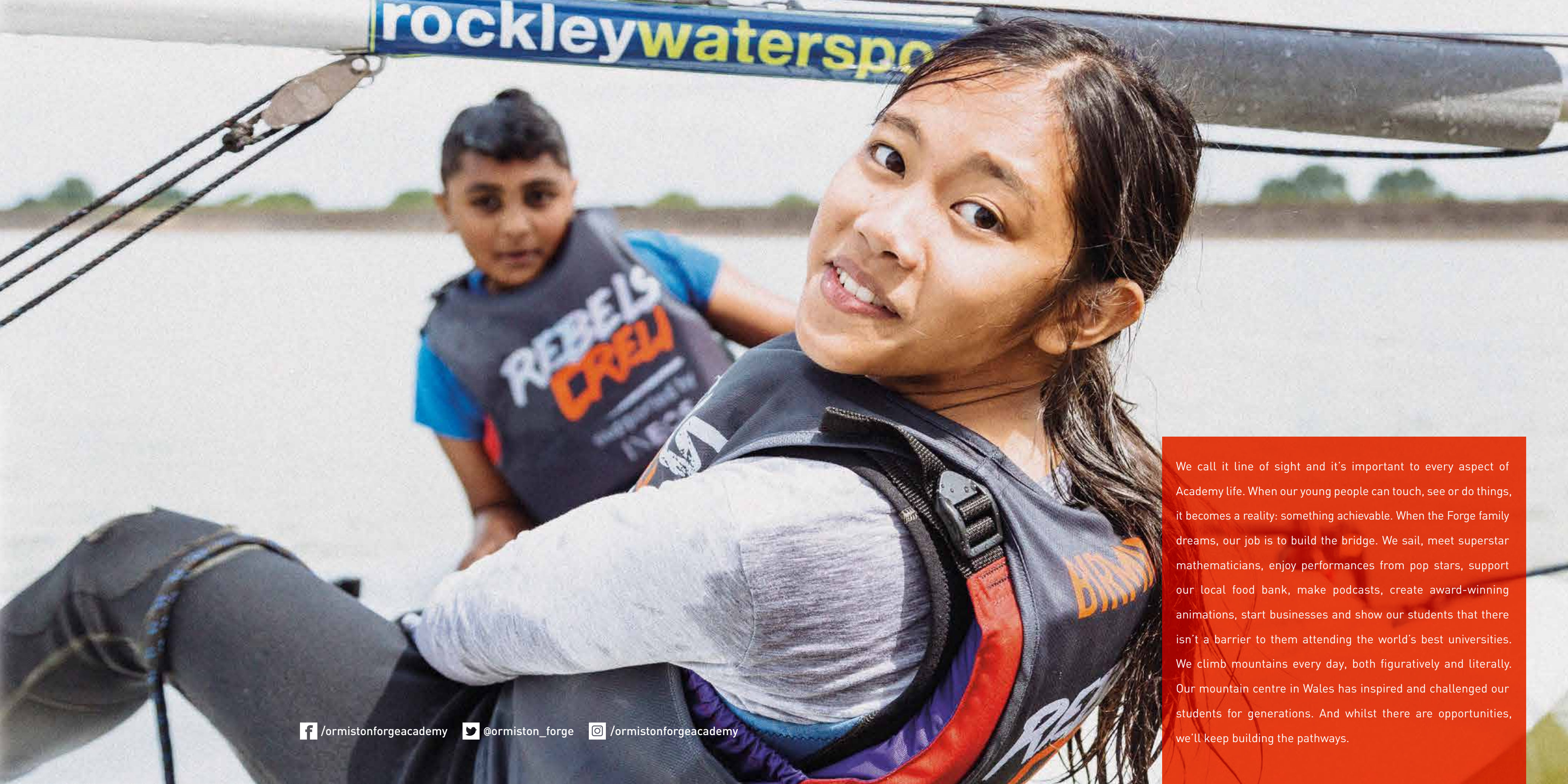
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Our catering students aren't just cooks, they are our head chefs. Our performing arts students are our actors and on sports day our athletes excel. We have high expectations and nothing but the best will do for our young people. We provide the best support we can and our links into industry give a line of sight into the world beyond Forge. By forging teamwork within subjects we create a kinship, belonging and a love of the subject. Our mathematicians, foreign language students and scientists develop a passion that is deeply embedded. Learning doesn't stop when the bell rings; learning at Forge never stops.

Creativity is integral to our learning experiences. We work hard and play hard; our breadth of curriculum is testament to our commitment to opportunity. At Forge, students can live their dreams on stage, they have the opportunity to create music and write songs, they dance and they write code. Creativity and adventure is embedded throughout Academy life, pushing students out of their comfort zone and challenging them across all subjects. Our students leave us culturally richer, families burst with pride at the sound of a packed theatre applauding a performance, the look in the staff member's eye - they know how far the child has come, all because we know that potential is limitless.

It's more than just the look in their eye when they score a winning goal or jump the farthest distance. The Forge family win and face challenges together. Sporting endeavour requires resilience and commitment. Failing again and again in a safe environment in order to be the best we can be, is something we are committed to. Forge students keep going, they don't quit and they aspire to be the best. We encourage healthy competition but not at the expense of sportsmanship and teamwork.

The smile when a student has overcome the odds is what the Forge family is about. That's when our hearts beat as one and we celebrate together.



We call it line of sight and it's important to every aspect of Academy life. When our young people can touch, see or do things, it becomes a reality: something achievable. When the Forge family dreams, our job is to build the bridge. We sail, meet superstar mathematicians, enjoy performances from pop stars, support our local food bank, make podcasts, create award-winning animations, start businesses and show our students that there isn't a barrier to them attending the world's best universities. We climb mountains every day, both figuratively and literally. Our mountain centre in Wales has inspired and challenged our students for generations. And whilst there are opportunities, we'll keep building the pathways.



The end of one journey and the start of another. Results days don't mean that we stop being there. It's when the Forge family really come together. It's a moment to celebrate together or reevaluate and refocus. It doesn't matter what stage of the journey our young people are at, our commitment is relentless. We've been with them every step of the way, with the right level of guidance and support. We've been part of the family through thick and thin. We've watched them grow and our pride is immeasurable.

Time may ebb and flow but you'll always be a part of the Forge family. We'll always feel that pride for you - from the moment you started to the day you leave. It'll never leave us and you will always be a part of us. Together. Forge.



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