

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 09 March	Year 7-9 Science Rewards 2.15-4.20PM
Tuesday 10 March	
Wednesday 11 March	Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Moderation Day Year 9 Parents Evening 3.45-6PM
Thursday 12 March	
Friday 13 March- Sunday 15 March	Sixth Form DofE Practice Expedition
Monday 16 March – Friday 20 March	Book Fair in School
Monday 16 March	
Tuesday 17 March	
Wednesday 18 March	
Thursday 19 March	Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccines – All Day Music Concert – 6-7.30PM Year 8 House Maths Challenge – 3.30-4PM
Friday 20 March	Year 9 Options Form Deadline

Our theme this week has been ‘working together’ and here at Forge we believe that the strongest outcomes for our students come from working together with other students, staff, parents and carers. When we collaborate, communicate and support one another, we create an environment where every young person can thrive. Working together means:

- **Supporting each other** so every student feels valued and encouraged.
- **Celebrating achievements**, both big and small.
- **Listening and communicating openly**, helping us understand how best to meet each student’s needs.
- **Building a positive, respectful community**, where kindness and teamwork guide everything we do.

1. Attendance Easter Egg Challenge

We are challenging all students to achieve a 24-day attendance streak. Students who attend all 24 days of this half term will be entered into our special prize draw. The prizes for this are:

1st Prize: Easter Hamper and a £20 One4All Voucher

2nd Prize: £10 One4All Voucher (One per year group)

3rd Prize: £5 Just Eat Voucher (One per year group)

2. World Book Day Celebration

A huge well done to all the students who participated in World Book Day 2026 by dressing up in fantastic book character costumes. It was brilliant to see such creativity around the school. Congratulations to our winners in the following categories:

Best Literary Character: A Boffey (Year 8)

Most Creative and Unique: N Raouf (Year 7)

Best Group Coordinated Ensemble: M Jamil, R Southen, K Moseley, L McDonagh, Z Hussain, H Hussain (Sixth Form)

Best Homemade Costume: L Maynes Year 8, M Dandy Year 9 and E Adams Fielding (Year 7)

Most Inspirational: R Crew (Year 7)

3. Student Arbor Log-Ins

Thank you for your cooperation and patience while waiting to receive your Arbor login details. All parents should now have been sent their information, and if you haven't already done so, we would appreciate it if you could set up your account as soon as possible.

Student login details have been sent to their school email addresses, along with instructions on how to set up their Arbor student profile. We kindly ask that all students create their accounts as soon as they receive their email. If either you or your child has not received the relevant emails, please email info@oatforge.co.uk and we can investigate this for you.

4. Easter Holiday Activities

As we approach the Easter holidays, we wanted to let you know about the fantastic Holiday Activities programme available across Sandwell during the break. There are a wide range of exciting opportunities on offer, from horse riding to rock climbing; so there truly is something for everyone. These Holiday Activities are a wonderful way for children to try new experiences, make new friends, and develop new skills.

Bookings will be open on the 9th March! All E-vouchers are to be distributed on the 9th March to give parents an equal chance to book on to activities and provides consistency across the borough.

Not sure who is eligible? If a child receives Benefit Related Free School Meals or has an EHCP, are Looked After, have No Recourse to Public Funding and are Young Carers they can be assigned a HAF E-voucher with a unique code each holiday period via email or text (a bit like the FSM supermarket vouchers).

If you have any question or queries, please follow this link to the Sandwell HAF website [Sandwell Holiday Activities](#) or contact HAF_Sandwell@sandwell.gov.uk

5. Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Deadline

On Monday 9th March, your child will receive their options form to select their GCSE subjects. The deadline for submitting this form is Friday 20th March. Please ask your child to hand their completed forms to their form tutor.

Our **Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 11th March**, providing you with the opportunity to discuss the suitability of your child's option choices with their teachers. If you would like to attend, there is still time to complete the consent information. Please log in to your ParentPay account to do so. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing ParentPay, or if you require your account details to get started, please email finance@oatforge.co.uk.

6. Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccines

On **Thursday 19th March**, Sandwell School Nursing will be visiting the academy to administer the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) vaccine, as well as the Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine, to Year 9 students for whom a consent form has been completed.

We kindly ask that you **complete the consent form, whether you are giving consent for the vaccinations or choosing to decline.** To do this, please visit [Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

7. Dates for the diary

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

Wednesday 15 April: Year 8 Parents Evening 3.45-6PM

Monday 20th April – Friday 1st May: Year 10 Assessments

Tuesday 28th April – Wednesday 29th April: Year 11 GCSE Art Exam

Tuesday 5th May – Thursday 7th May: GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams

Tuesday 5th May – Thursday 7th May: A level Art Exam

Monday 11 May – Wednesday 24th June: Year 11 GCSE Exams

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: Half Term (School closed to students)

Monday 1st June: School Reopens to Students

Monday 8th June – Tuesday 19th June: Year 12 Mock Exams

Thursday 11th June: Parent Voice 5-7PM

Friday 19th June: Year 11 Prom 6-10.30PM

Wednesday 24th June: Year 7 Parents Evening 3.45-6PM

Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July: Year 12 Work Experience Week

Wednesday 15th July: Prizegiving 6-7PM

Friday 17th July: School Finishes 1.20PM for Summer Break