

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

Monday 18 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Tuesday 19 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day Science Competition House Event Year 7+ 8 - Lunchtime
Wednesday 20 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day Science Competition House Event Year 9 + 10 - Lunchtime
Thursday 21 May	Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Trip – All Day
Friday 22 May	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	WHITSUN HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 01 June	
Tuesday 02 June	Year 12 PRE Trip – 09:00-12:00
Wednesday 03 June	Year 9 DofE Map Day Year 10 Envision Final – All Day
Thursday 04 June	
Friday 05 June	

This week's theme has been **Take Control**. At Forge, we encourage all students to take control of their learning, time, and wellbeing by staying organised, remaining focused, and making positive choices. Taking control can help reduce stress, builds confidence, and ensure students are fully prepared to achieve their best.

For Year 11 students, this is a particularly important time where good habits can make a significant difference. Students are encouraged to:

- Create and follow a realistic revision timetable, breaking sessions into manageable chunks
- Attend all lessons and revision sessions
- Make full use of available resources and seek support where needed
- Take care of their wellbeing while staying focused and motivated

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
90.7%	88.7%	88.2%	91.2%	88%

2. Year 11 GCSE Booster Sessions

With GCSE examinations now underway attendance during this period is crucial as every minute of learning, planning and revising matters. 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](#)

3. Year 10 Grade Run

The Year 10 grade run closes on Friday. Once reports are finalised, they will be sent electronically by email and will also be available through the Parent App, which we encourage parents to use for easy access to reports and school updates. Paper copies will be available if requested.

4. Year 10 Carding Mill Valley Fieldwork Trip

A reminder that next week, students studying GCSE Geography will be taking part in essential fieldwork at Carding Mill Valley. Due to the number of students, this has been organised across four separate days. **You should have received an email confirming the date your child is scheduled to attend.**

Students will **leave the site at 9:00am**, so please ensure they arrive before this time. The coach is expected to return to the Academy at **approximately 2:30pm**. **Students do not need to wear school uniform** however, they should wear sensible, comfortable clothing and footwear, and bring a waterproof coat.

5. Year 9 HPV Vaccine Update

Unfortunately, the Sandwell Vaccination team were unable to complete all HPV vaccines this week. They have advised that they will be returning to do a catch-up session however, a date has not yet been set. We will share this with you once this has been confirmed.

6. Enrichment Activities and House Events

At Forge, we are proud to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities, alongside weekly house events. While some activities take place during lunchtime, many are also held after school. We kindly ask that you speak with your child about the importance of informing you if they plan to stay for any after-school clubs or events.

Due to the large number of opportunities available and the size of the school site, it is not always possible for staff to locate students quickly unless we know which activity they are attending. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. To view our full enrichment timetable, please [click here](#).

7. Lost Property

Thank you to the students who have already collected their belongings from the office. However, we still have a significant number of unclaimed items in lost property.

We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to visit the office at the end of the school day to check for any missing items. **Please note that any items not collected by 22nd May will be donated or disposed of.**

8. Year 11 update

If you ordered a Year 11 **leavers' hoodie** for your child, we are pleased to inform you that these have now arrived at the academy. Please ask your child to collect their hoodie from the pastoral office at the end of the school day.

We have also recently sent important information about the **Prom** to parent/carer email addresses. Please check your inbox, including your spam or junk folder, for this message, as it contains useful details such as timings. If you have not received it, please contact us at info@oatforge.co.uk.

9. 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.

10. Stronger Together Writing Competition.

[Congratulations to the winners of our Stronger Together writing competition!](#)

Students produced thoughtful and powerful pieces reflecting on unity, collaboration, and the importance of celebrating the diverse voices that strengthen our communities. We were incredibly impressed by the maturity, creativity and reflection shown throughout the entries.

A special well done to Yusuf T, who was awarded first place, and Oscar P, who achieved second place. They will be receiving their prizes very soon - [congratulations](#) on your fantastic work!

11. Key Stage 3 Reading Leaders:

Yr7		Yr8		Yr9	
Student	Points	Student	Points	Student	Number
O, Deborah	10	S, Olivia	10	A, Khalil	12
S, Ayla	10	H, Zayn	9	H, Daisy-Rose	11
B, Amilea	9	H, Louise	8	P, Callum	9
B, Jessica	9	N, Indiana	8		
J, Ella	9				
K, Hoonam	9				

12. Key Dates

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**