

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

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 Year 9 Envision Trip – 9:30AM-12:30PM
Monday 26 January	
Tuesday 27 January	Year 9 Options Assembly 8.35AM-10AM
Wednesday 28 January	Year 11 & 6 th Form Photographs 9AM-1.30PM Year 11 'The Woman in Black' Theatre Trip – 6PM-10.30PM Year 10 Parents Evening 3.45PM-6PM
Thursday 29 January	
Friday 30 January	

Our theme this week has been '*Choosing Community*'. At Forge, we believe that community is not just something you belong to but is something you actively choose. It has been wonderful to see so many of our student's choosing kindness, respect, and connection over isolation, assumptions, and convenience.

We encourage everyone to continue showing up for one another, celebrating our differences, and helping create a place where everyone feels they belong. Whether it's a smile in the hallway or a helping hand when someone is in need, these small actions make a big impact. We are grateful to have each of you as part of the Forge family.

1. Attendance

A huge well done to Form 7M2 for winning the attendance league last term! This is their 2nd consecutive victory, which makes the achievement even more impressive. Everyone at Forge is extremely proud of their dedication. Attendance plays a vital role in school life, as being in lessons every day helps students make the most of their learning. A big encouragement to all other forms to aim for top attendance next term, could you be the next winners of the attendance league? Every day counts!

2. Contact Details

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that the contact information we hold for you and your child is up to date. This includes telephone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses.

Accurate information is essential as it enables us to contact you promptly when necessary and ensures that important correspondence reaches you. If you need to update any details, you can:

- Complete a **Change of Details Form**, available from the school office
- Email your updated information to info@oatforge.co.uk.

If you would like to check the details we currently hold for you, please call **01384 566 598 (option 6)**

3. Parking and Road Safety

We kindly ask all parents and visitors to take extra care when driving and parking in the vicinity of the school. Please drive slowly, remain alert for children and pedestrians, and park considerately and legally at all times. We also encourage students to cross roads safely at designated crossing points. Your cooperation helps to keep our students safe, supports our local community, and ensures that emergency services can access the site without obstruction. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe school environment.

4. ParentPay

We currently have **132 parents/carers who have not yet set up a ParentPay account for their child**. It is essential that these accounts are created, as we are a completely **cashless site** and ParentPay is used to process payments for items such as school lunches and educational trips. We also collect all consent information for trips through ParentPay.

For those who do not currently have an active account you should have received an email this week from our finance team with details on how to access your account. **Please make sure you also check your junk folder for this email.** If you have not received this email or if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your account, please contact us at **finance@oatforge.co.uk** at your earliest convenience.

5. School Photographers

The school photographers will be in the Academy on Wednesday 28th January to take photos of students in years 11, 12 and 13. Any year 7 student who missed having their photograph taken in September will also be called for on this date. If any year 9 students missed having their photograph taken in September and would like to be included in the photography session this time, please email info@oatforge.co.uk by Friday 23rd January, to get their names added to the list.

6. School Tie Prices

We would like to inform you that the price of our **new school ties** has increased to **£7.99**. Purchasing ties directly through the school's [ParentPay shop](#) remains the most cost effective option, as it avoids additional postage fees.

Please note that the price of our **previous style ties** remains unchanged.

7. Year 9 Vaccines

On Thursday, 19 March, the school nurses will be at the academy to administer the Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, and Meningococcal ACWY vaccines to **Year 9** students.

This is part of the National Immunisation Programme. Please check the message sent via ClassCharts and complete the [consent form](#) to either **approve or decline** your child's vaccination.

8. Young Writers 'I Have a Dream'

We are delighted to share that the Young Writers poetry 'I Have a Dream' anthologies have now arrived and have been distributed to students who placed orders for them. These published collections celebrate the creativity and talent of our young writers, and we hope parents enjoy reading their child's work and sharing in this special achievement! Here are the names of our current KS3 leaders in ERIC points:

Year 7 - Lily-Mai R with 15 points

Year 8 - Ella M joint on 11 points

Year 9 - Scarlett W with 8 points

9. Period Products

We're pleased to share that last term we supported 47 families by providing free sanitary products.

If your child needs products to take home, please complete [this form](#), and we'll ensure they receive them as soon as possible. For products needed during the school day, please let your child know they are available from Pastoral, the School Office, Safeguarding, and First Aid.

10. Dates for diary

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

Thursday 19 March: Year 9 DTP + MenACWY Vaccines

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

11. Forge House System Weekly Update

