

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 09 June	Start of Year 12 mock exams
Tuesday 10 June	
Wednesday 11 June	Year 9 trip to University of Birmingham
Thursday 12 June	
Friday 13 June	

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It's been a pleasure to see so many students return recharged and ready for the term ahead. We would also like to wish a joyful and blessed Eid al-Adha to all our students, families, and staff who will be celebrating. Eid Mubarak!

This week's theme has been ***creating positive change***, and we've been focusing on the value of setting clear goals and building strong support networks. We're proud to recognise the ongoing commitment of our students and staff, who work tirelessly toward both academic and personal growth. It's a privilege to be part of such a dedicated and forward-thinking community.

Below are a few important reminders and updates:

1. Assessment Dates

KS3 (Y7 - 9) Assessment Window - Monday 2nd June - Friday 27th June
Y10 Mock Weeks - Monday 16th June - Monday 30th June
Y11 GCSEs - Last exam Monday 16th June (except Spanish - Tuesday 17th June)
Year 12 Mock Weeks Monday 9th June – Friday 20th June

During this period, we would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance. We kindly ask that any appointments be scheduled outside of core academy hours whenever possible.

2. Envision

We are incredibly proud to share that our Year 10 students have won the *Envision* Final – a fantastic achievement! Competing against other schools across the region, our team impressed the judges with their innovative youth social action project, which focused on supporting students with exam stress, revision strategies, and mental health.

Their idea? A dedicated online support channel, now linked via our school website, designed to help students navigate some of the challenges of school life. The team was mentored throughout the project by professionals from *Mills & Reeve*, who helped guide and inspire them along the way. The judges were full of praise for the group's creativity, focus, and commitment, and were especially impressed by their fundraising efforts at the A Band and B Band events.

Congratulations to all involved – what a brilliant example of young people making a positive difference in our school community

3. Year 11 Prom

Prom tickets are ready for collection from the pastoral office. If your child hasn't picked up their ticket yet, please remind them to do so as soon as possible.

4. Lunch Accounts

We would like to thank all parents and carers who have checked their ParentPay accounts and cleared any outstanding balances. We kindly ask that you continue to monitor your accounts regularly and, if you haven't already done so, ensure any outstanding payments are made and that accounts remain in credit where required. **Please be assured that no student will be denied lunch.** However, if an account exceeds its limit, we will make every effort to contact parents/carers on the same day to arrange payment.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

5. Water bottles

We ask that all students bring a reusable water bottle to school. Water dispensers are available for students to refill bottles when needed. **Please note, fizzy drinks and energy drinks are prohibited from school grounds.**

6. Ormiston Forge Academy Presents: Shrek, the Musical JR.

We would like to thank everyone who has already purchased tickets for our upcoming production of *Shrek*. There are still tickets available for our performances at Halesowen Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd July, and Thursday 3rd July. If you'd like to show your support and enjoy a fantastic show, please click [here](#) to purchase your tickets. Tickets are priced at £5 each, plus a small booking fee.

7. Communication List

Subject	Details	Contact
Safeguarding	Any safeguarding concerns	safeguarding@oatforge.co.uk
Attendance and Absences	Report any absence, lates or inform of appointments	attendance@oatforge.co.uk MyEd app
Academic Progress and Subject-Specific Questions	For enquiries about your child's progress or specific subjects	info@oatforge.co.uk
Pastoral or Well-being Concerns	For pastoral care or well-being concerns including behaviour & detentions	Pastoral@oatforge.co.uk
General School Information	For general queries about school policies, events, or other information	info@oatforge.co.uk
Admissions	Any information regarding admissions and joining the Academy	Contact Sandwell Admissions 0121 569 6765
ParentPay & Classcharts	Any queries relating to online accounts	info@oatforge.co.uk

Staff will endeavour to respond to all queries within 48 hours. To promote staff wellbeing, responses should not be expected outside of working hours or during weekends.

8. Recommended Reads

Our recommended reads for students this week are:

KS3: Wings of Fire series by Tui T. Sutherland

KS4: Totally Deceased by Sue H. Cunningham

Both are available to loan from the library.

We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to bring an age-appropriate book with them each day to the academy.

9. Attendance and House Points

- **Whole School Attendance This Week:** 88.4%
(Target: 96% or above – let's keep aiming high!)

- **Top 3 Attending Year Groups:**

1 st	Year 10 – 92.8%
2 nd	Year 8 – 90.6%
3 rd	Year 9 – 90.1%

Fantastic effort—great attendance means better learning!

- **House Points Issued This Week:** 11612

Thank you to all students showing our school values through hard work, kindness, and positive behaviour.