

## Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

### Week Ahead

Monday 07 July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 08 July	Year 10 Mock Interviews SEN Transition Day
Wednesday 09 July	
Thursday 10 July	Addams Family Trip Parent Consultation Evening - <b>CANCELLED</b> DofE Expedition
Friday 11 July	Year 13 Leavers Celebration DofE Expedition
Monday 14 July	
Tuesday 15 July	Year 10 Health & Social Care Trip to the Black Country Museum
Wednesday 16 July	50 Years of Forge
Thursday 17 July	Sports Day
Friday 18 July	Celebration Assemblies <b>END OF TERM</b>

This week we were delighted to have hosted the successful annual Prizegiving event, at Champions Church on Tuesday 1 July. We enjoyed celebrating the hard work, talent, and achievements of our students. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended and supported the evening, and to our wonderful student performers who made the event truly special.

This week, we also welcomed a number of Year 6 students into the academy for two successful transition days. Both our new and current students conducted themselves with professionalism throughout, and we are incredibly proud and grateful to have you all as part of our Forge Family. We would also like to thank all parents and carers who attended the evening events. We look forward to welcoming our new students back in September as they begin their journey with us.

Our Year 9 football team competed in the semi-final of The Sandwell Cup against Q3 Great Barr. Demonstrating impressive determination, coordination, and teamwork, they secured a 1-0 victory. Congratulations to the Year 9 and 8 students on this fantastic win, which advances the team to the grand final. **We wish you all the best of luck and success in your upcoming match!** Our year 7 and 8 girls football team also won their tournament at the Birmingham County FA, playing against 8 other teams from different schools in the area. With goals from Amelia, Sophia, Lily-Rose, Summer and Ellie-May. Ellie-May also won a trophy for player of the tournament. Congratulations to the whole team.

Our theme this week has been '*pursue excellence*'. At Ormiston Forge Academy we believe that **excellence is not an act, but a habit**. As we continue through this academic year, we encourage every student, teacher, and staff member to aim high, stay focused, and give their best in all they do.

### What does pursuing excellence mean?

- Doing your best, even when no one is watching.
- Setting high standards—and working hard to reach them.
- Embracing challenges as opportunities to grow.
- Being respectful, responsible, and resilient.

Below are a few important reminders and updates:

### 1. 50 Years of Forge

In honour of the **50th anniversary**, we are delighted to invite **students, parents and staff, past and present**, to join us for a special event commemorating this milestone. We are creating two events to celebrate our wonderful community where attendees will have the opportunity to explore nostalgic materials, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy some refreshments.

**This event is free to attend, and tickets are required, last entry is 5.30pm.** Please secure your tickets by clicking [here](#).

### 2. Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 17th July** at **Hingleys**. This is a whole-school event; however, students will have been informed by their Head of House if they are competing in any events. If your child is competing please ensure they arrive in full PE kit. If they are just spectating they will need to arrive in school uniform. Please ensure your child arrives at school by **8:30am** for registration, as **periods 1 and 2 will run as normal**. Students will begin lining up to leave the school site at approximately **11:20am**.

While lunch will be available, we recommend that students bring a **packed lunch**. Refreshment stands will also be available at the event, accepting **cash payments only**.

Students will be dismissed from Hingleys between **2:45pm and 3:15pm**. If you are collecting your child, we suggest arriving and waiting outside Hingleys from **3:00pm**.

Please note: **This event is for staff and students only.**

If you have any questions regarding sports day please email [info@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:info@oatforge.co.uk)

### 3. Parent Consultation Evening

We regret to inform you that the Parent Consultation Evening originally scheduled for **10th July** has been **cancelled**. The next consultation evening will now be held during the **next academic year**, with further details to be provided in due course. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

### 4. Overdue Library Books

We currently have a number of overdue library books. Over the past few days, students have been sent home with overdue notices as a reminder to return any outstanding books. We kindly ask all parents and carers to encourage their child to locate and return any overdue books to the school library by **Friday 18th July 2025**. Please note that the library is now located in **Enterprise** and is open during the following times:

- **Monday to Thursday:** 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **Friday:** 8:00am – 3:00pm

Students should not visit the library during lesson time. Books should be returned during free time—before or after school, at break, or lunchtime.

## 5. Preloved Uniform

We are very grateful for all the donations of preloved uniform received so far.

If you have any uniform items that are no longer needed, we would greatly appreciate it if you could donate them to the school office. Please ensure all items are clean and in good, usable condition.

## 6. National Book Competition

Please could you take 30 seconds of your time to nominate our school for the National Book Token Competition. Five winning schools will receive £1,000 of book tokens + £300 to spend on furnishings for their library - and as a bonus, everyone who nominates will be entered into a prize draw to win £100 of book tokens for themselves!

The Competition closes 31st July 2025. To nominate our school please click [here](#).

## 7. Student Cyclists – Road Safety Reminder

We're seeing more students choosing to cycle to school – a fantastic, healthy, and eco-friendly option! However, we've received several concerns from local residents regarding unsafe cycling practices, including riding on pavements, ignoring traffic rules, and not using proper safety gear.

We kindly ask all students who bring bikes to school to ensure they are cycling responsibly:

- **Stick to the roads** and designated cycle paths – not the pavements.
- **Observe all traffic rules** and signals.
- **Be respectful** of pedestrians and other road users.

Parents and carers: please take a moment to talk with your child about cycling safety so, we can keep everyone in our community safe and make cycling a positive experience for all. Thank you for your support!

## 8. Recommended Reads

**Our recommended reads for students this week are:**

**KS3:** Warrior Cats by Erin Hunter

**KS4:** The Careers Handbook by DK Books

**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:** 90.8% Target: 96% or above – let's keep aiming high!)
- **Top 3 Attending Year Groups:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 10 – 91.1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 – 90.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 – 90.7%

- **House Points Issued This Week:** 6800

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