

## Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

### Week Ahead

Monday 30 June	
Tuesday 01 July	Prizegiving 6.00PM-7.30PM
Wednesday 02 July	Year 7 Transition Day 1 Ormiston Forge Academy Presents: Shrek, the Musical JR. Performance 1 Year 12 Trip to Worcester Tudor House and Cathedral
Thursday 03 July	Year 7 Transition Day 2 Ormiston Forge Academy Presents: Shrek, the Musical JR. Performance 2
Friday 04 July	Sixth form Transition Day 9.00AM-1.00PM
Monday 07 July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 08 July	Year 10 Mock Interviews SEN Transition Day
Wednesday 09 July	
Thursday 10 July	Parent Consultation Evening 4-6PM Addams Family Trip DofE Expedition
Friday 11 July	Year 13 Leavers Celebration DofE Expedition

As we continue through the school year, now is a perfect time to reflect and **set clear, meaningful goals**.

### Why set goals?

Goals give you focus, boost your motivation, and help you measure your progress—whether it's in class, sports, personal growth, or future plans. Here are 3 simple tips to define your goals:

1. **Be Clear** – Know exactly what you want to achieve. (e.g., "Improve my science grade by one level.")
2. **Break It Down** – Set small steps to reach your bigger goal.
3. **Track Your Progress** – Celebrate your wins and learn from setbacks.

Whatever your goal—big or small—**start now**. Your future begins with the choices you make today. Let's keep pushing forward together!

Below are a few important reminders and updates:

### 1. Prizegiving

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed their attendance at Prizegiving—we're excited to celebrate your child's achievements and hard work with you. As a reminder, Prizegiving will take place on **Tuesday, 1st July 2025 at Champions Church, Netherton, DY2 9BG**. Please aim to arrive by 5:45 PM, as the event will begin promptly at **6:00 PM**. If you're unsure whether your child has been nominated for a prize, please check your **ClassCharts** account. For any queries, feel free to email us at [info@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:info@oatforge.co.uk)

## 2. Sixth Form Transition Day

Our Sixth Form Transition Day will take place on **Friday, 4th July, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. This event is for our recent Year 11 students who are planning to join us for Sixth Form, as well as external students who will be joining The Forge family to begin their A Level and BTEC studies.

If you know a young person who is still undecided about their post-16 education, we would be delighted to welcome them to our Transition Day to explore what we have to offer.

## 3. Year 7 Transition Days

On **Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July**, we will be welcoming a number of Year 6 students into the academy for their transition days, ahead of joining us in September. This is an exciting time for our future students as they get a first look at life at Ormiston Forge Academy.

We'd like to remind all current students that you represent the academy, and we trust you will demonstrate the positive behaviour and attitudes that set a strong example for those joining our community.

## 4. Ormiston Forge Academy Presents: Shrek, the Musical JR.

Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard to bring the magic of *Shrek* to life on stage—and now it's almost time to share it with you! We'd love for you to join us in celebrating their creativity and dedication. Your support means so much to our school community.

Performances will be on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at Halesowen Town Hall**. The start time for each show will be **7.00PM** (Each show runs for approximately 1 hour 30 minutes). **Tickets cost £5 plus a small booking fee**. Please click [here](#) to purchase your tickets

## 5. School Meals

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we implement changes to our lunchtime arrangements.

For students who pay for their lunches—or for those on free school meals who wish to purchase items at break—we kindly ask that **ParentPay accounts are topped up at least one working day in advance**. This allows sufficient time for balances to be processed and available at the kitchen tills. If your child does not currently get free school meals but you wish to check your entitlement, please click [here](#).

We also remind all students to bring a **reusable water bottle** each day. While **fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted** on school grounds, water stations are available throughout the academy for students to refill their bottles as needed.

We continue to provide a **FREE** breakfast in partnership with Magic Breakfast. This is available from the canteen from 7.30am

## 6. Free School Meal Supermarket Vouchers

Sandwell Council have confirmed that school holiday vouchers for children in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals will resume. Families will receive two vouchers, the first one in July 2025 and the second voucher will be issued in December 2025. For more information on these vouchers including the voucher amounts, 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. Library Location

Until the end of the academic year (July 18th, 2025), the library will be temporarily located in Enterprise. It will operate under its regular hours: Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## 9. Recommended Reads

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

**KS3:** Kay's Incredible Inventions by Adam Kay

**KS4:** Caraval by Stephanie Garber

**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.

## 10. Attendance and House Points

- **Whole School Attendance This Week:** 91.6% (Target: 96% or above – let's keep aiming high!)
- **Top 3 Attending Year Groups:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 10 – 95%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 – 91.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 – 90.5%

- **House Points Issued This Week:** 7936

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