



## Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Notice of Consultation regarding Admissions arrangements for ages 11-16 and also Sixth Form entry in September 2020 can be found on the school website. The consultation will end on 24th January 2019.

School finishes at 1.30 next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December for Christmas. Most buses will leave the site at 1.35, apart from public buses #76 and #77 that will run to their normal schedule.

We are currently recruiting for Casual Invigilators in preparation for the summer 2019 Exam Season. Please email Kay Davis at [kdavis@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kdavis@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) for further information.

### Notices:

- **Year 11:** Sixth form taster day. Students will be contacted via email on Monday 17th December to provide the details for the day. As parents, you will be included on that email.  
The aim for the Taster Day is that students experience what it is really like to be a Sixth Form student, both in lessons and out. They will have access to the social spaces along with their subject tasters. This increased level of freedom allows Sixth Form students off site. With that in mind, students will be allowed to leave site (at lunch time only) to go to Fairford. Students will be required to sign in and out accordingly. If you would rather your son or daughter did not leave site, please contact Mrs Crawford by Wednesday 19th December at 3:35pm [scrawford@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:scrawford@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)
- **All Years:** Tickets for the Christmas Raffle were taken home last week by students from each family at Farmors. All money raised from this year's raffle will fund the minibus lease for another year enabling sports fixtures, trips and visits to the local area for all year groups. Please do encourage/help your child to sell their allocation this weekend, there are prizes for best sales from individuals and tutor groups. All money and ticket stubs to be returned to Finance (including all unsold tickets), by Monday morning (17th) with the draw to be held from 2pm on Monday.
- **All Years:** As we will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch on December 19th, there will be no food service available at break time. For students not partaking in the Christmas lunch, the snack shack will be serving pasta, hot dogs and a small selection of sandwiches from 12.50-1.45pm or students can bring in a packed lunch.
- **All Years:** Students who use the buses must have a valid bus pass with them to travel. If the pass is lost parents must contact GCC ([www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)) for routes 1-7 or the school finance office for routes 7A - 10. If they don't have a valid pass they may not be allowed to travel.
- **All Years:** We've been advised that there is currently an issue with the 'in-touch' messaging service we use to parents. Whilst we can send out messages any replies are not being picked up; this has been ongoing since 5th December. Should you need to respond to any 'in-touch' message from school please either email [admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) or contact the school by telephone 01285 712302.
- **All Years:** A reminder of our safeguarding procedures for when students need to sign out during the school day: They must be picked up from **Main Reception** by a parent / carer / known person of responsibility.
- **All Years: Wednesday 19th December** sees a number of events happening during the school day:
  - House Netball and Rugby matches (Years 7-10 in PE lessons)
  - House Christmas Quiz (Key Stage 3)
  - House Factor finals (Key Stage 3 students off lessons in the afternoon)
  - Science Christmas Lectures (Years 11-13)
  - Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert rehearsals in the morning, Concert 7pm in the church.

- And if that isn't enough excitement, its Christmas Jumper Day also non-uniform but some kind of festive accessory please tinsel etc and Christmas Lunch day!

Letters to parents this week: <http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Letters-to-parents>

- Year 7: Parent and Pupil Survey feedback letter
- Year 9: English Theatre trip.
- Year 11: GCSE PE
- Year 11: GCSE Poetry live

### Coming up next week:

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – please see list of events happening above.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Concert in the church
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Y11 Sixth form taster day, New College.
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: End of term, school closes at 1.30pm.**

For events beyond next week and autumn term clubs and activities poster please follow links to our website.

<http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Clubs-and-activities>

<http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Calendar-term-dates-and-school-day>

Kind regards,

Pastoral Team