



## Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Notices:

We are asking students to use the internet more than ever before. It is really important that we remind ourselves how to keep them safe online. Please look at the following advice to help you:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=11c85df25c-TUK\\_GLOBAL\\_MAR\\_2020\\_MESSAGE&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-11c85df25c-64895421](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=11c85df25c-TUK_GLOBAL_MAR_2020_MESSAGE&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-11c85df25c-64895421)

We also need to look after their mental health whilst staying at home - here are some simple tips...

<https://parentinfo.org/article/how-to-look-after-your-family-s-mental-health-when-you-re-stuck-indoors>

If you require community help, know of a neighbour that needs help or are able to help others during the current lockdown, then the Gloucester help hub collaboration between all local councils, police and health services, can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/helphub>

Some schools have reported that parents and carers of children in receipt of free school meals are being targeted by fraudsters with messages such as 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed' – **these links are fake** we do not need your bank details.

- **All Years:** Your child's tutor will set next week's PSHCE work on SMH. One of the tasks will be to ask each member of the tutor group to 'check in' via email to maintain regular contact, as they would in the normal school setting. Students should use their school email address for this contact.
- **All Years:** The Maths department have arranged for all students to have access to the MyMaths website to support students studying at home. To access this use school login: farmors and password: rhombus
- **Year 11:** Fine Art students: Please encourage your child to continue working on their exam prep. From next week, we would like students to take photos/videos of their work as they progress and submit the photos onto showmyhomework as homework. Message us through the showmyhomework app if you get into difficulties with this.
- **Year 9 & 10:** Monday's PSHCE lesson for years 9 & 10 focuses on on-line activity. At the moment, the internet is a great tool to enable our young people to have contact with one another and the outside world. They are likely to spend more time on social media and gaming than they might normally do, so we are asking this week to think about how they can stay safe on-line and maintain a level of internet use which is healthy. Students will be asked to make a simple plan and share this with you.
- **Year 7 & 8:** Over the coming months we are asking as many students as possible to get reading for 'readathon'. This is a fundraising project that can be done from the comfort of your home and is fun too! Tutors will be launching this for students via Showmyhomework on Monday 30th March. All the information you need will be provided there. Any queries, please contact tutors in the first instance.

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

- **Year 7 & 8:** Readathon.

Kind regards,

Pastoral team