

## Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

### Week Ahead

Monday 15 December	Year 11 Rewards Assembly
Tuesday 16 December	Year 7 Rewards Assembly Buttons: The Pantomime – 6.30PM Start
Wednesday 17 December	Year 8 Rewards Assembly Sixth Form Reward Trip – 1.30-5.00PM
Thursday 18 December	Year 10 Rewards Assembly
Friday 19 December	Non-Uniform Day – Food Bank Donation Year 9 Rewards Assembly/E-Ticket Draw <b>End of Term – 1.20PM</b>

Our theme this week has been 'keep a positive attitude' and at Forge, we believe that a positive attitude can make a big difference in how we learn, work, and interact with others. This week, we've been focusing on ways to stay positive and motivated. Here are some tips we encourage our students to follow:

- **Start the day with gratitude** – Think of one positive thing you're thankful for each morning.
- **Focus on solutions, not problems** – Challenges are opportunities to learn and grow.
- **Encourage one another** – A kind word or a simple smile can brighten someone's day.
- **Celebrate progress** – Every step forward, no matter how big or small, counts.
- **Take care of yourself** – Eat well, take regular breaks, and make sure you're well rested.

### 1. Attendance

The top 3 forms for last week were:

- 1 - 9B3 – **97.77%**
- 2 - 8B3 – **96.71%**
- 3 - 7B3 – **96.63%**

**Bredon** have dominated the top 3 this week, with 3 consecutive year groups securing the leading spots. All year groups are also represented in the overall top 10, showing a strong effort across the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL			YEAR 7			YEAR 8			YEAR 9			YEAR 10			YEAR 11		
Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points
1	7M2	47.0	1	7M2	47	1	8B3	46.7	1	9B3	46.3	1	10S2	46.3	1	11X4	46.4
2	8B3	46.7	2	7S3	46.5	2	8C2	46.5	2	9C3	45.5	2	10S1	46.1	2	11X9	46.3
3	8C2	46.5	3	7M3	46.2	3	8B2	45.1	3	9M1	44.5	3	10M1	46.1	3	11X2	43.6
4	7S3	46.5	4	7S2	46.2	4	8S3	45.1	4	9B1	44.2	4	10B2	45.9	4	11X11	43.4
5	11X4	46.4	5	7C2	45.7	5	8M3	44.8	5	9S2	43.9	5	10B1	45.4	5	11X3	43.2
6	10S2	46.3	6	7B3	45.5	6	8C1	44.4	6	9B2	43.3	6	10M2	44.9	6	11X1	43.2
7	9B3	46.3	7	7C1	45.4	7	8B1	44.3	7	9S1	43.3	7	10C1	44.8	7	11X6	43.1
8	11X9	46.3	8	7B1	44.7	8	8S1	43.6	8	9M2	43	8	10X1	44.7	8	11X10	43.1
9	7M3	46.2	9	7M1	44.6	9	8C3	43.6	9	9C2	42.9	9	10S3	43.8	9	11X7	42.3
10	7S2	46.2	10	7C3	44.4	10	8M1	42.6	10	9C1	41.1	10	10B3	43.5	10	11X5	40.7
			11	7B2	44.2	11	8M2	41.5	11	9S3	39.8	11	10C2	43	11	11X8	40.7
			12	7S1	43.8	12	8S2	41.4									

### 2. Work Experience

A reminder that today, **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, is the final deadline for students to secure their work experience placements. Thank you to parents/carers for your assistance in helping students secure these opportunities.

### 3. Reward Assemblies

Our **Celebration Assemblies** will be taking place next week to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students this term.

There will also be a further e-ticket draw on the afternoon of **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.

For more information about our reward system, please visit:

<https://ormistonforgeacademy.co.uk/for-students/rewards>

### 4. KS3 Assessment Window – Now Open

The assessment window for Key Stage 3 is now open and will run until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. During this period, students will complete assessments in all subjects. Class teachers will inform students of the specific dates for their assessments.

These assessments are essential for checking progress and ensuring your child is placed in the correct teaching group for the remainder of the academic year. We kindly ask that your child attends the academy every day and that any appointments are scheduled outside core academic hours.

Once all assessments are complete, a **grade report** will be sent home so you can monitor your child's progress. Teachers will also provide feedback and support to help students close any gaps in their knowledge.

### 5. Free School Meal Vouchers

Families eligible for benefit-related free school meals will receive their supermarket voucher via text message or email on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**. It is therefore crucial that the contact information we hold for you is correct. If you have any queries regarding your contact information, please email [info@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:info@oatforge.co.uk).

Each voucher is worth **£40**, covering **£10 per week** for the following school holiday periods:

- October half-term
- Christmas break
- February half-term

For more details about these vouchers, please visit: [Free school meals | Sandwell Council](#)

### 6. School Uniform and Coats

As we approach the final week of term, we'd like to remind all students to arrive at the academy in the correct school uniform. If your child wishes to wear a jumper **in addition** to their blazer, this is allowed; however, it must be **plain black, v-neck** in style, and made from **either jersey or knitted material**.

Please also ensure your child is wearing **appropriate footwear** for the colder, wetter weather and that they bring a **waterproof coat** to the academy each day.

### 7. Overdue Library Books

We currently have several overdue library books at the academy. If your child has borrowed any books that are now overdue, you will have received a notification via **ClassCharts**.

Please return any outstanding books to the library as soon as possible. If a book cannot be returned, you may donate a copy of the same title in reasonable condition. If neither option is possible, the cost of a replacement book will need to be paid via **ParentPay**.

## 8. Buttons: The Pantomime

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for our performance of *Buttons* on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. We're excited to welcome you and appreciate your support for the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

If you have purchased tickets, tickets are available for collection from the finance office. Please ask your child to collect any purchased tickets if they have not already done so. For any ticket-related queries, please email [finance@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:finance@oatforge.co.uk).

For those with children performing, they may go home at the end of the school day but must return to the academy by **5:15pm**. The performance will begin at **6:30pm**, and we encourage you to arrive from **6:00pm**. The show is expected to finish at approximately **8:00pm**.

## 9. Non-Uniform Day – Food Bank Donation

On **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**, Forge will hold a **non-uniform day** for students. In return, we kindly ask **each student to bring a tin of food to donate to a local food bank**. Donations will be collected at the school gates as students arrive.

Students wearing their own clothes on this day should ensure their outfits are **weather-appropriate** and **free from wording, logos, or images that could be considered inappropriate or offensive**.

## 10. Sandwell Libraries – warm clothing and coats

All libraries within Sandwell have a warm clothing and coat rail. If you need any warm clothing or a coat, please pop along to your local library to see what they can provide for you.

## 11. Forge House System Weekly Update

