

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 12 January	Year 8-13 Careers Fayre – All Day Student Council UK Parliament Trip – All Day
Tuesday 13 January	
Wednesday 14 January	Year 11 Parents Evening – 3.45PM-6:00PM
Thursday 15 January	Year 11 Business Pitches – All Day
Friday 16 January	Year 10 Gurdwara Trip – 9.00-1.25PM
Monday 19 January	Year 9 University of Birmingham Trip – All Day
Tuesday 20 January	Year 9 University of Birmingham Trip – All Day
Wednesday 21 January	Spain Trip Parent Information Evening 4:00PM-5:00PM
Thursday 22 January	Year 7-10 Social Action Visit – All Day
Friday 23 January	KS5 Houses of Parliament Trip – All Day

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back this week, feeling refreshed and ready to begin a new academic term.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to students and families for their resilience during the challenging weather conditions. This determination strongly reflects our school theme for the week, **‘Choose Success.’**

It has been very pleasing to see so many students return to the academy fully equipped and displaying an extremely positive attitude towards their learning. We have also been impressed by the maturity shown by our students, particularly in the sensible and responsible way they have conducted themselves around the academy this week.

1. Careers Fair

On **Monday 12th January**, we will be hosting a **Careers Fair** for students in **Years 9–13**. This event will provide students with an excellent opportunity to speak with a wide range of professionals, including representatives from colleges, universities, and apprenticeship providers. Parents/carers of students in **Year 11 and Year 13** are warmly invited to attend the fair between **4.20pm and 4.45pm**.

If you wish to attend, please meet your child at the **school office** and sign in on arrival. A member of staff will then escort or direct you to the event location. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

2. Year 11 Parents Evening

On **Wednesday 14th January** we will be holding our **year 11 parents evening**. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress so far whilst preparing for their GCSE’s. This will run from **3.45PM until 6PM**. If you are yet to sign up and wish for you and your child to attend, please consent via www.parentpay.com as soon as possible. **If you experience any issues or require a log-in please contact finance@oatforge.co.uk**. Please arrive through the main gates and follow the signage. **Onsite parking will be available**. We look forward to welcoming you this event.

3. Academic Day

Please ensure that your child is here and in line ups for 8.35am each morning. If they are not in line ups at this time they will be classed as being late. To avoid this, we recommend that they are **walking through the gates no later than 8.30am** to give them time to get to their line up destination.

4. Magic Breakfast

We would like to remind families that we are able to provide breakfast to students **free of charge** in partnership with Magic Breakfast. This is available from the canteen from **7.30am each morning**.

5. ParentPay

Just a friendly reminder: **Forge is now completely cashless**. All payments for school meals, trips, and any replacement uniform items supplied through our [ParentPay shop](#) must be made via ParentPay. Please ensure your ParentPay account is topped up if your child requires a school meal. The menu for the canteen can be found [here](#). If you experience any issues with ParentPay or have questions about payments, please contact us at finance@oatforge.co.uk.

6. School Uniform and Coats

We would 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. Dates for Diary

Wednesday 14 January: Year 11 Parents Evening 3.45PM-6PM

Wednesday 21 January: Spain Trip Parent Information Evening – 4PM-5PM

Wednesday 28 January: Year 10 Parents Evening – 3.45PM-6PM

Wednesday 4 February: Year 9 Options Information Evening – 4PM-6PM

Wednesday 11 February: Sixth Form External Applicant Open Event – 5PM-7PM

Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February: Half Term

Monday 23 February: INSET Day School Closed to Students

Tuesday 24 February: School Reopens to Students

Thursday 5 March: Parent Voice – 5PM-7PM

Wednesday 11 March: Year 9 Parents Evening 3.45PM-6PM

Tuesday 24 March: Year 11 Parents Meetings – 4PM-6PM

Wednesday 25 March: Sixth Form Parents Evening – 3.45PM-6PM

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April: Easter Holidays

Monday 13 April: INSET Day School Closed to Students

Tuesday 14 April: School Reopens to Students