Parent Bulletin

11th October 2024 Week B



All years: Many people very kindly ask if the school library accept book donations. Our Librarian, Mrs Barker-Harrold, is constantly getting to know our students. Curating our collection to interest and challenge them. If you would like to donate a book to the school library, please shop from our wish lists here: Scholastic wish list & LoveReading wish list.

All years: The Governing Board Policy Committee approved changes to our attendance policy last week to reflect changes made by the Department for Education guidance for schools this summer. From now on, we are required to work with the local authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those with parental responsibility if their child has ten or more sessions of unauthorised absences – one day equals two sessions. In practice, this relates to lateness to school (after 9.15am) and unauthorised holidays in term time.

All years: Now that the weather is turning colder, a reminder that students can wear plain navy/black leggings under their shorts, or the navy Farmor's tracksuit bottoms over the top. Any alternatives with brand names on are not allowed.

Most students in school have now got the PE kit that they are waiting for, however a handful are still waiting. To help us have an accurate picture, if you are still waiting for delivery then please complete this <u>form</u>. Students who's names are not reported on this form will start to receive detentions for uniform infractions from Monday 21st October.

Thanks for your continued patience if you are awaiting deliveries.



Bronze and Silver DofE Award - Important Information: I will purchase all candidate's places and welcome packs once all registration fees are paid. I would like to do this by early next week, so if all Bronze and Silver candidate's parents could pay the registration fee on Parent Pay by the end of the week, I can purchase the places and then our pupils can all receive their login details for eDofE. To register your child all candidates need to pay a registration fee (Bronze £28 and Silver £30). Mr Jackson.

Team Farmor's - Fixtures postponed: Tuesday 15th we are due to play Crypt they cannot come and Wednesday 16th we are due to play DP who have double booked a bus so cannot get to us. New dates will be confirmed once arranged.

Year 7: Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Year 7 Meet the Tutor event last night. Please find attached the PowerPoint from the session on supporting your child's learning.

Year 7: Trips to Stratford - There is important information regarding the Year 7 trips to Stratford, please see the parent letter here for details.

Year 11: Farmor's sixth form is hosting an open evening on Thursday 7th of November . See the parent letters section of the website for more details.

Vacancies:

We are recruiting for a Site Operative and Governance Professional. 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 October 2024 - here.

Changes to Instagram accounts for teens - Today, we're introducing Instagram Teen Accounts, a new experience for teens, guided by parents. Teen Accounts have built-in protections which limit who can contact them and the content they see, and also provide new ways for teens to explore their interests. We'll automatically place teens into Teen Accounts, and teens under 16 will need a parent's permission to change any of these settings to be less strict. More details can be found: here.

Letters to parents: <u>here</u>

- Calendar term dates and school day for next year here
- Year 7- 11 Careers Newsletter here
- Clubs & Activities schedule here
- Weekly Library Newsletter.
- Year 7 Stratford trips letter.
- Festive Choir Performance.
- Artwork Collection.