Parent Bulletin

21st March 2025 Week A



All years: We are required to do some work next week to update our management information system. This is unlikely to have any impact on the parentpay system, but will impact our ability to update or amend attendance and behaviour information in Satchel One. The updates are scheduled to finish on Thursday night. Most parents already inform us when their child is absent from school, it would be very helpful if you could **inform us before 8am on the day of an absence** via email studentservices@farmors.gloucs.uk or on 01285 712302.

All years: Consultation on proposed changes to the school day for September 2025 - Thank you to all those who responded to the consultation on proposed changes to the school day for September 2025. The questions and points raised are very helpful in understanding the range of parent views. The responses will be shared in full with the governing board next week to inform their decision.

Matthew Evans (Headteacher)

All years: Message from the Governors - Dear Parents/Carers, I am writing to update you on the recruitment process for a new Headteacher. The governors advertised and shortlisted candidates for interviews which took place on Monday. It was decided not to offer the position to any of these candidates. Therefore, the governors will be considering their next steps in the next week and will update the parental community as soon as they can.

Mr SJ Bartholomew (Chair of the Governing Board)

Year 7 Cheltenham Science Festival: There are three places remaining for the Science trip which will take place on Thursday the 5th of June. This is a brilliant trip where students will enjoy spectacular shows, get hands-on in class-sized workshops and step into interactive Discover Zones. If you wish your son or daughter to go on the trip, please make the payment of £26.50 via Parent Pay by midday 26th March. After that date, should there be more people wanting to go than there are places available, names will randomly selected to determine who attends. If your son/daughter is not selected at this stage, they will then go on a waiting list. The trip letter can be found: here.

Year 8: Year 8 Parents' Evening is being held in person on **Thursday 3rd April**. Each child has a single appointment for each subject, unfortunately we don't have capacity to offer multiple appointments for separated parents. Mr Stimson Macher will not be available, however he will contact parents directly via email.

Years 9 - 13: Virtual Author Visit - Year 10 have a virtual author visit on the 8th of April. Students from years 9+ are welcome to sign up, on satchelOne, if they would like to join us for registration and period 1 on this day. More information can be found below.

Year 10: Virtual Author visit, Tuesday 8th April - A fantastic opportunity for students who will have a whole year assembly, organised by the incredible charity ReadforGood. For more information please see the letter: here.

Safeguarding:

Safer Internet Day - This week we have been looking at how to keep yourself safe from online scams. This presentation has been shared with students in assembly. You may want to ask them how to keep themselves (and others) safe from online scams. All Year Groups have also been set a quiz on Satchel One. How safe are they?

Online Safety Newsletter for March 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
- Half term activities for under 14's here.





