



Resilience. Aspiration. Respect
WE ARE FORGE

Prospectus 2025



Welcome and Vision

Ormiston Forge Academy is an oversubscribed secondary Academy and sixth form located in the Old Hill area of Cradley Heath, West Midlands, England. We have around 1,600 students aged between 11 and 19. In March 2016, October 2019 and April 2025, the Academy was graded Good by Ofsted.

"Our school is proud to be part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT)"



Generations of families have attended Forge and we have a strong alumni programme where former students can stay in touch. But for us it's about knowing. We get to know each and every child, we know families and we all work together.

The Forge family is everything we do. It is our philosophy, our success, our failure and a home. It is a welcoming, safe and passionate environment that allows us all to be the best we can be and it drives our values of resilience, aspiration and respect.

The Forge family embraces us all and doesn't judge, through others it gives us the strength to build our community and make it the beating heart of all we do.

You can find practical information but understand what makes being a Forge student so special is different. It's what makes us good, all day, every day.

It's about the Forge life.



Our Core Values



Resilience

We encourage students to embrace challenges, learn from setbacks, and develop the determination needed to thrive in life beyond school.



Aspiration

We inspire our students to aim high, nurture their ambitions, and take pride in their achievements both inside and outside the classroom.



Respect

We value every individual and believe that treating one another with kindness and understanding creates a safe and positive environment for all.

These are the values we share with our students from the moment they join the Forge Family. We want to guide each student on the right pathway for them, learning today to give them a better tomorrow after leaving the Academy.



Life at Forge



Curriculum

We are committed to delivering a broad, balanced, and knowledge-rich curriculum.

We believe that learning should be purposeful, progressive, and inspiring. Our balanced curriculum is carefully designed so that students continually build on what they know while gaining new knowledge and skills at every stage. Through this approach, we support every student to flourish academically, personally, and socially throughout their journey with us.

Enrichment

Our enrichment programme is tailored to students' interests, offering opportunities to learn, explore, and excel beyond the classroom. From sports and recreational activities to subject-based clubs and qualification programmes, there's something for everyone.

Our enrichment activities are designed to:

- Support further education and personal development.
- Encourage students to go above and beyond through our reward system.
- Reinforce the Academy's core values of **Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect**.



Life at Forge

Celebrating Achievement: Our Rewards Programme

At Forge we have a structure of recognition, fully aligned with the Academy's values of Resilience, Aspiration, and Respect.

Students can now earn recognition at five levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond. Each level acknowledges the effort, commitment, and achievements of our students as they demonstrate our values in everyday school life.

House System

The house system is a very important part of Academy life. The Sports Day Shield carries the Latin phrase "res non verba" — Actions not Words; a reminder that effort and commitment are celebrated as much as results.

Throughout the year, houses host a variety of events that inspire participation, celebrate achievement, and strengthen community spirit. From sports and academic competitions to creative challenges and teamwork activities, there truly is something for every student to enjoy and engage with.



Being supported at Forge



Attendance

We are committed to providing all students with a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment that recognises individual needs. We believe that regular school attendance is essential for students' academic progress, social development, and overall wellbeing. Attendance is everyone's responsibility.



Safeguarding

We take safeguarding seriously. Our dedicated safeguarding team is available to support students and families with any concerns, ensuring that all students feel safe and supported in their learning journey.

Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

We take pride in understanding the individual special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of our students, ensuring they receive the right support, in the right place, at the right time. Our curriculum is designed to be accessible, equitable, adaptive, and engaging, supporting all students to make progress.

Regardless of ability, we aim for every student to leave school as a well-rounded, confident individual, equipped with the skills to contribute meaningfully to their communities.





Sixth Form and beyond

Ormiston Forge Sixth Form

Our sixth form combines academic excellence with real-world skills. With A levels, specialist BTECs, and enrichment opportunities like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, sports coaching, and leadership roles, students develop as confident, well-rounded individuals.

Exceptional support from our pastoral team, careers advisors, and teaching staff ensures guidance through university and job applications, mentoring, and financial support. Specialist pathways, including Medicine and Football programmes, give students targeted opportunities to pursue their passions.

At Ormiston Forge Academy, students leave prepared to succeed in higher education, careers, and life beyond school.



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Community

The end of one journey is the start of another.

At Forge, we've supported our students every step of the way, sharing in their growth and celebrating their achievements. Once you are part of the Forge family, you always belong.

We bring learning to life—whether through our Sea Cadets programme, Hingley's playing fields, or our mountain centre in Wales.

Beyond the classroom, we offer more than education: we build opportunities, nurture potential, and remain at the heart of our community.



Admissions

Applications for places at Ormiston Forge Academy are processed in line with Sandwell Local Authority's coordinated admissions arrangements, using the Common Application Form provided and administered by Sandwell Council.

If the number of applications exceeds our published admission number (currently 310 per year), places will be allocated according to Sandwell's published admission criteria.



We hope you enjoy your Forge journey.



Through creating an ethos of belonging, responsibility and independence, we support our students to develop our academy values of resilience, aspiration and respect.



Dr Lisa Mason - Principal

The latest Forge Ofsted inspection was in April 2025 and we were judged to be Good. Previous to this, our inspection in March 2019 was also Good.

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