

Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletin

Week Ahead

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	Year 8, 9 and 10 House Cricket Event – 2.15PM - 4.30PM Parent Voice 5PM-7PM – Focus Without Phones
Friday 12 June	
Monday 15 June	Summer Enterprise Fayre - Lunchtime
Tuesday 16 June	
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)

This week's theme has been '**Create Positive Change**', and at Forge we believe that every action no matter how small, can make a big difference. Positive change begins with all of us: students, staff, and the wider community. By working together, we can build a respectful, supportive, and inspiring environment for everyone. We encourage all our students to:

- **Be kind** – a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand can make someone's day brighter.
- **Be respectful** – celebrate and embrace our differences.
- **Take responsibility** – be accountable for your actions and learn from mistakes.
- **Get involved** – take part in activities available to you, whether that's a school club or something beyond the school environment.

Remember, meaningful change doesn't happen overnight. By taking small steps together, we can make Forge a place we are all proud of, where everyone feels valued, supported, and motivated to succeed.

1. Student Leadership Opportunities- Become a Form Representative

In line with this week's theme of "**Create Positive Change**," we are pleased to announce that applications for **Form Representatives 2026/2027** are now open to students in **Years 7–10**. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to have their voices heard and play an active role in shaping our school community. We are looking for 2 representatives for each form group. As a Form Representative, you will:

- **Represent your peers**, sharing their ideas and opinions in meetings
- **Lead by example**, promoting respect, inclusion, and responsibility
- **Work collaboratively** with staff and other student leaders
- **Drive positive initiatives**, from wellbeing campaigns to school events

To apply, students should collect an application form from **Miss Palmer in Room 102** and return it by **Friday 12th June**. Applications should include why you would like to be a Form Representative, what makes you a strong candidate for the role, and the skills you hope to develop.

Looking ahead, **Student Council applications will open in September 2026**. Please note that only students who are successful in becoming Form Representatives will be eligible to stand for election to the Student Council.

Take this opportunity to step forward and help **create positive change** in our school community.

2. 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.

3. House Cricket Event

On Thursday 11th June, we will be hosting a House Cricket event for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. If your child is interested in taking part, please ask them to speak with their Head of House.

If your child is selected to participate, they will need to bring their PE kit to change into before the event. They will also be required to bring a drink with them and sun cream in case of warm weather.

Please ensure you have spoken with your child in advance and that they inform you whether they will be taking part or staying after school to support their friends and team. The event is scheduled to finish at 4:30pm.

4. Summer Enterprise Fair

On Tuesday 16th June, we will be hosting a Summer Enterprise Fair during lunchtime. If your child is interested in running their own stall, please ask them to speak with Miss Bennett in the Enterprise Suite to discuss their product idea. 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. Here4U Sessions – School Nurses

Sandwell school nurses will be holding a Here4U drop-in session for students on Monday **8th June**, 1:25 - 2:15 pm in **Meeting Room 2 (Upstairs in block 4)**. These sessions provide a safe, confidential space for students to talk about physical health, mental wellbeing, sexual health, relationships, or any other health concerns. No appointment is needed, students can drop in anytime during lunch to speak with a trained nurse and receive guidance and support on a wide range of health topics.

6. Medication

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, please ensure the correct procedure is followed.

- A **separate medication form must be completed for each medication**. These forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from the school office. Please ensure **all sections of the form are completed fully**, including the medication's expiry date and batch number, and that it is signed by a parent or carer.
- All **medications must be handed in to the first aid team** and should not be carried by students, unless authorised by the school's medical officer.
- Medication must be provided in its **original packaging**. For prescribed medication, this must include the **pharmacy label**.
- If your child requires pain relief, a dose should be given **at home before school** so they can manage their symptoms effectively. Pain medication will not be administered at school before 11:30am unless this is specified in a medical care plan.
- Antihistamines for hay fever should also be taken before school, unless otherwise advised.

7. Arbor

Please use **Arbor** to report your child's appointments, absences, or reasons for lateness, **as MyEd is no longer in use**. Alternatively, you can report these by calling **01384 566 598** and selecting option 1 (please leave a voicemail if the attendance team are unavailable), or by emailing attendance@oatforge.co.uk. If you have not yet set up your Arbor account, please email info@oatforge.co.uk with your child's name and the email address you would like to use. We will then send you instructions on how to set up your account.

8. Parent Voice – Focus Without Phones

A reminder that our next parent voice meeting will take 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, reports as well as communication at Forge.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. KS3 Reading Leaders

YEAR 07		YEAR 08		YEAR 09	
Student	Points	Student	Points	Student	Points
Amilea B	10	Olivia S	10	Khalil H	12
Hoonam K	10	Zayn H	9	Daisy-Rose H	11
Deborah O	10	Casey O	9	Callum P	9
Ayla S	10				