

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

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| Monday 15 June | |
| Tuesday 16 June | Summer Enterprise Fayre - Lunchtime |
| Wednesday 17 June | Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Mock Practical – All day |
| Thursday 18 June | Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Mock Practical – All day Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualifier Day 1 Year 9 Women in Engineering – All Day |
| Friday 19 June | Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualifier Day 2 GCSE Exams End Year 12 Mock Exams End Year 11 Prom – 6:00PM until 10.30PM (Black Country Museum) |
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| Monday 22 June – Friday 26 June Year 12 Higher Education and Employment Week | |
| Monday 22 June | Year 9 Assessments – English and Maths |
| Tuesday 23 June | Year 9 Assessment – Science Applying to University: Parent Information Evening – 5-7PM Year 12 UCAS Exhibition – All Day |
| Wednesday 24 June | Year 7 Parents Evening – 3.45-6PM |
| Thursday 25 June | Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualification Day 1 |
| Friday 26 June | Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualification Day 2 Year 8 Sports Industry Careers Pathway Trip – All Day |

Our theme this week has been **‘Dream Big’**, and at Forge we encourage every student to believe in their potential and strive for success. Your dreams are the foundation of what you can achieve, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or in your future career. Every success begins with a dream, and we support our students to:

- Set clear goals
- Work hard and stay determined
- Challenge themselves to improve every day
- Support one another
- Seek help when needed – never be afraid to speak up

Remember, it’s okay to make mistakes along the way as each one is an opportunity to learn and grow. By putting in effort, maintaining a positive attitude, and showing resilience, we can turn big dreams into real achievements

1. Attendance

Please see attached our weekly attendance figures for week commencing 01st June. Let’s keep pushing towards our 96% target.

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 89.5% | 86.9% | 89.9% | 89.8% | 78.9% |

If you need to report an absence, appointment, or reason for lateness, please use one of the following options:

Arbor account: Go to the *attendance* section and select *Log an Absence*. Please use this for appointments and reason for lateness also.

Email: Send details to attendance@oatforge.co.uk.

Phone: Call **01384 566 598** and select option **1**. Please leave a message using the voicemail service.

2. Charity Week Update

Before the May half-term break, you may recall that we held a charity week in school, with a range of activities and events organised to raise money for the **British Red Cross** and student-led initiatives.

We are delighted to share that all donations have now been counted. Thanks to the generosity and strong community spirit of our students, parents/carers, and staff, we have raised an incredible **£2,729.36**.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who took part and contributed—your support is greatly appreciated.

3. Design a House Logo and Leave Your Mark on Forge

Back in 1994, the house names **Snowdon, Bredon, Clent and Malvern** were chosen through a student competition. Since then, the houses have become a proud and important part of life at Forge, with a strong tradition of competition, teamwork and house spirit. However, despite being over 30 years old, the houses have never had their own official logos!

Following the introduction of our new house ties last year, we feel the time is right for each house to have a logo that represents its identity, values and history. This is an exciting opportunity for students to get creative and make their mark on Forge Academy. Imagine seeing a logo that you designed displayed around school, on house materials and as part of the House System for years to come!

Why not encourage your child to take part? Whether they enjoy drawing, graphic design or simply have a great idea, this competition gives every student the chance to contribute to the future of their house. **All logo designs must work together as a set, united by a shared style or theme and can be hand drawn, designed using a digital programme and students are also able to use an AI creative tool.**

The deadline for submission is Friday 3rd July and physical copies should be handed in to your child's head of house. Alternatively digital copies should be emailed to bennettc@oatforge.co.uk.

Get creative, get involved, and help shape the future of the House System at Forge!

4. Summer Enterprise Fair

On Tuesday 16th June, we will be hosting a Summer Enterprise Fair during lunchtime. Please note that all students selected to run a stall will be required to pay a **£5 stall fee**.

All stalls will operate on a **cash-only** basis. If your child is running a stall, please encourage them to bring enough change for the day. Likewise, if your child plans to make any purchases, we recommend bringing smaller amounts of cash rather than large notes.

5. Year 9 DofE Bronze Expedition

Students who are taking part in the DofE Bronze Expedition will be completing this on either **18–19 June or 25–26 June**. Full details, including departure times, return arrangements, and kit requirements, have been sent to parents/carers via email. Please check that this information has been received, as it contains important details regarding the expedition. If you have any queries, please email info@oatforge.co.uk.

6. Prom Tickets

Prom tickets will be given out by Miss Wiseman after the exam on Monday 15th June.

7. Thank a Teacher Day 2026

Next week marks **Thank a Teacher Day** on Wednesday, 17 June 2026. We warmly invite parents/carers and students to share messages of appreciation for our wonderful staff. This is a great opportunity to say thank you—not only to teachers, but to all staff who contribute to creating a positive and supportive learning environment.

If you would like to share a message of appreciation, whether it's a professional thank you for support or collaboration, or a personal note recognising a kind gesture, please complete this [short form](#).

8. School Uniform Donations

If you have any school uniform at home that is no longer needed, we would greatly appreciate your support in donating it to the academy. Donating pre-loved uniform gives us the opportunity to pass these items on to families who may benefit, while also supporting an environmentally friendly approach by reducing waste.

We kindly ask that all donated items are clean and in good, usable condition. We are particularly grateful for donations of blazers, shirts, trousers and our PE department would be grateful for any donated PE kits. If you have any items you wish to contribute, please bring them to the main office.

9. Tesco Stronger Start Campaign

Ormiston Forge Academy is currently taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Starts** campaign 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

10. Here4U

We have two remaining sessions this academic year with the school nursing team, who are offering 1:1 support for students to discuss any concerns in a confidential setting. If you feel your child would benefit from attending, please encourage them to go to Meeting Room 2 (upstairs in Block 4) during lunchtime on the following dates:

- Monday 22nd June
- Monday 6th July

11. KS3 Reading Leaders

| Year 7 | | Year 8 | | Year 9 | |
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| Amilea B | 10 | Olivia S | 10 | Khalil A | 12 |
| Hoonam K | 10 | Zayn H | 9 | Daisy-Rose H | 11 |
| Deborah O | 10 | Sophie J | 9 | Callum P | 9 |
| Lily-Mai R | 10 | Casey O | 9 | | |
| Ayla S | 10 | | | | |
| Cerys-Rose W | 10 | | | | |