



## Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February – week B

### **Free School Meals provision over Half Term**

As part of the Gloucestershire County Council's commitment to ensure No Child Goes Hungry the voucher scheme will run again through the February Half Term.

During February Half Term the online portal will be available for Parents to apply for vouchers and will be live on the Gloucestershire County Council website from 25th January – 5th February 2021 (closing at 5pm).

Please note that any Parent or Carer who received a voucher during October or December holidays will receive this automatically and does not need to apply again through the portal for February.

Once the portal has closed, GCC aim to issue vouchers between the 8th-10th February 2021.

To ensure that they are able to support as many Families as possible through this scheme the vouchers will be £15 per child, in line with National Free School Meal guidance.

<https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/a2lcustomerfeedback/freeschoolmeals/schoolmeals>

If you have any queries please call 01452 426165 or send an email to [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### Notices:

- **Year 7 & 8 Parent Briefings:** We will be holding virtual briefings for parents on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** they are organised around tutor groups and will run as follows:

Year Group	Tutor Groups	Zoom Links
Year 7	AOJ, AC, LT Start: 17:30	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79032710615?pwd=TGdoZXRpam5TcWxLSTViOEIweEpzd09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79032710615?pwd=TGdoZXRpam5TcWxLSTViOEIweEpzd09</a> Meeting ID: 790 3271 0615 Passcode: 2qbuB3
Year 7	MMH, EMC, JRD Start: 18:00	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72252715953?pwd=aitRYjduUTFBTU5Jc0JvZGRHa0hkUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72252715953?pwd=aitRYjduUTFBTU5Jc0JvZGRHa0hkUT09</a> Meeting ID: 722 5271 5953 Passcode: 3b1wLe
Year 8	RTB, MQS, ELT Start 18:30	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76522746441?pwd=d3BYM0lrN1dnMDFmUnZMUXI4Rkxxdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76522746441?pwd=d3BYM0lrN1dnMDFmUnZMUXI4Rkxxdz09</a> Meeting ID: 765 2274 6441 Passcode: R8Q0Ud
Year 8	AG, TPW, MJB Start 19:00	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77724226352?pwd=U083eXNQMVBMVTVXcFk4R2tUYWx1QT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77724226352?pwd=U083eXNQMVBMVTVXcFk4R2tUYWx1QT09</a> Meeting ID: 777 2422 6352 Passcode: 7AT8TT

- **Year 9 Parent's Evening:** The parent's evening bookings are live and will run for Core Subjects (English, Maths and Science) on Thursday 4th February and Tuesday 9th February, with booking slots from 4pm to 7pm. Bookings are made through our Parent Booking system and will run virtually through the same platform.

<https://farmors1.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

- **Y9 Bronze DofE**- Following the government announcement this week that schools will not be returning until Monday 8th March at the earliest, the Bronze DofE training day that was due to take place at Farmor's on Sunday 7th March will be postponed. As soon as a new date is rearranged, I will let you know.
- **Year 9:** After February half term we offer students in year 9 the opportunity to specialize in one area of the Design and Technology department. On Monday 1st February, your son/daughter will be receiving a digital form via SMHW to make their choice as to which area they wish to spend the rest of year 9 (Feb half term-July 2021).  
The choices are as follows;
  - W.M.P (Wood, Metal & Plastic)
  - Textiles
  - Food
  - Paper & Card
 Class teachers will be presenting in lesson time next week, the outline of what is involved in each subject area and then they can vote once they have received the form, this will also be added to SMHW next week. Each subject area is full of learning that will help develop your child's design and making skills and is especially helpful should they wish to take the GCSE courses that we offer. If your child wishes to take a GCSE option within D.T then we highly recommend that they choose the option that will benefit them on that path. I'd like to encourage you to have a conversation with your child beforehand to make sure they choose an option that best fits them. We cannot guarantee that everyone will get their first choice of subject due to class sizes so we will be asking for second choices for a best fit to be applied. It is not a first come first serve basis.
- **Year 9 Student's Options Briefings** (Optional subjects at KS4) we are running a series of information events virtually at 6.30pm or 7:00pm, with 2 subjects per evening. Parents and students will be invited to join any of the sessions which they feel are relevant to the choices under consideration. Each subject lead will present for 5 minutes and then take questions for up to 10 minutes.

