

# **LEARNING SUPPORT AT ORMISTON FORGE ACADEMY**



**HERE TO SUPPORT YOU**

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ABOUT

# OAT FORGE ACADEMY



**H**ELLO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO ORMISTON FORGE ACADEMY.

HERE WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON KNOWING AND **UNDERSTANDING YOU, THE INDIVIDUAL**, AND YOUR NEEDS. WE STRIVE TO OFFER THE RIGHT SUPPORT, IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME.

AS AN ACADEMY, WE ENSURE THAT **OUR LESSONS ARE ACCESSIBLE, FUN, INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING** SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE PROGRESS NO MATTER WHAT YOUR ABILITY.

**OUR MISSION** IS TO ENSURE THAT YOU LEAVE SCHOOL AS **WELL-ROUNDED, CONFIDENT CITIZENS** WHO HAVE THE SKILLS TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITIES.

YOU AND YOUR PARENTS/CARERS CAN USE THIS BOOKLET AS **A GUIDE TO LIFE AT FORGE ACADEMY**, HELPING YOU TO GET TO KNOW OUR BRILLIANT STAFF AND ALL THE IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR ACADEMY.

**MR BROWNE (SENDCO)**

*We look forward to meeting you at our amazing school*

## MEET THE STAFF

### MR BROWNE | SENDCO



#### MY STORY

Hello everyone, my name is Mr Browne and I'm one of the SENDCo's here at Ormiston Forge Academy. I have been SENDCo at Forge since April 23, having done the role previously in two other secondary schools for the past 4 years. I have been teaching 14 years, PE being my specialism, along with SEND.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

School always brings out the best in me and I'm happy when I'm helping our SEND and most vulnerable students achieve. I have a mission to help all students leave Forge as well rounded citizens of the community. I am striving to ensure that all students needs can be met inside and outside of the classroom.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I really enjoy travelling and playing lots of sports. I am a keen runner and enjoy spending time with my family.

### MRS CHAMBERS | SENDCO



#### MY STORY

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Chambers and I'm one of the SENDCo's here at Ormiston Forge. I am also a Design and Technology teacher and have been teaching for almost 10 years. I have been part of the Forge family since February 2020 and I look forward to welcoming you.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I love nothing more than making a difference and seeing students grow in confidence and ability. I feel very lucky to do my job and meeting the students I get to work with.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love spending time with my family and seeing new corners of the World. I enjoy visiting design exhibitions, learning new crafts and martial arts.

### MRS A KIRBY | SUPPORT SENDCO



#### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Mrs Kirby and I have been working at Forge since 2008. My job is to conduct all the annual reviews for our students with EHC plans. I am also a PSHE teacher. I love working with students helping to ensure that they are the best that they can be.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am an enthusiastic member of the SEND team and I enjoy working with students and their families to ensure that they are happy and fulfilling their potential.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love spending quality time with my family on holiday, exploring new and favourite places, and making memories.



## MEET THE STAFF

### MISS D'MELLO | SUPPORT SENDCO/WHOLE SCHOOL INTERVENTION LEADER

#### MY STORY

Hello, My name is Mrs D'Mello and I have been working at Ormiston Forge Academy for almost 10 years. Throughout my time here I have always worked with students who have found it difficult to access their learning. I currently manage our internal alternative provision and pupil support unit, while supporting the SEN team.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

Something I am really passionate about is helping students to do well in their exams, but also setting them up well for life. I think it's crucial that we help young people to understand the challenges life may throw at them and to equip them in overcoming them .

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love being creative and I'm always teaching myself how to do new things- sewing, embroidery, candle making, furniture upcycling- you name it, I have probably tried it!



### MISS LYTTLE | SEND ADMINISTRATOR

#### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Lyttle and I am the SEND Administrator here at Ormiston Forge Academy. I'm new to this role and I am excited to be supporting both the staff and the students in the SEND department.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I'm very patient and always willing to help others, which always makes me happy.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love to go on walks, spending time with my family and learning different languages.



### MRS MEEHAN | LEAD TEACHER OF SEND

#### MY STORY

I'm Mrs Meehan and I look after students in ACCESS; our aim is to help everyone feel happy and safe at school. If I hadn't become a teacher I would have liked to become an educational psychologist.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I enjoy being a witness to pupils overcoming challenges. It is truly inspiring.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love reading and long walks on the beach with my family and pet dog. I love visiting historic places and taking pupils on trips!

