

## **Ormiston Forge Academy Celebrates Another Year of Strong Post 16 Results**

Ormiston Forge Academy in Cradley Heath is today celebrating another strong set of A level and BTEC level 3 results, thus building on the continued year on year success of the Academy's sixth form.

As well as improving A level results, the performance of students undertaking applied general (BTEC) courses has been particularly pleasing. The hard work and determination of our students has meant that applied general students at Forge have secured an average grade of a Distinction.

Whilst all of students can be proud of what they've achieved this year, some individual standouts include:

- Jake Burrows: BTEC Sport D\*D\*D. Jake will be going to the University of Worcester to study Physical Education and Sports Coaching.
- Ahmed Taheri: AABB at A level. Ahmed will be going to Aston University to study Biological Sciences.
- Danielle Barratt: ABC at A level. Danielle will be going to the University of Birmingham to study Classical Literature and Civilisation.
- Sundus Kaid: BTEC Health and Social Care D\*D\*D\*. Sundus will be going to Aston University to study nursing.

The sixth form at Ormiston Forge Academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), prides itself on the academic and pastoral support it provides to students, as well as the weekly support provided to students in preparing for either university or employment.

### **Lisa Mason, Principal of the Academy said:**

*“Support lies at the foundation of our sixth form, and I have no doubt that it has been instrumental in enabling our students to excel and achieve the results they are celebrating this year. I am incredibly proud of all of sixth form students, but particularly pleased with how our students from disadvantaged backgrounds have performed.”*

*“Every year we are proud to see the success of our students from disadvantaged backgrounds who continue to achieve above and beyond. At Forge, the overall progress score for disadvantaged students undertaking A level and applied general courses is positive, indicating that these students have performed exceptionally well and above expectations.”*

**Darren Grimes, Assistant Principal for Key Stage 5, echoed the praise given to our sixth form students, saying:**

*“It’s important to not lose sight of the journey this group of students have been on. As Key Stage 4 students they missed a significant amount of time in education due to the pandemic and so the transition to level 3 study was even more of a challenge for them. To be the first cohort since 2019 to sit exams without any additional dispensation and yet achieve this set of results, stands testament to their commitment, hard work and resilience.*”

*“A record number of our sixth form leavers this year are going to university, with many securing a place on their first-choice degree programme. While we are proud to see many of our other leavers progress on to higher level apprenticeships or other forms of employment. We wish all of our students the very best as they embark on the next stage of their education or enter the world of work”*