

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 9 February	Start of Year 11 Assessments – Full Mock
Tuesday 10 February	Year 12 Theology Day at Newman – All Day
Wednesday 11 February	Sith Form External Applicant Open Event 5-7PM Year 13 Oxford Art Trip
Thursday 12 February	Year 12 Birmingham University Library Trip
Friday 13 February	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.20PM FOR HALF TERM
Monday 23 February	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday 24 February	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR STUDENTS Start of Year 13 Mocks
Wednesday 25 February	
Thursday 12 February	
Friday 13 February	End of Year 11 Assessments

Our theme this week is **“Choose to Make a Difference.”** Here at Forge, we believe that every action, no matter how small can have a big impact. Simple acts such as sharing a smile in the hallway, helping a classmate, or continuing to try your best even when things feel challenging can make a powerful difference within our school community.

These everyday choices help create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and supported. We encourage all of our students to choose kindness, take responsibility for their actions, and show respect to one another each day.

1. Attendance

The top 3 forms for last week were

- 1st - 11X3 – 98.00%
- 2nd - 9B11 – 97.41%
- 3rd - 11X4 - 97.14%

2. Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 mock examinations will begin next week and will run until **Tuesday 3rd March**. Please see our attached exam timetable for your review [Ormiston Forge Academy - Year 11 Mock Exam timetable](#)

Students should attend **line-ups and form time as normal** each day. After form time, please remind your child to line up in the yard according to their designated **exam hall row**. Students must attend school in **full school uniform** and bring **full exam equipment**. They may also bring revision materials, as there may be opportunities to revise between exams.

Please note that **there will be no opportunities to resit or catch up on missed exams**, so it is essential that students attend school **every day** during the mock examination period.

3. Arbor

Following our recent letter about moving to Arbor, parent login information will be sent via email after half term, so please ensure your contact details are current. If you need to check or update your contact details, please email the school at info@oatforge.co.uk.

4. Envision Foodbank Collection

In December 2025, students involved in the Envision programme organised a non-uniform day in exchange for donated items for the Black Country Foodbank. We were delighted to receive confirmation this week that our students donated an incredible **400kg of food items** and **7.9kg of non-food items**. As a result, the foodbank was able to support **800 families** and create **eight toiletry packs** for those in need.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all students who donated items—you should be extremely proud of your generosity. We would also like to recognise our **Year 9 and Year 12 Envision students** who organised this fantastic event and helped to promote it across the academy.

5. Visitors in reception

We have noticed an increase in parents and carers visiting the academy without a prior appointment. Please be advised that if you wish to speak with a member of staff, you must book an appointment in advance by emailing info@oatforge.co.uk. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate walk-in appointments. Any visitors arriving at reception without an appointment will be asked to email their request and will be required to leave the site.

If you are collecting your child at the end of the day, we kindly ask that you wait **outside the school gates** and do not enter the site. This measure is in place to help safeguard both our students and staff.

6. Safer Internet Day

We understand that online spaces can be a source of concern for parents and carers, particularly as children spend increasing amounts of time using the internet. At Forge, we encourage all students to:

- **Keep personal information private**, including passwords and home address details
- **Think before clicking or sharing information**, remembering that not everything online is true
- **Be kind and respectful to others** in all online interactions
- **Report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable**, either to a trusted adult or through the platform's reporting tools

In support of this, we are pleased to share that **Tuesday 10 February** is **Safer Internet Day**. This is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people, and adults to reflect on how we use the online world. This year's theme focuses on **making safe choices, using smart technology, and exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**. You can find further information about Safer Internet Day here: [Safer Internet Day 2026 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2026)

Below are some helpful resources from the **UK Safer Internet Centre** for parents, carers, children, and young people:

- **Top tips for parents and carers:** [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/campaigns/safer-internet-day/2026/parents-and-carers-top-tips)
- **Top tips for children and young people:** [Top Tips for young people - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/campaigns/safer-internet-day/2026/young-people-top-tips)

7. KS3 ERIC Reading Leaders

Here are the names of our current KS3 leaders in ERIC points:

7B1 - Lily-Mai R with 18 points

8M1 - Olivia S with 13 points

9S3 - Khalil A with 11 points

8. Forge House System Weekly Update

