

# LEARNING SUPPORT AT ORMISTON FORGE ACADEMY



**HERE TO SUPPORT YOU**

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# ABOUT ORMISTON FORGE ACADEMY

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ELLO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO ORMISTON FORGE ACADEMY.

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON KNOWING AND **UNDERSTANDING YOU** 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.



**Mrs Kirby- SENCo KS3**

**Mrs Chambers- SENCo KS4/5**

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

## MEET THE SEND MANAGERS

### MRS KIRBY- SENCO KS3

Hello, my name is Mrs Kirby and I am the KS3 SENCo. I have worked at Forge since 2008. I am also a PSHE teacher. I love helping students to ensure that they are the best that they can be.

I am an enthusiastic member of the SEND team and I enjoy working with students and their families to provide the support that they need to become independent learners.

I enjoy travelling, spending time with my family, and visiting theme parks. I love roller-coasters!



### MRS CHAMBERS- SENCO KS4/5

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Chambers and I am the KS4/5 SENCo. 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.

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.

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 D'MELLO- WHOLE SCHOOL INTERVENTION MANAGER

Hello, my name is Mrs D'Mello. My job includes managing our on site alternative provision and pupil support unit. I also manage all of the interventions delivered by the pastoral team. I support the SEN team by liaising with all of our external agencies that offer support in school. Essentially, my job is to make sure that all of the students who need support, get it!

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!





## MEET THE SEND MANAGERS

### MISS LYTTLE - SEND ADMINISTRATOR

Hello, my name is Miss Lyttle and I am the SEND Administrator here at Ormiston Forge Academy. I've worked at Forge for six months and I am excited to be supporting both the staff and the students in the SEND department.

I'm very patient and always willing to help others, which always makes me happy. I love to go on walks, spending time with my family and learning different languages.



### MRS SMITH- LITERACY INTERVENTION LEAD

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.

I love 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 LEAD

Hello, my name is Miss Edwards and I work in the SEND department here at Ormiston Forge. I run Maths 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.

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.



## MEET THE SEND MANAGERS



### MISS S. MOORE - SEMH INTERVENTION LEAD

Hello, my name is Miss Moore and I am the SEMH Intervention Lead here at Forge. I started working in the SEND department over four years ago. I work with students to help 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.

My family means everything to me! Most of my free time is taken up with after-school activities and going to watch football on the weekend. I like eating out, watching films and visiting new places.

### MRS HARPER- COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION INTERVENTION LEAD

Hello, My name is Mrs Harper and i have worked at Forge for 4 years. I love working in the SEND department and being a part 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.

I am an open-minded person who is always happy to help as best as I can. I consider myself to have a good sense of humour and enjoy making our students laugh and smile. I love traveling and exploring new places, and making memories with my friends and family.



# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MR BINNS



Hi, my name is Mr Binns. I am a Teaching Assistant and I have worked at Forge for nearly 4 years. Before starting at Forge I worked in a variety of jobs but knew I wanted to work in a school for a long time. I am very passionate about supporting students so they are able to achieve their best and be successful. As I have developed and gained experience as a Teaching Assistant I now teach some science lessons, I am also lead for Young Carers within the school and strive to make as many people aware of what young carers have to do on a daily basis.

I am a fun, caring and approachable person that strives to support students and young carers so they can achieve their full potential. I enjoy reading and learning about science especially Chemistry. I also enjoy playing Warhammer 40k which I have done for a number of years.

## MISS WINWOOD

Hello, my name is Miss Winwood and I am a Teaching Assistant. I have worked at Ormiston Forge for over two years now and it brings me so much joy to see the difference I can make in my students learning and wellbeing. It is also such a pleasure to provide students with the support and care they deserve. I have a very warm and approachable way about me, and I love having a laugh and joke with the students. One of the best parts of the job is putting a smile on the children's faces and making them feel safe and supported.

I love to read in my spare time, and I am very passionate about music and the arts. The majority of my time outside of work is spent with my friends and loved ones usually going for food or just out socialising.



## MISS WEBSTER



Hello, my name is Miss Webster. I have worked at forge for over 5 years. I previously worked in the main office and then realised I had a passion to make a difference in students' lives and help them succeed.

I am a kind, caring, approachable person and want to ensure students become the best versions of themselves. I enjoy reading, listening to music and going on adventures with my daughter.

# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MISS GUEST

Hello, my name is Miss Guest and I have worked here for 21 years. I have supported students in all the curriculum areas over the years. I believe that all students should be able to access all subjects at their own ability.

I am approachable, caring and love to see students enjoy school. I am a polite, friendly person. I enjoy reading, gardening and being with family and my 2 cats.



## MISS CARTER

Hi! I'm Miss Carter, a teaching assistant at Ormiston Forge Academy. I would consider myself a caring, supportive, and positive individual. I really enjoy supporting our students here at Forge and helping them to reach their full potential.

I spend a lot of my free time with my family, reading or going out with my friends.

## MRS HIPKISS

Hello, My name is Mrs Hipkiss and I am a Teaching Assistant here at Forge. Before becoming a TA I worked in a Nursery for 11 years as Deputy Manager/ 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. 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 the students.

