Brownhills Ormiston Academy

Assessment Calendar
A Guide for Parents and Carers

2026-27

Keeping you in the picture

At Brownhills Ormiston Academy, we are ambitious for every one of our students, and we know that families play a huge part in their success. This calendar shows you the key dates for assessments, parents' evenings and reports this year, so you can plan ahead and support your child every step of the way.

Your year at a glance

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Assessment 1	11th – 22nd January	11th – 22nd January	11th – 22nd January	23rd November – 4th December	4th – 18th November
Assessment 2	7th – 18th June	7th – 18th June	17th & 18th May English & Maths only 7th – 18th June All other subjects	19th – 30th April	22nd February – 5th March
Parents' evening	29th April	4th March	19th November	4th February	7th January
Information evenings	Settling in evening 4th November	Information evening 4th November	Options Evening 25th February	Supporting Success in Key Stage 4 (1) 15th September	Aim High: GCSE success evening (1) 29th September (2) 26th January
Report 1 (Sent via Arbor)	24th February	24th February	24th February	13th January	16th December
Report 2 (Sent via Arbor)	8th July	8th July	8th July	25th May	25th March

Please note

Dates may occasionally change. We will always let you know any changes through Arbor and our usual communications.

What the dates mean

- **Assessments:** every year group has two formal assessments each year. These help us, you, and your child, to see what they have learned and remember, and what to focus on next.
- **Parents' evenings:** a chance to speak with your child's teachers about how they are getting on.
- **Reports:** each student receives two reports a year. These are sent home through the Arbor app, so please make sure you are logged in and your contact details are up to date.
- **Information evenings:**
  - **Settling in evening (Year 7):** an opportunity to speak to your child's Personal Tutor to discuss how they have settled in during the first half term.
  - **Information evening (Year 8):** an opportunity to find out more about attendance, home learning, literacy and enrichment from the Year 8 pastoral team and how you can support them at home.
  - **Options evening (Year 9):** an opportunity for Year 9 students and their families to find out more about the subjects available at Key Stage 4 and to ask questions before choosing.
  - **Supporting success in Key Stage 4 (Year 10):** an opportunity to find out how we are supporting your child to be successful in Key Stage 4 and how you can support them at home.
  - **Aim High: GCSE success evening (Year 11):** an opportunity to find out how we are supporting your child to be successful in Year 11 and how you can support them at home.

How you can help

- Add the dates to your family calendar as soon as you can.
- Encourage your child to start revising early and to spread their revision across several days rather than leaving it to the last minute.
- Ask your child what they are learning in each subject. Explaining it out loud is great revision.
- Help them to get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast during assessment windows.
- Read each report together, celebrate the successes and talk about next steps.
- If you have any worries, please contact us. We would always rather hear from you early.

Thank you for your support. Working together, we can help every student to succeed.