

Parent Bulletin



14th September 2026 Week A

All years: As we are approaching the deadline for parents to make secondary school choices for their children in year 6, we are excited to share information regarding our Open Events here at Farmor's School. We had our **best ever results** at GCSE this year, once again significantly exceeding national average outcomes, and our **February 2026 Ofsted** inspection was a real success. Please come and see us to find out more about our fantastic school and Sixth Form.

[Farmors School Prospectus](#)

Open Evening Thursday 24th September, 4pm - 7pm

There is no need to book to attend the Open Evening. The whole school will be open for parents and pupils to visit departments, take part in activities and meet with staff. Our Prefects and student leadership team will be on hand to give guided tours around the school site and our Headteacher, Mark Surowiec, will be giving talks in the main hall throughout the evening. It would be a big help if you could share this date with those you know in the community who have children in year 6.

To allow staff sufficient time to set up for this important evening, there will be an early finish to the school day. The revised timings are as follows:

- Registration to end of Period 3 as usual
- 12:30-13:05 – lunchtime and movement
- 13:05-13:15 – PM Registration
- 13:15 end of the school day
- 13:25 Buses depart

Students who would usually take a stagecoach #76 or #77 will need to make alternative arrangements to leave early. Please contact us if you need them to remain in school until the normal bus arrives (studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk).

Open Morning Tours - Year 6 pupils only - Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September.

Bookings for the Open Morning tours (year 6 only) are available [here](#). This is a great way to visit the school during a normal working day. Tours are limited to one parent and one pupil only.

We have had an increase in our capacity, to reflect growing numbers of applications from out of catchment primary schools. It is therefore likely that we will have places for families applying who live out of our catchment area.

All years: Behaviour Policy: We are required every year to remind parents and carers about our behaviour policy. This can be found on our website [here](#).

All years: Homework Notifications: Students have been told to check Edulink regularly, ideally each night, to best manage the homework tasks that have been set. A notification will be sent from Edulink to you and your child at 5pm to let you know of any outstanding pieces of work due the next day that have not been marked as complete.

All years: Edulink - Student Data - To ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child, please log into your Edulink account and review all data including contacts and permissions.

If you have any issues making changes, do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01285 712302 or via email admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk.

All years: Drop off/pick up - Please can all students arriving by car be dropped off and picked up at the car park in Fairford, unless agreement has been given by your child's head of year or Mrs Timms. The additional car traffic onsite has increased the risk to students circulating as well as generating congestion for the buses trying to deliver students to and from school. From Monday 14th September we will be carrying out checks on vehicles to ensure only those with permission are entering the site.

All years: Her Story: Young Writers Short Story Competition - An exciting opportunity for students to enter the Young Writers Short Story Competition, run by Soroptimist International Cirencester District. The theme this year is 'Her story: women and girls' voices from the past'. There are cash prizes of up to £50 available; winners will be announced at a prize giving ceremony at Cirencester Public Library during the History Festival with entries being published in a special booklet for the event.

The deadline for entries is the 25th of September, and the library is hosting drop-in creative writing workshops every lunch break until the deadline. For further information, please encourage your child to visit the library or see the following attachments. Competition poster: [here](#). Competition help sheet FAQs: [here](#). Parent/Guardian Permission slip: [here](#).

Year 7: Fairford football - is looking for players. Anyone in Year 7/U12 is welcome! Training on Tuesdays in Fairford from 6-7 and Sunday matches. Please contact Diana Groom at 07990421727 if interested. Thank you!

Years 8 to 11: Food Preparation & Nutrition - Reminders and contribution letters, please find years 8 and 9 [here](#), year 10 [here](#) and year 11 [here](#).

Years 9 to 13: Kenya 2028 Camps International - Following on from our very successful Costa Rica trip, we are offering another trip, this time to Kenya for 3 weeks where the pupils will be learning how to Scuba dive and take part in improving local community hubs such as schools and community spaces. Please see this [link](#) for more details:

There is an information evening for all who are interested on Tuesday the 22nd of September from 1800-1900. If you attended the information evening last academic year, then there is no need for you to attend this one.

Both the trip itself and the fund raising beforehand to raise funds are great for improving students' self-confidence and resilience. Please find a link [here](#) with details of the information evening and a QR code so we can judge numbers. Thanks Mr Jackson

Year 11: Maths Mentoring - The maths department are offering year 11 / sixth form maths mentoring during registration on a Friday. Sixth form students studying maths volunteer their time to support Y11 students and each session is supervised by Mrs Tucker in the LRC. This is aimed at pupils who would like a little more help with understanding topics covered in lessons and time to go over past papers. Pupils can have one to one sessions with a sixth form student or work with a friend (who is on the same tier as them). If you would like your child to take part, they can either come and find Mrs Tucker, ask their maths teacher or you can email Mrs Tucker (vtucker@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk).

Year 11: Careers advisor appointment - If your child hasn't already discussed their Post-16 plans with our careers advisor Mrs Mitchell, we strongly recommend making a booking. To do this, your child can speak to their form tutor, or you can email their tutor or Dr Bettington (Head of Year 11).

Safeguarding: [Newsletter here](#)

Vacancies: [here](#)

Letters to parents: [here](#).

- All years: Open Evening - [here](#).
- All years: Farmors Clubs - [here](#).
- All years: Behaviour Policy - [here](#).
- All years: PSHE Term 1 Lessons - [here](#).
- All years: Trips and Visits 26/27 - [Calendar](#) / [Letter](#)
- All years: Cirencester Hospital Family Fun Day - [here](#).
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- Year 7: New Student PE Information - [here](#).

- Years 7 - 11 Careers Newsletter - [here](#).
- Years 8 to 11: Food Preparation & Nutrition Letter- Years 8 and 9 [here](#), year 10 [here](#) and year 11 [here](#).
- Years 9 to 13: Kenya Scuba Expedition 2028 - [here](#).
- Year 9 to 13: Kenya Information Evening - [here](#).

- Year 8: Parent Information Evening Link - [here](#).
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