I love spending time with my family when I am not at work. I am creative person and make my own wax melts in my own time, which I love to do.



# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS



## MISS N. MOORE

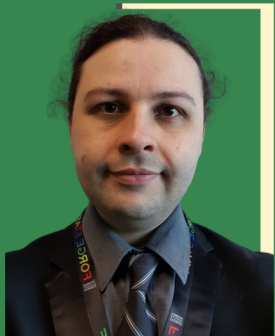
Hi, my name is Miss Moore. I am a Teaching Assistant and I have worked at Forge for 2 years. Before starting at Forge I worked for nearly 20 years as a Care Assistant for the elderly but wanted a career change that would make a difference. My son came to Forge and was supported by ACCESS (known then as SUCCESS) and I saw the work that took place to support him. I wanted to do the same for other students to really make a difference.

## MS O'REILLY

My name is Ms O'Reilly and I have worked as a TA at Forge Academy for 2 years supporting SEND children in lessons and in Access. I have worked in education for 20 years in a safeguarding background, which helps me to assist children in both their education and school life.

My hobbies include swimming, dancing, yoga and socialising.

I am a kind, caring and approachable person and want to support students so they can achieve their best. I enjoy drawing, painting and anything that involves Art! I like to make cakes and spend time with my family and friends.



## MR SIVITER

Hi, my name is Mr Siviter. 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.

I am a patient and calm person, always happy to help with anything that I can. I enjoy hanging out and gaming with my friends, and occasionally dabble in speedrunning for gaming marathons to raise money for various charities.



# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## MS SMART

Hello, my name is Ms Smart and I have worked at Ormiston Forge for 18 years. I have, in that time, supported across all subject areas. I am a very kind and supportive person and I love being able to improve a student's academic progress.

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



## MISS THORPE

Hello, my name is Miss Thorpe and I work as a Teaching Assistant, supporting students in lessons. I have worked here for 21 years and I'm very passionate about ensuring students feel valued, happy and safe while they are with us at Forge. I really enjoy working with our students and find it very rewarding being part of an amazing and dedicated team. I get great joy helping students to grow into confident, happy individuals that can overcome challenges and succeed.

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



## MISS CLUTTERBUCK

Hey, my name is Miss Clutterbuck and I am an apprentice Teaching Assistant here at Ormiston Forge. I have always wanted to work with SEND children and children with mental health to help them to the best of my ability.

I am understanding, sarcastic and laid back. I want to be able to help children in need as well as joke around to cheer them up. I enjoy rock music, playing video games and studying pathology in my spare time. I enjoy watching horror movies and sleeping.



# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS



## MRS HUNTER

Hi, my name is Mrs Hunter. I am a teaching assistant apprentice here at Forge. I worked 7 years before as an auxiliary nurse in the NHS. Before this I worked backstage in theatres. I believe every child has the right to feel safe, secure, and happy at school.

I am a caring, friendly open person. I like making people feel happy and comfortable. I like gaming, watching films (especially marvel!) I love anime and manga. I like spending time with my pets and children.

## MR SOUTHALL

Hello, my name is Mr Southall. I am a Teaching Assistant at Ormiston Forge. I worked in a broad spectrum special needs school for 3 years before coming here. I enjoy supporting young people to learn and grow in all areas of their development.

I am a kind, compassionate and patient person. I am always happy to help anyone who needs it. I enjoy going out with my friends, playing video games and learning about history. I love Star Wars and Lord of the Rings.



# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS



**MISS SMITH-WRIGHT**

Coming soon!

**MR HARRISON**

Coming soon!





# 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.



# ACCESS





# GETTING AROUND SCHOOL



**SENCO'S**



**OFFICE**



**THE SPORTS HALL**



**RECEPTION**



# GETTING AROUND SCHOOL



**ASTROTURF**



**THE LIBRARY**



**FIRST AID**



**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, THE ACADEMY HAS TAKEN STUDENTS TO PLACES IN BOTH THE UK AND ABROAD. ACTIVITIES WEEK IS ALWAYS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN TRIPS LIKE THESE.**












































# GET INVOLVED

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

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

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 6T1		<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>Football 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 2T2		<b>Keyboard Club</b> All Years   Mrs Arnold Room SCR		<b>Netball Club</b> All Years   Mrs Dallison Sports Hall				<b>Legs Club</b> All Years   Miss Preese Room 55	
		<b>Airfix Club</b> All Years   Mr Sanghera Room 80						<b>Football Club</b> All Years   Mr Chilton/ Mr Taylor Sports Hall	
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: 3:15 - 4:15									
NO CLUBS		<b>Step into the NHS</b> Year 10   Miss Law Room 105		NO CLUBS		<b>LGBTQ+ Awareness Club</b> All Years   Mr Rashid/ Miss Preese Room E6		<b>Basketball Club</b> All Years   Mr Singh Sports Hall	
		<b>Football Club</b> All Years   Mr Taylor Astro				<b>Basketball Club</b> All Years   Mr Crocombe Sports Hall		<b>Reading Club</b> All Years   Miss Timmins Room 56	
		<b>Girls Football</b> All Years   Miss Walker Astro						<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/ Mr Allen						<b>Art Club</b> All Years   Mrs Dickinson	



# CONTACT US

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



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