

## Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

### Week Ahead

Tuesday 05 May – Friday 08 May	Charity Week
Monday 04 May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 05 May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam Day 1 GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams- All Day
Wednesday 06 May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam Day 2 GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams- All Day
Thursday 07 May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam Day 3 GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams- All Day
Friday 08 May	'Wear Red' non-school uniform day
Monday 11 May	<b>GCSE Exams Start</b>
Tuesday 12 May	GCSE Art Exam – Moderation Day
Wednesday 13 May	A-Level Art Moderation Day Year 9 DTP and MenACWY Catch-up
Thursday 14 May	Year 9 DofE Expedition Meeting- 5PM
Friday 15 May	

Our theme this week has been 'embrace change' and at Forge, we believe that change is an important part of growth, learning and progress. We encourage all of staff, students and families to approach change with an open mind and a positive attitude. Whether this is trying a new routine, using new systems or taking on a fresh challenge, these experiences help to build independence, resilience and important life skills.

We are proud of how our students continue to adapt, support one another, and rise to new opportunities. By working together and embracing change, we are creating a school environment where every student can feel confident, supported, and ready for the future.

### 1. Attendance

Our attendance figures for last week are below. Let's keep pushing towards our 96% target together.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
91.87%	88.1%	90.4%	96%	89.8%

### 2. MyEd App and Arbor

We would like to remind you that we **no longer use the MyEd app**. All appointments, absences, and reasons for lateness must now be reported via **Arbor**. This can be done by accessing the **Attendance** section of your account and selecting **Log Absence**. For step-by-step instructions please visit [Ormiston Forge Academy - For Parents](#)

If you are logging an appointment in advance, please note that the date cannot be edited within Arbor. Instead, please include the appointment date within the comments or reason section. Alternatively, you can:

- Call 01384 566 598 **option 1**- please use the voicemail facility if there is no answer
- Email [attendance@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:attendance@oatforge.co.uk)

If you are having difficulties accessing or creating your Arbor account please email [info@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:info@oatforge.co.uk)

### 3. Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign

Ormiston Forge Academy will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Starts** campaign from **Tuesday 28 April until the end of July**. The school that collects the most tokens will receive **£1,500**, and if we are successful, the funding will be used to purchase exciting new equipment for our PE department. This will help provide our students with new opportunities and promote healthy, active lifestyles. We kindly ask that you remember to collect your blue tokens and place them in our box as you leave the store. Tokens can be collected at the following Tesco stores:

- Dudley Road Express, B62 8AA
- Rowley Regis Express, B65 9AS
- Hasbury Express, B63 4JS
- Stourbridge Road Express, B63 3UD
- Cradley Heath Extra, B64 5DF

### 4. Charity Week

From **Tuesday 5 May to Friday 8 May**, Forge will be holding **Charity Week**. Our Student Council has organised a range of events to raise money for the **British Red Cross**, alongside student-led initiatives. Please note that **all events will be cash only**. If your child wishes to take part, we ask that they bring change with them, as cash float will be limited. **Planned events include:**

- **Tuesday 5 May – Bake Sale for all year groups** during lunchtime, organised by our Year 8 students.
- **Wednesday 6 May – Sponsored Walk for Year 7 students**. All students will have brought home a sponsor form, and consent can be declined via **ParentPay**.
- **Friday 8 May – Soak the Teacher**, running during both breaks. Sponges will cost **50p each** or **£1 for three**.
- **Friday 8 May – ‘Wear Red’ non-school uniform day for all students in exchange for a £1 donation**. Please ensure clothing is appropriate for school and does not contain any offensive language or imagery.

### 5. Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. Please ensure that your child arrives at the Academy each day wearing the correct uniform and with all the equipment they need for the day. To view our uniform expectation please visit [Ormiston Forge Academy - Uniform](#)

Please note that students may now choose to wear the **optional summer uniform** in place of their blazer, shirt, and tie. If your child wears the optional summer uniform and requires an additional layer, they may wear their **school blazer** or a **plain black V-neck jumper with their blazer**, as the school logo must be visible at all times.

If you would like to purchase this optional uniform this is available to purchase through Crested Schoolwear and can be ordered online at [Forge Academy Summer Polo – Crested School Wear](#) or by visiting their store at Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY2 7BL – we recommend that you call them in advance to check their instore stock levels on 01384 918 330

### 6. Library Books

If your child has borrowed a book from the school library, please encourage them to return it before the half-term break. We are currently missing a number of library books, and returning them will allow us to make these resources available to other students.

### 7. Ormiston Forge Presents: 9 to 5

We are delighted to announce our upcoming musical production of **9 to 5**, which will be performed at **Halesowen Town Hall**. This fun, fast-paced show is packed with humour and showcases fantastic performances from our talented students. **Tickets are £5** and will be available to purchase from **Tuesday 5th May at 9.00am**. Performance dates and times:

- **Wednesday 1st July – 7.00pm**
- **Thursday 2nd July – 7.00pm**

To purchase tickets when they go live on **5th May**, please visit: <https://boroughhalls.co.uk/ormiston-9-to-5-jr.html> (this link will not work until 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am)

### 8. SEND Event

We are pleased to announce a SEND event taking place on **Saturday 9th May** at the **Cradley Heath Skills Campus**. This event is aimed at learners who are considering **Foundation Learning** starting in September at either **Sandwell College** or the **Cradley Heath Skills Campus**. The event will run from **11.00am to 3.00pm**, and you are welcome to arrive at any time—there is **no need to book**. On the day, you will have the opportunity to meet Foundation Learning staff, ask any questions you may have, discuss your next steps into further education, and take part in an interview. If you have any questions beforehand, please email [shelly.greenway@sandwell.ac.uk](mailto:shelly.greenway@sandwell.ac.uk) or [elaine.groves@sandwell.ac.uk](mailto:elaine.groves@sandwell.ac.uk)

### 9. KS3 ERIC Reading Leaders

Year 9	Khalil A, Daisy-Rose H, Callum P
Year 8	Olivia S, Louise H, Indiana N
Year 7	Deborah O, Jessica B, Ella J, Hoonam K, Ayla S