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Thank
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Every family's support helps
us do more for our children.

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Welcome

Year 8 Parents' Information Evening
Laura Hubbard-Miles



Agenda

- Introduction to the team.
- Changes
- Key Focus areas for Year 8
- Homework
- Reading in Year 8
- Trips



Pastoral team for Year 8

8AAB – Ms Abi Banyard

8AOJ – Mr Alex Jackson

8ERC – Mrs Emma Chadwick and Mr Lloyd King

8JXN – Mrs Jasmine Nicholas

8LMF – Ms Lara Foster

8LPB – Mrs Lorna Bramley and Mrs Nicky Bunter

Ms Laura Hubbard-Miles HOY

Ms Dawn O'Rourke Student Manager for Y7-8

studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk



Reminders about communication:

- Please contact **student services** in the first instance, including for information about student absences
- You will usually receive a response from Miss O'Rourke (student manager)
- Emails may be forwarded on to tutor, subject teacher, HoD or HoY as needed

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Changes to the School Day

0845 Registration (Assembly on Thursday)

0905 Lesson 1

1010 Lesson 2

1110 Break

1130 Lesson 3

1235 Lesson 4

1335 Lunch

1420 Lesson 5

1520 End of the day



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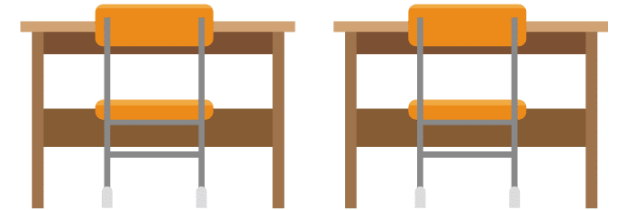




Key Focus for Year 8

- Attendance

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	✗			✗		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			✗			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	✗			✓		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



- Behaviour



- Engagement
 - HOS





Engagement -Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coding Club	Choir	Waggy Wednesdays	Silent Book Club	Lego
	Basketball	Rugby	Cross country	Ukulele and Guitar
	Science club	Debate Club	Netball	Drama
			Concert band	



Other important points:

- Uniform
- Equipment (including mini-whiteboards and pens)
- Punctuality
- Study habits and homework



Homework and Edulink

Mode A homework

Examples: quizzes, spelling tests, make flash cards on key terms, write an essay plan, write a paragraph, questions.

Mode B homework

Examples: Watch a film, listen to a podcast, read a book, complete a virtual tour of a gallery/museum...





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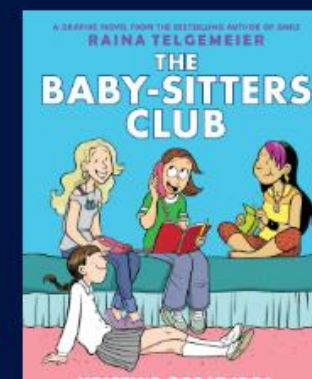
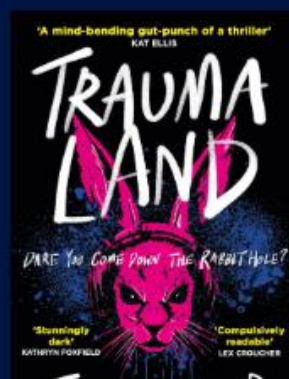
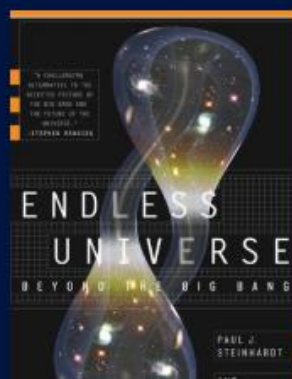
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Readathon Week : September 28th - Mon 5th Oct

Banned Books Week: October 4th - 10th

Harry Potter Book Day – October 8th

Remembrance Day: Monday 9th November

Jolabokaflodid: Yule book flood week Monday 14th December

Holocaust Memorial

Day: Wednesday 27th January 2027

Lunar New Year: Friday 5th Feb 2027

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2027

International Women's Day – Monday 8th of March 2027

Shakespeare's birthday – Friday April 23rd

Star Wars Day – May 4th 2027

PRIDE event – tbc June 2027

Farmor's Reading Habits

I want to.....	To do this I will.....	
learn at least 2000 new words every year *	• read the word, hear the word and say the word in a sentence to show my understanding • explore the etymology of new words	
read fluently in every subject	• listen carefully when my teacher reads and follow along in the text with my ruler, pencil or finger • read out loud with expression if my teacher asks me to - this maybe in unison or in a pair	
be able to answer questions about the texts I read	• look for clues in the text like pictures, headings, graphs and tables • highlight a few key words and ideas as I read • be aware that I read differently in different subjects and contexts	

*The number of words that students need to learn is exceedingly large; on average students should add 2,000 to 3,000 new words a year to their reading vocabularies (Beck, McKeown & Kucan, 2002).

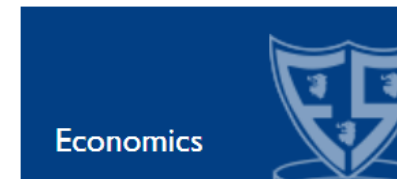
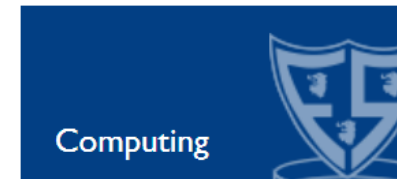


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Farmor's School reports

Teachers complete reports three times a year.

Each subject reports a student's **readiness to learn** and a **how to improve** statement.

Our **readiness to learn** criteria are linked to our **Habits of Success**. **For example:**

- correct equipment including a mini whiteboard
- calm and orderly behaviour
- pay full attention
- participate fully in lessons
- complete all homework to a high standard

Attainment data is also reported. In Y7-10 this data appears in reports 2-3 only.



Websites you may find useful

Learning Scientists are cognitive scientists who have a really good website with downloadable materials on retrieval practice and other study techniques to improve learning.

<https://www.learningscientists.org/>

Pomodoro technique

<https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique>

Inner Drive have a useful section for parents on how to support your child at home with their learning. They have some great downloadable posters.

<https://www.innerdrive.co.uk/>

Seneca is a free revision website which covers all school subjects. There are sections for students and parents.

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



Year 8 Trips

	Trip	Teacher/Department	Dates	Est. Cost
Year 8	Oxford University Science	Dr G Morieri (Science)	8 th December	£25
	Local fieldwork	Miss Foster (Geography)	28 th June	free
	Bletchley Park	Mrs V Tucker (Mathematics)	21 st July	£28
	South Cerney Water Sports	Ms L Hubbard-Miles (Head of Year)	22 nd July	£50
All	Prince of Wales Athletics	Mr P Hockey (PE)	22 nd September	free
	Parliament TBC	Mrs J Wilton (History)	December	£35
	Italy Ski Trip	Ms L Hubbard Miles (Head of Year)	12 th – 19 th February	£1500
	Voice in a Million, Wembley	Mr J Driver (Music)	10 th March	£35



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