Parent Bulletin



11th July 2025 Week B

All years: Here is the link to this week's year 7-11 Careers Newsletter. Of note this week is a short video all about the future of green careers - from plumbers to lawyers, there is something for everyone, so definitely worth a watch!

All years - Lost Property: There are a number of items of clothing in student services which will be disposed of at the end of term if not claimed.

All years - PTA: A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who have been helping out on the PTA. Here are some of our recent activities:

- supporting Fairford Youth Football Club Tournament weekend by helping in the kitchen and cooking on the BBQ,
- providing refreshments at the new Y7 induction evening
- selling ice lollies on sports day
- providing the bar at the Sports Awards evening.

The PTA wish to extend our thanks to Budgens Lechlade and Co-op Fairford for donating cakes and refreshments to the PTA. Behind the scenes, a group of parents and teaching/associate staff are all working hard to bring an exciting calendar of events for students and parents for 2025/2026 school year. If you could spare an hour to help volunteer at an event we would love to hear from you, email the PTA at pta@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Don't have time to volunteer? you could still help the PTA...

If you work for an organisation that operates a match funding or giving scheme and have supported our Pitch in! campaign, please consider helping us maximise donations and asking your employer to match money you have raised or donated. For those of you who don't know, the Pitch In! campaign is fundraising to build an all-weather pitch next to the school sports hall. If you would like further information, or require a letter to support match funding, please email the PTA at pta@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Current Years 7, 9 & 11 - School Photos: DSP Photography will be coming on Wednesday 3rd September for students in year 7, 10 or 12.

Year 8 - Normandy Trip: If your child is going to Normandy in October, a polite reminder to check for the 'Ten year passport rule': It must have been issued less than 10 years before 20th October 2025 (the day the group arrives) and the 'Three month rule': It must be valid for at least three months after the day you plan to leave. If your son/daughter is travelling on a non-UK or non-EU passport, please could you email me: jwood@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk to advise about the arrangements you have in place for additional paperwork.

Year 8 - Bletchley Park Trip, Monday 21st July 2025: Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.00am so that the coach can leave promptly. We will return by 4.30pm and you will need to make arrangements to transport your child home from school. Students need to wear school uniform, with comfortable shoes or trainers. Please check the weather forecast and ensure that your child has a coat for rain or suncream and a hat on a sunny day. They will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink as there is nowhere to buy food or drink at the park. They can bring some spending money if they wish to visit the gift shop. Please ensure that if your child needs an inhaler or any other medication, they have it with them on the day. If your child is unwell and unable to come to on the trip, please contact school as soon as possible. If you have any question please contact Mrs Tucker.

Year 10 - Head of Year Letter: The year 10 tutor team have a shared an end of year update for parent: here.

Year 10: Silverstone trip, Tuesday 15th July 2025: Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.00am so that the coach can leave promptly. We will aim to return to school by 3.25pm in time for the school buses, however if we are delayed you will need to make arrangements to transport your child home from school. We will be in contact if we think we will not make the school buses. Students need to wear school uniform, with comfortable shoes or trainers. Please check the weather forecast and ensure that your child has a coat if rain is forecast, a hat and sun cream if it is going to be sunny. They will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink as there is nowhere to buy food or drink at Silverstone. If your child needs an inhaler or other medication, please ensure they bring this with them. They can bring some spending money if they wish to visit the gift shop. If you have any question please contact Mrs Tucker.

Teaching & Learning:

All years - Read2Learn: In Maths we have been focusing on how to approach 'wordy' questions. We are encouraging students to read the question carefully, identify the scenario and key information, and then think about what the question is asking them to do. Students are then being shown how to set their solution out in a logical manner, using sufficient words to explain their thought processes clearly, rather than just putting calculations and answers, and finally to make sure that they fully answer the question, including any units.

Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for June 2025 - here.

Parental Controls Booklet 2025 - here.

Letters to parents: here

- Year 7- 11 Careers Newsletter here.
- Weekly Library Newsletter here.
- Cotswold District Council Free strengthening communities events here.
- Year 7 PGL residential trip here.
- Year 8 South Cerney trip here.
- Year 9 Parent Update here.





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