### MRS SMITH | LITERACY INTERVENTION LEAD

#### MY STORY

Hello, I'm Mrs Smith and I have worked at Ormiston Forge for 14 years. I work with the SEND department. Before starting at Forge I worked for 8 years at Oldhill Primary school as an LSP. I have a passion for ensuring all students are happy and successful. Here at Forge we want all students to be resilient, have aspirations and not only respectful towards others but also to themselves.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I like nothing more than to see students happy and enjoying their school life.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Spending time with my family and friends, especially my 3 year old niece who brings me so much enjoyment. I enjoy listening to all genres of music and watching all different kinds of films.



### MISS EDWARDS | NUMERACY INTERVENTION LEADER

#### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Edwards and I work in the SEND department here at Ormiston Forge. I run Math's interventions to help students gain confidence in their mathematical abilities. I thoroughly enjoy my job and have worked here for 14 years. We are a great team and work hard with our students so that they can learn and are happy in school.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

Watching our students grow in confidence, being able to access learning and being happy in school is amazing to watch.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Spending time with my family is very important to me, I also love taking long walks with my dog, listening to music and watching films.



### MISS S MOORE | SEMH INTERVENTION LEAD

#### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Moore and I am the SEMH Intervention Lead here at Forge. I started here four years ago as a Teaching Assistant in the SEND department, and then progressed to SEMH Lead last year. Here, I work with students to help them with their social, emotional and mental health needs. We are a fantastic team, where everyone works together to ensure our students receive the support they need to succeed.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I enjoy working with all our students to help them overcome their challenges, be happy and reach their full potential. I am a good problem solver and always try to help both students and staff if they are having any difficulties.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

My family means everything to me! Most of my free time is taken up with afterschool activities and going to football on the weekend - which is lucky that I enjoy watching the game, being an Aston Villa fan too! I like eating out, watching films and visiting new places.



### MISS JACKSON | COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION INTERVENTION LEAD



#### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Jackson and I have worked at Forge for 3 years. I love working in the SEND department and being apart of our Forge Family. I run Communication and interaction interventions to help students overcome obstacles and gain confidence. We are a fantastic team and ensure our students feel happy, safe and valued.

#### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am an open-minded person who is always here to help as best as I can and I enjoy helping & supporting students with their learning. I consider myself to have a good sense of humor and enjoy making our students laugh and smile.

#### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love travelling and exploring new places with my family and friends making the best memories.





# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MISS BERWICK



### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Berwick. I am one of the Teaching Assistants here at Forge. Before becoming a TA at Ormiston Forge I worked in a variety of different settings with children and young people with SEND. I believe that all children should have the opportunity to achieve in education and feel safe and valued in a school setting.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a calm, caring, welcoming and empathetic person who wants every student to feel supported and enjoy their educational experience.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy reading, swimming, spending time with my family and going on dog walks with my friends.

## MR BINNS

### MY STORY

Hi my name is Mr Binns. I am the Science Teaching Assistant and I have been working at Ormiston Forge for over 3 years. I have worked in various roles and have a lot of experience. I am the Young Carer Lead in the school and I want to help as many students as possible.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am the most sensible person ever. I want the best for every student in the school. I am Knowledgeable, Handsome, Kind, Generous... did I say amazing and humble?

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy reading, Warhammer, cool things. I am also the 1998 world sarcasm champion!



## MISS CARTER



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Miss Carter and I am a teaching assistant apprentice currently working in the languages and PSHE department at Ormiston Forge. I've always liked to support and encourage others to become the best versions of themselves so supporting and working with students is very rewarding for me.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I would consider myself a polite, understanding, friendly person and I enjoy working with our SEND pupils and seeing their progress throughout the school year.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy spending time with my loved ones, going to concerts and travelling with my friends and family.

# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MISS DENNIS

### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Dennis and I am a part of the ACCESS team and a teaching assistant for the Science department; I am here to help guide and support you through your Science lessons. I have been at Forge for just over a year now and enjoy working with all our wonderful students and love that I can help provide you with support to help you reach your goals for your future.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am understanding, kind and approachable and love to see students overcome their own individual obstacles they have to face day to day as I believe it makes you who you are! I also enjoy working with all students and watching them grow into respectful young adults.



## MISS GIBBS



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Miss Gibbs . I am a teaching assistant in the ACCESS department here at Ormiston Forge. I support in Music lessons and Health & Social lessons. I started Forge as a student in year 7! I then left to go to College and came back for sixth form, completing a Health & Social Care Qualification . I have now been working here just over a year.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I love working with our students, supporting them and watching them grow. I am approachable and always open to chat if there is anything wrong or you need someone to talk to.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love going to watch the football, especially with my Mom. I like to go out with mates and having a little catch up .One thing I love to do is go on trips whether it's spontaneous days out or little trips away .

