

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 11 May	GCSE Exams Start
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	
Monday 18 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Tuesday 19 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Wednesday 20 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Thursday 21 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Friday 22 May	Year 11 Leavers Assembly

This week's theme has been **"Support Others,"** and at Forge, supporting one another is at the heart of everything we do. Whether it's through small acts of kindness, taking time to listen to a friend, or offering help when someone is struggling, these actions can have a powerful impact on how others feel. We encourage our students to:

- Be kind, respectful, and inclusive
- Look out for others who may need support
- Speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else
- Celebrate differences and show empathy in everyday actions

By working together and supporting one another, we help create a safe, positive, and welcoming environment where everyone can thrive.

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
90.5%	87.2%	87.4%	92.3%	90.6%

2. Ormiston Forge Presents: 9 to 5

Tickets are now on sale for our production of **9 to 5**, which will take place at **Halesowen Town Hall**. A huge thank you to everyone who has already purchased their tickets.

There are still tickets available, priced at just **£5**, offering a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and incredible talent of our students.

To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://boroughhalls.co.uk/ormiston-9-to-5-jr.html>

Performance dates and times:

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

3. Charity Week

Thank you to all students who took part in Charity Week. The support has been overwhelming, and the sportsmanship and teamwork displayed by our students throughout the week have truly reflected our weekly theme of supporting others.

We will update you on the total amount raised once the final amount has been calculated.

4. Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Fieldwork Trip

If you have a child in **Year 10** who is studying **GCSE Geography**, you should have received an email on **29th April** containing a letter about the **Carding Mill Valley Fieldwork Trip**. This letter includes important details such as what the fieldwork involves, the date and time your child will attend, and the cost of the trip. Please note that your child will take part on **one of the four scheduled days**, so it is important to check your letter carefully.

If you have not received this letter, please email info@oatforge.co.uk, and we will arrange for another copy to be sent or provided to you.

5. Year 11 GCSE Booster Sessions

GCSE examinations will start on Monday 11th May and attendance during this period is crucial as every minute of learning, planning and revising matters. During the GCSE exam period, year 11 students will be spending time in specialised ‘booster’ sessions to help prepare them for their upcoming exams. To view our GCSE booster sessions please visit [Ormiston Forge Academy - Exam Support](#)

6. Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign

Ormiston Forge Academy is pleased to be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start Campaign**, and you can find us at the blue token station in selected Tesco stores. We would like to thank everyone who has already shown their support by collecting blue tokens and placing them in our box.

We will be part of this campaign until the **end of July**, and if we are successful, the funding will be used to purchase exciting new equipment for our PE department. We would really appreciate your continued support, so please consider picking up a blue token on your way out of the store and placing it in our box. Blue 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

7. 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 or elaine.groves@sandwell.ac.uk

8. 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.

9. Lost Property

Our lost property is starting to build up again and includes a variety of items mainly **coats, blazers and drink bottles**. If your child is missing anything, please encourage them to pop into the Main Office at the end of the school day to see if it has been handed in.

Any items left unclaimed after **22nd May** will be donated or disposed of.

10. Collecting Students – End of school day

At the end of the school day, parents and carers are kindly asked to wait outside the school gates until they are opened. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that you do not wait in the main reception area unless you have a pre-arranged appointment. Thank you for your continued support and helping to keep our school community safe.

11. Enrichment Timetable

At Forge, we are proud to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities. Clubs run at lunchtime from Monday to Thursday, as well as after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Whether your child has an interest in sport, music, arts and crafts, reading, performance, or debating, there is something to suit everyone. These activities give students the chance to develop existing interests while also exploring new hobbies and ideas. To view our full enrichment timetable, please [click here](#).

12. KS3 ERIC Reading Leaders

Year 9	Khalil A
Year 8	Olivia S
Year 7	Deborah O, Ayla S

13. Key Dates

Monday 11th May – GCSE Exams Start
 Wednesday 13th May – YR9 - DTP/Meningitis Catch up Vaccinations
 Thursday 14th May – DofE Expedition Meeting – 5:00PM
 Friday 22nd May – Year 11 Leavers Assembly - 11:30AM (Students Only)
 Thursday 11th June – Parent Voice – 5:00PM-7:00PM
 Friday 19th June – Year 11 Prom 6:00PM – 10:30PM
 Wednesday 24th June – Year 7 Parents Evening – 3:45PM-6:00PM
 Thursday 9th July – Sports Day 11:20AM-3:15PM
 Wednesday 15th July – Prizegiving 6:00PM-7:30PM
 Friday 17th July – Term Ends 1:20pm
 Monday 20th July – **INSET Day – School Closed to Students**