Day/Date	SLT Host	ZOOM Link 1 (6.30pm)	ZOOM Link 2 (7.00pm)
Mon 01/02	SPS	<b>GCSE Geography</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74871082905?pwd=OTJwemdtWjRkZHUrZUU4QVZjVGFLdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74871082905?pwd=OTJwemdtWjRkZHUrZUU4QVZjVGFLdz09</a> Passcode: mXC80B	<b>GCSE History</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73085110979?pwd=UTNtSmFpbXluc0R5MjBvcXptZE9LQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73085110979?pwd=UTNtSmFpbXluc0R5MjBvcXptZE9LQT09</a> Passcode: 1PmV6i
Tues 02/02	ME	<b>GCSE Drama</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71914485115?pwd=a1pkMctZMkd0UTZ4UTV4QVRTOHhpUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71914485115?pwd=a1pkMctZMkd0UTZ4UTV4QVRTOHhpUT09</a> Passcode: ew7KqS	<b>GCSE PE</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76587471992?pwd=UDUwYmNhSG5VZkU2VnFITmtaMTBxUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76587471992?pwd=UDUwYmNhSG5VZkU2VnFITmtaMTBxUT09</a> Passcode: iNGeD6
Weds 03/02	RE	<b>GCSE Media Studies</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79773108638?pwd=VjZFQzlwM1N2Z1VzdmxKVU45b0lSUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79773108638?pwd=VjZFQzlwM1N2Z1VzdmxKVU45b0lSUT09</a> Passcode: r6x0cG	<b>GCSE Music</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77587970098?pwd=MDNUMFhvM1dNVGk5L21uNWJnMERndz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77587970098?pwd=MDNUMFhvM1dNVGk5L21uNWJnMERndz09</a> Passcode: kLvr2S
Thurs 04/02	ME	<b>GCSE RS</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74731096160?pwd=SVpicTljYkZERlI3RVFjZzd2YjVKQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74731096160?pwd=SVpicTljYkZERlI3RVFjZzd2YjVKQT09</a> Passcode: BDLXa3	<b>GCSE Sociology</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73757681147?pwd=RGdEWmZBQUhVL1hZRG5FazFSbjFLUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73757681147?pwd=RGdEWmZBQUhVL1hZRG5FazFSbjFLUT09</a> Passcode: 6f25hk

- **Year 11 Remote Assessments:** We are holding some regular assessments with Year 11 across this term and the next on Monday afternoons, initially for options subjects. There are 2 x 45-minute slots each Monday, the first from 2:45 to 3:30pm and the second from 3:45 to 4:30pm. By using Monday afternoon, the tests will not interfere with the normal pattern of remote learning and we are able to accommodate exam arrangements that are in place for specific students. These tests will contribute towards the evidence base that we hold on student attainment but are not a replacement for the cancelled mock exam series. We have previously shared with Year 11 students the rationale for doing this and how the process will work remotely in assemblies. Departments will continue to run regular assessments in (remote) lesson time in addition to using these Monday afternoons.

The schedule is as follows:

	Monday 01/02	Monday 08/02
<b>2:45 to 3:30</b>	Drama	Media
	or Spanish	or Music
<b>3:45 to 4:30</b>	Business	History

## Remote Learning:

Remote learning guides for parents and students, including how to use Show My Homework, Teams, and recordings of parent briefings can be found on our website here: <https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/remote-learning>

## Safeguarding update:

### School Nurse:

Our school nursing service would also like to remind all children that their ChatHealth service is still operating. The number to text for support is: [07507 333 351](tel:07507333351)

### Well Being:

This fantastic website has been created by a practising NHS professional who understands the need to make this available to parents and their children. It gathers all the websites, apps and information about supporting mental health in one place. Hopefully, if you need this, it will help: <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>

### Mental Health

Previously shared websites for support and guidance for both parents and students:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

As always, if there is anything that causes you concern about online safety, please check out this website for advice:

<https://tinyurl.com/yccvkk9o> and if you have any safeguarding concerns - contact [nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Covid-19 school closure updates:

<https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/coronavirus-information-and-updates>

## Letters to parents:

<https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/letters-to-parents>

Kind regards

The Pastoral Team