## MISS GUEST

### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Guest and I have worked here for 20 years! I am a Maths Teaching Assistant as I enjoy the subject, but I have supported in all subject areas over the years. I believe that all students should be able to access the curriculum at their own ability with the support of staff.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am approachable, caring and love to see students enjoying school. I am a polite, friendly person.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy reading, gardening and being with my family and my 2 cats.





# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MRS HIPKISS



### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Mrs Hipkiss and I am one of the Teaching Assistants here at Forge. Before becoming a TA I worked in a nursery for 11 years as a Deputy Manager and room leader. I worked with children and young people with SEND and have always believed that all students should feel safe and have the opportunity to grow.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a caring and supportive person who will always help with anything I can. I always make sure I make the day enjoyable for students.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love spending time with my family when I'm not at work. I am a creative person and make Wax Melts in my own time which I love to do.

## MISS N MOORE



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Miss Moore. I am a Teaching Assistant and I have worked at Ormiston Forge for just over a year. Before starting at Forge I worked for nearly 20 years as a Care Assistant for the Elderly but wanted a career change that would make a difference. My son came to Forge and was supported by ACCESS (known then as Success) and I saw the work that took place to support him and wanted to do the same for other students to really make a difference.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a kind, caring and approachable person and want to support students so they can achieve their best.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy drawing, painting and anything that involves Art! I like to make cakes and spend time with my family and friends.

## MS O'REILLY



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Ms O'Reilly and I am a Teaching Assistant who has worked at Forge for a year. I love making a difference by supporting students in their education and encouraging them to reach their full potential. All students want to learn and I am here to help them reach their goals.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a positive, warm and friendly person with a good sense of humour and empathy for both students and staff alike. I want to support in the best way possible.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love dancing, swimming, spending time with my loved ones and socialising.

# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MR SIVITER



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Mr Siviter. I am a teaching assistant and work in the ICT and Business Studies departments. I worked in Game Development as an Indie Dev and as a Computer Science teacher for 5 years before making the switch to being a teaching assistant. I believe that every student should feel valued and supported in education.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a patient and calm person, always happy to help with anything that I can.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy hanging out and gaming with my friends, and occasionally dabble in speed running for gaming marathons to raise money for various charities.

## MS SMART

### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Smart and I have worked at Ormiston Forge for 18 years. I have, in that time, supported across all subject areas, and I currently work in the English Department, which I thoroughly enjoy.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a very kind and supportive person and I love being able to improve a student's academic progress.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love spending time with my family and I enjoy swimming and walking my dog.



## MISS THORPE



### MY STORY

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Thorpe and I work for the SEND Department as a Teaching Assistant. I have worked here for over 20 years and I'm very passionate about students feeling valued, happy and safe while they are with us at Forge. I have loved every minute of my job here!

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I really enjoy working with our students and find it very rewarding being part of such an amazing team. I get great joy out helping students to grow into confident, happy individuals that can overcome challenges and succeed.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Family is extremely important to me and I love to spend as much time with them as I possibly can. I also love reading, especially about Queens from the past.

# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MISS WEBSTER



### MY STORY

Hi, my name is Miss Webster and I am a Maths teaching Assistant. I have worked at Ormiston Forge for over 5 years. I previously worked in the hospitality industry and then began my work in education in the main office here before realising I had a passion for making a difference with students and moving to become a Teaching Assistant.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I am a kind, caring, approachable person and want to ensure students become the best version of themselves.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I enjoy reading, listening to music and going on adventures with my daughter.

## MISS WINWOOD



### MY STORY

Hello, my name is Miss Winwood and I am an English Teaching Assistant. I have worked at Ormiston Forge for two years now and I love making a difference to our students learning and providing them with the support and care they deserve.

### WHAT AM I LIKE?

I have a very bubbly and warm personality and I love helping students and putting a smile on their faces. I love making our students feel safe and supported.

### MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love reading whenever I have a spare few minutes and listening to music is my *favorite* thing to do. I spend most of my time out socialising and love going on long walks with my friends.





# ACADEMY MAP



OUR ACADEMY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN SANDWELL. IT CONSISTS OF 10 DIFFERENT BLOCKS, ALL CONTAINING A DIFFERENT SUBJECT. THIS MAP WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY AROUND.



# GETTING AROUND SCHOOL



HERE ARE ALL OF THE IMPORTANT PLACES YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW WHEN WALKING AROUND THE ACADEMY.

