




ORMISTON **FORGE**
ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

Hi! My name is Keeley Jackson and I joined Ormiston Forge Academy back in 2013 as a year 7 student. After finishing my GCSES, getting mostly B grades, alongside 2 As and 1 C, I was faced with the decision to either stay on at Forge into Sixth Form, or move to a different college. After attending multiple taster days, and receiving offers from other colleges, I made the decision to stay at Forge to complete my A levels.

Despite thinking about moving elsewhere to challenge myself and move out of my comfort zone, I can say that the decision to stay at Forge was the right one. I completed A levels in Maths, Business, Biology, along with Financial Studies as an enrichment qualification. I achieved two A grades and two C grades and support I received from the sixth form team was amazing. The teachers were more than happy to give me the support I needed with my subjects and spent extra time explaining things to me in areas I was struggling with.

Throughout my time in sixth form I was given advice and guidance on the options available to me after completing my A levels and the sixth form/careers team helped and encouraged me to apply for both university and degree apprenticeships. During weekly sessions I was given time dedicated to perfecting my personal statements, and preparing applications for other routes I was interested in pursuing. I applied for both university courses and for various degree apprenticeships and I was also involved with The Access Project, which provided me with a tutor for my A level Maths course.

I received offers from all of the universities I applied to and was invited to multiple interviews for the various apprenticeships I applied for. During some of my private study periods I completed virtual interviews, online assessments and numerical reasoning tests for the apprenticeships and the sixth Form team was so supportive in helping me prepare for these tests and allocate me somewhere quiet to do them. I received multiple offers from various businesses and Beverly Scott, the Academy Careers Advisor, took the time to talk to me about each one to help me decide which was the best for me. I eventually accepted an offer for a Tax Apprentice role at Ernst & Young. I am now an Apprentice Tax Advisor at Ernst & Young and love what I do! The apprenticeship route was definitely the right one for me. I am currently working towards a Level 7 Chartered Accountant qualification, equivalent to a Masters level degree, which is paid for by the firm.

Though it feels like so long ago that I was at Academy and the Sixth Form, I know that the support I received whilst I was there helped me to get to where I am today and I will always look back at my time at Forge fondly.

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