

## Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

### Week Ahead

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	<b>WHITSUN HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 01 June	
Tuesday 02 June	Year 12 PRE Trip – 09:00-12:00 Year 10 Envision Final – All Day
Wednesday 03 June	Year 9 DofE Map Day
Thursday 04 June	
Friday 05 June	
Monday 08 June	Year 12 Mock Exams Start Year 9 PRE Trip to Dudley Zoo – All Day
Tuesday 09 June	Year 10 Mock Exam – All Day
Wednesday 10 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccination Catch-up Lone Student Transition Day
Thursday 11 June	Parent Voice 5PM-7PM – <b>Focus Without Phones</b>
Friday 12 June	

Our theme this week has been **‘Show Determination’**, and at Forge we have been celebrating the importance of continuing to try, even when things feel challenging. Determination means giving your best effort when something is difficult, not giving up after making mistakes, and believing in your own abilities.

Every great achievement begins with persistence. Whether it’s improving your reading, learning a new skill, or practising for a performance, success comes step by step. We encourage all of our students to continue challenging themselves, support friends who may need encouragement, and make use of the help and guidance available to them when they are finding things difficult.

### 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%	88.1%	87.7%	89.3%	93%

### 2. Uniform

As we approach the Whitsun half-term break, we would like to remind all parents and carers that students are expected to arrive at the Academy each day in full and correct school uniform. Please use this break as an opportunity to purchase any necessary items to ensure our school standards are maintained for the remainder of the academic year. To view the Academy dress code, please visit [Ormiston Forge Academy - Uniform](#).

Please note that students may continue to wear the **optional** summer polo shirt, which can be worn in place of the school blazer, shirt, and tie. If you wish to purchase this, please visit [Forge Academy Summer Polo – Crested School Wear](#) or their store at Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY2 7BL. We recommend calling ahead on 01384 918 330 to check stock availability.

### 3. Free School Uniform

We are pleased to share that a **FREE school uniform** giveaway is taking place for families in the local community. The event will be held on **Friday 29 May, 10.00am – 2.00pm** at **Cradley Heath Community Link**, 126 High St, Cradley Heath, B64 5HJ. This is a great opportunity for families to access free school uniform items ahead of the new term. No booking is required just pop along during the stated time. Please note, this is a giveaway only and they **will not** be accepting donations.

### 4. HPV Catch-up Sessions

We are pleased to confirm that the Sandwell Vaccination Team will be returning to the Academy on **Wednesday 10th June** to provide a catch-up session for the Year 8 HPV vaccinations.

### 5. Lone Student Transition Day

On Wednesday 10th June, we will be welcoming a small number of Year 6 students into the Academy for our **Lone Student Transition Day**. This day is designed to support those students who will be the only ones from their primary school joining Forge in Year 7, and these individuals may feel understandably nervous about the move to secondary school.

We kindly ask all of our students to be welcoming and supportive if they see these visitors around the site, offering help where needed. We also remind everyone to continue demonstrating the core values of Forge at all times.

### 6. Parent Voice – Focus Without Phones

We would like to invite you to our Parent Voice meeting, taking place on Thursday 11th June from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. During this session, we will be discussing our **'Focus Without Phones'** initiative, and the upcoming changes that will come into effect from September 2026. We will also be discussing Arbor updates such as absence reporting and reports as well as communication at Forge.

### 7. Envision -Project Care Packs

Our Envision students have been collecting hygiene items to create care packs for families in need. So far, they have put together an impressive 71 packs, and donations are still coming in. If you or your child would benefit from one of these packs, please encourage them to speak with Mrs Pearson in Pastoral either before or after school, or during lunchtime.

### 8. Arbor Emergency Contacts

We kindly ask that all students have at least **one ADDITIONAL emergency contact** alongside primary parent/carers recorded on our system, along with up-to-date contact details. This ensures we can get in touch quickly if an urgent situation arises.

You can add or update this information yourself through the Arbor app. If you experience any difficulties, please email [info@oatforge.co.uk](mailto:info@oatforge.co.uk) with the following details: your child's name, the name of the contact you wish to add, their relationship to the student, a contact number, and the priority you would like them to have for calls on our system.

### 9. Year 11 Leavers

If you ordered a Year 11 **leavers' hoodie** for your child and they have not already collected this, please ask your child to collect their hoodie from the pastoral office at the end of the school day when we return after the half term break.

### 10. Key Stage 3 Reading Leaders:

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

### 11. Key Dates

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom 6:00PM – 10:30PM

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Applying to University: Parent Information Evening 5PM-7PM

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Parents Evening – 3:45PM-6:00PM

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – School Show 9-5 – 7.00PM start Halesowen Town Hall

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – School Show 9-5 – 7.00PM start Halesowen Town Hall

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day 11:20AM-3:15PM

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Prizegiving 6:00PM-7:30PM

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Term Ends 1:20pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – **INSET Day – School Closed to Students**