**THE CANTEEN**

**THE YARD**

**ENTRANCE**

**ACCESS**



# GETTING AROUND SCHOOL



**MR BROWNE'S OFFICE**



**THE SPORTS HALL**



**RECEPTION**



# GETTING AROUND SCHOOL



**ASTROTURF**



**THE LIBRARY**



**FIRST AID**

# LOOK SMART

WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR UNIFORM AND PE KIT AND EXPECT YOU TO DO THE SAME.  
OUR LOCAL UNIFORM PROVIDER IS CRESTWELL  
AND YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION BY  
SCANNING HERE:



# BE ORGANISED



YOU NEED TO HAVE A SCHOOL BAG AND PENCIL CASE WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE:

- AT LEAST 1 BLACK PEN
- PENCIL
- RULER
- RUBBER
- HIGHLIGHTER

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU ARE ORGANISED AND READY TO STUDY EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL. FOR MATHS, YOU CAN BRING A SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR AND A 180 DEGREE PROTRACTOR OR BORROW FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT.

# GET INVOLVED TRIPS



**THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR,  
DEPARTMENTS ENCOURAGE STUDENTS  
TO TAKE PART IN TRIPS.**








































**IN PREVIOUS YEARS WE HAVE TAKEN STUDENTS TO  
PLACES IN BOTH THE UK AND ABROAD. ACTIVITIES WEEK  
IS ALWAYS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN  
TRIPS SUCH AS THESE.**



# GET INVOLVED

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

**WE RUN AN EXTENSIVE ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE PART IN AS MANY OF THESE AS POSSIBLE!**

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1:25 - 2:15				1:20-2:30
<b>Chess Club.</b> All Years   Miss Palmer Room 108 	<b>Darts Club.</b> All Years   Mr Jackson Room M1 	<b>STEM Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Barker Room 551 	<b>Step into the NHS</b> Year 7, 9 & 11   Miss Law Room 105 	<b>Enterprise Club.</b> All Years   Miss Newman Room 152 
<b>Nintendo Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Colwell Room 95 	<b>Uno/ Board Games</b> All Years   Mr Richards Room M7 	<b>Harry Potter Club</b> All Years   Miss Kaur Room M6 	<b>Badminton Club.</b> All Years   Mr Crocombe Sports Hall 	<b>Warhammer Club.</b> All Years   Mr Binns/ Mr Siviter Access Room 
<b>Basketball Club.</b> All Years   Mr Taylor Sports Hall 	<b>Careers Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Benson Room 673 	<b>Drama Club.</b> Year 7   Miss Cottom Room 59 	<b>Gogglebox.</b> All Years   Mrs Southern Room 94 	<b>Cooking Club.</b> All Years   Places limited see Miss Bennett Room 29 
<b>Indoor Cricket.</b> All Years   Mr Birch Gym 	<b>Futsal Club.</b> All Years   Mr Hickinbottom Sports Hall 	<b>Chess Club.</b> All Years   Mr Steele Room M3 	<b>Detective Club.</b> All Years   Mr Brotherton Room M14 	<b>Anime Club.</b> All Years   Mr Rashid Room E6 
<b>Mindfulness Colouring.</b> All Years   Mrs Lee Room 272 	<b>Keyboard Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Arnold Room SCR 	<b>Netball Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Dallison Sports Hall 		<b>Lego Club.</b> All Years   Miss Preese Room 55 
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: 3:15 - 4:15				
<b>NO CLUBS</b>	<b>Step into the NHS</b> Year 10   Miss Law Room 105 	<b>NO CLUBS</b>		<b>Basketball Club</b> All Years   Mr Singh Sports Hall 
	<b>Football Club.</b> All Years   Mr Taylor Astro 		<b>LGBTQ+ Awareness Club.</b> All Years   Mr Rashid/ Miss Preese Room E6 	<b>Reading Club.</b> All Years   Miss Timmins Room 56 
	<b>Girls Football.</b> All Years   Mrs Walker Astro 		<b>Basketball Club.</b> All Years   Mr Crocombe Sports Hall 	<b>Performing Arts (Production).</b> All Years   Mr Allen/ Mrs Arnold Room SCR 
	<b>Badminton Club.</b> All Year   Mr Chilton Sports Hall 		<b>Drum Club.</b> All Years   Mr Allen Room 55F3 	<b>Community Involvement Café</b> Selected students   Miss Law Room 105 
	<b>Vocal Group.</b> All Years   Mrs Arnold Room 55F3 			<b>Art Club.</b> All Years   Mrs Arnold Room 55F3 



# CONTACT US

IF YOU EVER NEED TO GET IN TOUCH, PLEASE USE THE  
OPTIONS BELOW



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