Parent Bulletin

6th December 2024 Week A



All years: Christmas holidays: School lessons continue as normal up to break time on Friday 20th December. The school day will finish at 1.25pm. Buses leave the school site at 1.35pm, apart from the service buses (stagecoach #76, #77 and Pulhams #855) that still leave school at 3.35pm. Should your child need to stay in school for a service bus then please let Student Services know.

All years: Canteen Service - There will be a reduced break offering on Friday 13th December whilst the catering team prepare the Christmas Lunch. Students that are not signed up for Christmas lunch will not have access to the dining hall and the 6th form servery will also be closed during lunch. Please advise your child to purchase food at break time or send them in with a packed lunch which can be eaten in the quad.

All years: National Christmas jumper day is on Thursday 12th December, but we will celebrate that on Friday 13th to coincide with our Christmas Dinner, Santa Fun Run and other activities. Students pay £1 and all monies go towards Save the Children.

All years: homework changes on Satchel One. To simplify the process for staff and students, from this week teachers will mark any missed homework as a behaviour point on Satchel. Students are expected to attend a lunch time session with the head of department to catch up missed homework and will get a detention with their head of year if they fail to turn up.





All years uniform reminder: Joggers and Hoodies are not allowed to be worn, these are neither sports appropriate nor suitable for uniform wear around the school.

In the colder weather students may wear plain navy or black leggings under their PE shorts, or wear the approved tracksuit bottoms available from the Stevenson's website.

All outstanding Stevenson's orders from August and September should now have been delivered. All students should now be in the correct uniform.

Should there be a day that your child cannot wear the uniform, for a good reason, please write a note to the tutor to explain this. Students who are not in uniform without a note from a parent or carer will receive a detention.

All years: New Brewery Arts in Cirencester are hosting a range of festive workshops and courses for under 18's. More details can be found: here.

All years: Parent Governor vacancies: Becoming a parent governor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure that pupils get the best possible education. We currently have vacancies on our board, so if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please email: s.bartholomew@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

All years: Bloodhound Education is a charity that delivers hands-on science and engineering activities and practical enrichment workshops. They are hosting a variety of activities for under 16's during the winter half term, in a number of locations. Activities are free for students who are entitled to benefit related free school meals. More details can be found on the parent letters section of the website.



Years 8-10 uniform reminder: Whilst we are in the transition period, the previously purchased Farmor's PE kit (including the tracksuit bottoms) from Macron are still allowed, up to the end of July 2025.

Year 11: Please see the letters section for additional uniform information for year 11 students only.

Vacancies:

We are recruiting for a variety of roles, including both support and teaching positions. These can be tailored to suit your circumstances, and we would love to hear from you if you are interested in any of the positions. Please email: recruitment@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any questions. For more information and application visit - here.

Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for December 2024 - here.

If you are looking to engage a private tutor for your child, you can find some really helpful advice to consider: here.

Letters to parents: here

- Calendar term dates and school day for next year here.
- Year 7- 11 Careers Newsletter here.
- Clubs & Activities schedule here.
- Weekly Library Newsletter <u>here</u>.
- Autumn Term 2, Girls Sports Club Timetable here.
- Instrumental Tuition 2024 2025 here.



