



Parent Bulletin

7th February 2025 Week B

All years: A reminder that **Friday 14th February** is an Inset Day, school will not be open to students.

All years - Parents' Evenings: As a school, we have made the decision bring the remaining online parents' evenings (years 8,11 and 13) back in school now, rather than retain the hybrid model of some online and some face to face. Online appointments limit the opportunities for key staff to build good relationships between home and school, something we believe is important in your child's development.

All years Thursday 13th February is a non-uniform day. The money raised will support the Pitch-In Project, which aims to fund a new Astroturf facility at Farmor's School. We kindly ask for a £2 *contribution* to be given to form tutors on the day. Your child was informed about the non-uniform day during the launch assembly for the Pitch-In Project this week. Please note that if your child has PE on the non-uniform day, they are required to bring their PE kit to school and change for the lesson. Thank you for your support.

All years: Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Partnership (GITEP) SCITT is a highly successful school-centred initial teacher training provider, recognised as outstanding by Ofsted. The partnership has been created by Gloucestershire's secondary school leaders to ensure the highest quality of teaching for pupils in Gloucestershire schools.

School-centred means that trainees spend most of their time in schools, including ours, learning from experienced and highly skilled teachers. Although the programme is predominantly school-based, trainees work towards a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) worth 60 Masters credits, which is awarded by the University of Bristol.

GITEP's employment rates are close to 100% and many former trainees now play a significant role in the Gloucestershire's schools. If you or someone you know is considering a career in teaching, please consider sharing details of GITEP's Primary and Secondary teacher training courses.

www.gitep.org.uk

All years: Dependent on availability the below author event will be opened up to higher years. Please register interest: [here](#).

Year 7 - Author Event: Excitingly, debut author, Claire Hatcher-Smith will be joining us on Tuesday the 11th of March. Please see the parent letter: [here](#).

Years 7 - 10 - Voice in a million trip: The balance of £19 is now due and available on ParentPay. If you paid the deposit the balance must be paid as soon as possible. At present very few have paid the balance, if there are any problems please email me at jdriver@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Years 9 & 10: Costa Rica Trip - If your child did not attend the trip meeting, Monday lunchtime - they need to let Mr Jackson or Miss Craig know immediately. There is important information that they have missed if they are still interested in attending the trip. There is a new deposit deadline for the trip, *Friday 14th of February*. Additionally, there will be a re-launch of the trip after half-term for those students that missed the first launch in January.

Year 10 - GCSE Drama Trip: Please see the attached letter regarding our trip for Year 10 GCSE Drama students to see the Wise Children Theatre Company's production of North By North-West at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. Further information is available on Satchel:1 and it is now live on ParentPay.

Years 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Screening: Please see the attached letter regarding our free screening of A Taste of Honey for all Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students. Students have been given a copy of the letter with the consent form. Further information is available on Satchel:1.

Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for February 2025 - [here](#).

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](#).

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Year 7- 11 Careers Newsletter - [here](#).
- Weekly Library Newsletter - [here](#).
- Year 7 Author Visit - [here](#).
- Year 10 & 11 - Drama Screening - [here](#).
- Year 10 - Drama Theatre Trip - [here](#).