

Parent Bulletin

16th May 2025 Week A

All years: Read to Learn - This week we hear from Mrs Simmonds, Head of English, on reading in English: In English reading is the beating heart of most of our lessons, whether we are reading a novel, a play, poetry, nonfiction or students' own writing. We are currently working with students on how they read in class, ensuring they are following the text carefully and paying careful attention to any new or unfamiliar vocabulary.

All years: Here is the link to this week's Year 7-11 Careers Newsletter. Of note, there are some free events taking place at the University of Gloucestershire and the latest Choices magazine is attached, with apprenticeship information.

All years - parking on site: During the exam season we cordon off part of the car park to allow a calm entry to the exam venues; this means we are extremely limited for parking spaces. If you do drop off or pick up your child by car, then please do so at the Fairford public car park at the bottom of the back drive, unless you have prior agreement from your child's head of year.

All years - Annual Parent Survey: Your views about Farmor's School are important to us. Please complete this short (15 questions) annual survey to help the Leadership Team and Governing Board prioritise the school's development plan for next year.

All years: Heath from tutor group 7VLC is attempting the Three Peaks Challenge with his family in May half term. The family have chosen to split the fundraising between Pitch In and Hatherop Big Build. More information about Heath's family challenge is in this link: here.

Years 8-10 uniform: As we approach the end of the changeover period from the old uniform to the new uniform, please note that the PMG PE kit will not be allowed from September onwards. The finance department will be pleased to receive any donations of the Stevenson's PE kit that your child has grown out of this year to stock the pre-loved shop.

Year 9 - Immunisations: The GHC immunisation team will be attending school on Tuesday 17th June 2025 to deliver the Year 9 DTP/MenACWY vaccination to all consented students. Following is a parent/guardian letter which includes information and the link to the consent form with a URN (this URN is unique to our school) to be completed electronically. If you do not consent please record so on the online form: here.

Year 10 - Work Experience Week 2nd-6th June: The completed student placement forms are now going through their final checks with the insurance company. If you do not hear from me then you can assume that your child's placement has been successfully vetted and I will have contacted the employer confirming as much. There have been a couple of queries over start times but these should have been clarified when the placement forms were originally completed, so if students are in any doubt as to timings or what to wear, please contact the employer in advance so they can be sure to make a good impression on their first day. Thanks, Mrs Mitchell (Career's Advisor)

Year 11: Sound advice from the BBC on supporting your exam age teenager at home: here.

Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for May 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.
- All years: Parent survey here.
- Year 7: Cheltenham Science Festival Trip here.
- Year 7: Geography Trip here.
- Year 11: GCSE Lessons here.





