

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

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	Applying to University: Parent Information Evening – 5-7PM House Captain Leadership Event – Period 5 Only 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 House System Softball Year 7 + 8 – 3.20-5PM
Friday 26 June	Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualification Day 2 Year 8 Sports Industry Careers Pathway Trip – All Day
Monday 29 June	Year 8 First Give Workshop – All Day
Tuesday 30 June	Year 12 University of Bath Campus Experience – All Day
Wednesday 01 July	Ormiston Forge Presents 9 to 5 Show 1
Thursday 02 July	Ormiston Forge Presents 9 to 5 Show 2 DofE Silver Expedition Day 1
Friday 03 July	DofE Silver Expedition Day 2 Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Day
Saturday 04 July	DofE Silver Expedition Day 3

This week, we have been encouraging students to take time to **define their goals**. Whether this involves improving in a subject, developing a new skill, or working towards a personal achievement, having a clear goal is an important first step towards success.

Setting goals helps to build focus, motivation, and confidence. We encourage students to think carefully about what they want to achieve, break their goals down into manageable steps, and remain committed. Remember, progress does not happen overnight—small, consistent efforts can make a significant difference. Your future begins with the choices you make today.

1. Attendance

Please see attached our weekly attendance figures for week commencing 08th June. Let's keep pushing towards our 96% target.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
90.3%	87.3%	87.9%	89.4%	78.9%

2. House System Softball

On Thursday 25th June, we will be hosting a House Softball competition for students in Years 7 and 8. If your child is interested in taking part, please ask them to speak to their Head of House. All selected students should bring their PE kit, a water bottle, and sun cream (in case of warm weather). **The event will begin at 3:20pm and is expected to finish at approximately 5:00pm.**

We kindly ask that you speak with your child in advance to confirm whether they plan to attend. Due to the high number of students involved in after-school activities, it is not always possible for us to quickly locate students who are unaccounted for.

3. Warmer Weather

With warmer weather expected next week, we would like to remind families that the school summer uniform (forge polo shirt) is still available and in stock with our uniform provider Crested School Wear - [Forge Academy Summer Polo – Crested School Wear](#)

We also encourage students to come prepared by bringing a water bottle each day and wearing sun cream if necessary.

4. Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page ([Water safety - West Midlands Fire Service](#)) or the RNLI Education Resources page ([RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#)).

5. Summer Uniform

With warmer weather expected to continue into the start of the academic year, we will be extending the period in which students are allowed to wear summer uniform (Forge polo shirts). Students will have the option to continue wearing the Forge polo shirt up until October half term. All other uniform expectations remain the same.

6. Year 9 Assessments – Changes

If you have a child in year 9 you will have received an email this week informing you of the year 9 assessments on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June. There will now **no longer be an assessment in Science on Tuesday 23rd June**. Please see the updated timetable below.

Monday 22 nd June	English 10:30AM-12.20PM	Maths 14:30PM-4.20PM
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7. PSHE Curriculum Consultation

You should have received an email this week asking you to complete [Ormiston Forge Academy PSHE Curriculum Consultation](#). If you have not already done this, we would be grateful for your input as it helps to shape our curriculum. When you complete this questionnaire, it will be done anonymously and it will not automatically collect your details such as name and email address, unless you choose to provide it. Thank you for your continued support, responses and feedback.

8. Ormiston Parent and Carer Survey

We're inviting all parents and carers to take part in our first annual parent and carer survey. Your feedback is incredibly important and will help shape future priorities across our schools. The survey will remain open until the end of the school day on Friday 26 June. Please [scan the QR code here](#) to complete the survey.

9. Ormiston Forge Academy Presents 9 to 5

There are still tickets available for our fantastic production of *9 to 5*, taking place at Halesowen Town Hall on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July. Each performance will begin at 7:00pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students and staff. Tickets are just £5 and to purchase, please visit [Ormiston Forge Academy Presents 9 to 5 JR. | Halesowen Town Hall](#)

10. Sandwell SEND Bulletin

Please see the Sandwell SEND bulletin which includes useful information such as 4 Community Trust short breaks for young people aged 18–25, an upcoming summer event for parents and carers of children with SEND aged 0–5, and details about the Marvel Youth Club for young people aged 11–25. [Sandwell SEND Bulletin - \(Issue 3\)](#)

11. Year 7 Parents Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 24th June from 3:45pm to 6:00pm** in the Sports Hall. There is no need to book an appointment in advance. Upon arrival, please enter through the main gates, where you will be signposted to the Sports Hall to sign in before meeting with staff. To ensure you have sufficient time to speak with the relevant teachers, we **kindly ask that you arrive no later than 5:45pm. On-site parking will be available.**

Please complete [Year 7 Parents Evening](#) to confirm whether or not you will be attending.

12. House Captain Leadership Event – Tuesday 23rd June

House Captains at Forge are invited to attend the **House Captain Leadership Event on Tuesday 23rd June**. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet Manny Singh, a well-known motivational speaker and fundraiser from Wolverhampton. You should have received an email containing full details of the event. If you have not received this and believe your child should have, please contact info@oatforge.co.uk.

Students should wear their **House Captain tie** on the day, attend **registration in the common room at 2:10pm, and remain for the full duration of the talk, which will finish at 3:15pm.**

To confirm your child's attendance, please complete the consent form via ParentPay. If you experience any issues with ParentPay, please email finance@oatforge.co.uk.

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

There is still time for your child to submit a design for our '*Design a House Logo*' competition. All logo designs should work together as a set, linked by a shared style or theme. Designs can be hand-drawn, created using a digital programme, or developed using an AI creative tool.

The **deadline for submissions is Friday 3rd July**. Physical copies should be handed to your child's Head of House, while digital entries can be emailed to bennettc@oatforge.co.uk.