



# Parent Bulletin

20th April 2026 Week A

**All years – Parent Pay:** It has been brought to our attention that a small number of students have had issues with their ParentPay balance updating to the canteen tills. Could you please make sure that your child knows that if they ever have an issue getting food during the school day that they should come to Student Finance in the first instance. We can check the system and, if there is money on their ParentPay account, provide them with a note for the canteen, so that they are able to eat. We will do all we can to assist them but can only help if we are aware – Student Finance Team.

**All years – Governor vacancies:** We have received interest from one parent for the parent governor vacancy. If any other parents are interested in this role, then please do contact Sam Bartholomew, Chair of the Governing Board, s.bartholomew@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. If we receive more interest than we might need to hold an election. We also have a vacancy for a governor from the local community. Please do contact Sam Bartholomew, for more information. Information for prospective governors can be found: [here](#).

The governing board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board. We are particularly looking for a governor with financial expertise.

**All years – Bikeability holiday courses:** There will be a Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a great opportunity for pupils in years 7 or 8 who missed Bikeability training in school to still take part and learn an important life skill through cycling. Details can be found: [here](#).

**All years – evening event:** "Smartphones and our Children: Navigating the Digital World Together" Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 17:00 at Cirencester Deer Park School – Flyer linked: [here](#).

**All years – Try an instrument day:** Gloucestershire County Council are hosting a free 'Try an Instrument' Day. There will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you. Open to children of all school ages. Instruments will include: flute, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, oboe, violin, cello, trumpet, cornet, baritone, percussion. Details can be found: [here](#). Please RSVP: [here](#).

**DofE Students – Important information regarding DofE expeditions this year:** There has been a change in the start or finish location for the Silver Practice expedition, from 17th to 19th April, and the Bronze Qualifying Expedition, from 20th to 21st July.

The Silver Practice expedition will now finish at Snowhill Car Park, Snowhill, Broadway, WR12 7JR.

The Bronze Qualifying expedition will now start and end at Barnsley Park Estate (Cricket Ground Entrance) GL7 5EG;

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The changes were outside H5's control, as community events had been organised at locations that were not previously known to them. They send their apologies.

**Year 7 – Whatsapp groups:** Please be aware that a lot of year 7 students are in whole tutor group Whatsapp chats. There has been some unpleasantness over the holidays as well as posting of questionable content. Please continue to discuss appropriate use of social media with your children. Please be aware that the age limit for Whatsapp is 13. There is helpful guidance for Parents and Carers: [here](#).

## Years 8 – 11 – Trip to Kenya: Trip to Kenya 2028:

The school will be delivering an expedition through Camps International to Kenya over the summer holidays of 2028. This will include community work, wildlife expeditions, and learning to scuba dive (optional). It is a 3-week expedition that will include staying at various camps around Kenya. These trips are genuinely life-changing, where students find out a lot about the country they are staying in, ecology, and themselves. In addition to being a great experience, this would look brilliant on a CV, especially alongside a Duke of Edinburgh qualification. It is open to all students who are currently in Y8 up to Y11. Costs for the trip could be covered by almost 2 years of fundraising by the students, which may need to be topped up by the pupils' families if needs be. Details of the information event can be found: [here](#).

**Year 9 – GCSE Options and Parents' Evening: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Look out for the pre-loved uniform stall available for students to try on different sized blazers, ready for September when they start in Key Stage 4.

# Safeguarding:

An offer from our partners in Early Help:

Is this you? A teenager who is rude and refuses to follow family rules. One who screams and cries at the drop of a hat. A teenager who is arguing with everyone in the family. Or one who is drinking, skipping school or hanging out with a bad crowd.

If any of these descriptions fit your teenager, Teen Triple P Discussion Groups can help.

Teen Discussion Groups Over 10 years;

- Dealing with Teenagers Emotions – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.30–4.30pm
- Getting Teenagers to Co-operate – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10–12pm
- Reducing Family Conflict – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm–3.30pm
- Building Teenagers Survival Skills – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1.30–3.30pm

If you would like to sign up for any of these dates, please email: [studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will request a place for you.

# Vacancies: [here](#)

Farmor's school are currently recruiting a School IT Manager. For further details please visit the link above.

# Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Library newsletter – [here](#).
- Careers newsletter – [here](#).
- Summer term lunch time clubs – [here](#).
- Girls and boys summer term sports clubs – [here](#).

