

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Thursday 14 August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 01 September	ACADEMY CLOSED
Tuesday 02 September	ACADEMY CLOSED
Wednesday 03 September	Academy Open - Year 7 & Year 12 ONLY
Thursday 04 September	Academy Open - The Whole School
Friday 05 September	

Our theme this week has been '*grow ambition*'. Every great journey begins with a dream, but ambition turns that dream into action. At school, ambition means:

- Asking questions
- Setting goals
- Believing in your potential.

Remember not to wait for the perfect moment and to start with what you have. Keep moving forward as even small steps count. Let your ambition grow, because your future is worth it.

Below are a few important reminders and updates:

1. Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to view our end of term newsletter. We look forward to welcoming our new year 7 and year 12 students back into the academy on Wednesday 3rd September. The rest of the school will return on Thursday 4th September.

2. Result Days

A Level Results day: Thursday 14th August – 8.00am-12.00pm

GCSE Results day: Thursday 21st August – 9.00am-12.00pm

All students must **sign in at Main Reception before collecting results and they must speak to a member of the sixth form/careers team before they leave, even if they are not staying for Sixth Form or coming to the end of their studies with us in Sixth Form.** It is vital we know of student's next destinations, wherever that may be.

If students cannot attend in person on either results day, they may send a family member to collect their results, but **they must have written and signed consent** - they cannot simply show a text message. If there is no one to collect your child's results, these can be emailed to them after midday. **To arrange this, students need to email greeneg@oatforge.co.uk in advance.**

3. Homework September 2025

At Ormiston Forge Academy, we look to build independence, ambition and challenge in all aspects of student learning. Homework is an opportunity for students to complete independent work away from the support of their teaching staff. **From September 2025, we will introduce a homework timetable for both key stage 3 and key stage 4. Students will receive no more than 5 short homework tasks per week, which will take between 20-30 minutes to complete.** For more information please [click here](#).

4. Rewards at Forge 2025/2026

Following feedback from our Student Voice, in the new academic year we are introducing a structure of recognition that is aligned with the academy core values of Resilience, Aspiration and Respect. **Students will now be able to achieve recognition at five levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond.**

Every student who meets the house points for each threshold will be formally acknowledged and automatically entered into exciting prize draws at the end of each half term with some fantastic prizes available, selected by our student voice team. In addition, to promote excellent behaviour for learning, **every class teacher will select one student each lesson who models our ALERT expectations: Action, Listening, Engaged, Respond, Track. These daily acknowledgements give deserved credit to the steady focus, effort and self-discipline that can at times go unseen.** We believe this refreshed approach will encourage continued positive behaviour, academy and house pride.

We look forward to celebrating many student achievements in the new academic year.

5. Sports day

Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel our sports day event this year. Our staff put in an incredible amount of effort to plan this event, and we know how much our students were looking forward to both competing and cheering on their peers. While we share in the disappointment, we are extremely proud of the dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved in the lead-up to the day.

To celebrate the incredible efforts of our students and staff, we held a mini-celebration at the academy instead. The atmosphere was lively with music, and everyone enjoyed treats from the planned burger van, ice cream van, and samosa stall. Our merchandise stall also added to the festive spirit, helping make the day special despite the change in plans.

We're already looking ahead and are excited to make next year's event even bigger and better!

6. 50 years of forge

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating 50 years of Forge! It was truly special to see so many members of our community come together to honour Forge's rich history. Your presence made both events memorable and meaningful. Thank you for helping make this celebration such a success!

7. Library Books

Thank you to all students who have recently returned their overdue library books — we truly appreciate your support. However, we still have several books that have not yet been returned. If your child has an outstanding book on loan, a message will have been sent to inform you that a balance is now due to cover the cost of replacement. We kindly ask that any remaining books be returned **as soon as possible**. If the original book cannot be found, you have two options:

- Provide a **used copy** of the **same title** in good, usable condition
- **Pay the replacement fee via ParentPay**

8. Recommended Reads

Our recommended reads for students this week are:

KS3: The Secret of Haven Point by Lisette Auton

KS4: Beastly Beauty by Jennifer Donnelly

Both are available to loan from the library.