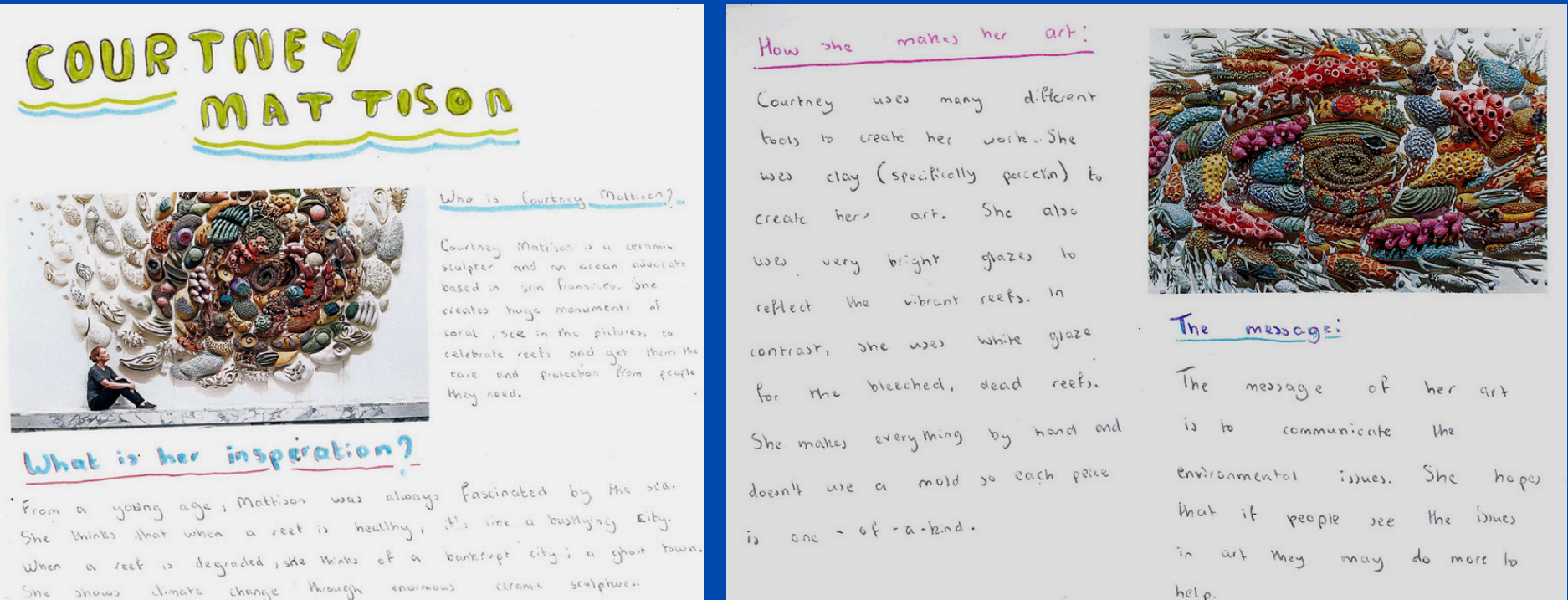




Parent Bulletin

16th May 2025 Week A

All years: Read to Learn – This week we hear from Mrs Parker–Woolway our Head of Art. In Art and Textiles we have been focusing on two areas with our disciplinary reading. At KS3 we have been using a range of text to introduce areas of research to students that link to their current projects. Through comprehension style tasks, research has introduced students to subject specific language and encourages a greater depth of understanding of historical and cultural contextual issues. With KS4 we have been focusing on reading and deepening our understanding of the assessment criteria used on the course and how it applies to individual student work. It is hoped that by closely reading and understanding how they are assessed in art, our students will be able to improve their work.



All years – Laptops required! The Learning Support department are in need of laptops as our stock is ageing and slow! If you have any useable laptops gathering dust at home, could you please consider sending them in for us to repurpose and support our learners? All donations will be wiped by our IT department prior to student use, but please clear them of anything important beforehand. Laptops can be dropped off by students to learning support or student services. Many thanks in advance, Emma Timms (SENCo)

All years: This week’s Year 7–11 Careers Newsletter, mostly aimed at the older students this week: [here](#).

All years - Pre-loved uniform donations: We are in need of any new style uniform donations as well as any jumpers or blazers. Any donations will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

All years - Summer uniform: Term 6 sees us enact 'summer uniform'. After the half term holiday, students need no longer ask permission to remove a jumper or blazer. They still remain part of our uniform however, so must not be just replaced by a coat. Ties remain compulsory, unless the temperature rises significantly when students will be advised of that in morning notices. Students should have a water bottle with them that they can refill at break or lunch.

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 11 – English Department revision sessions: We will be running revision sessions ahead of the English Language Paper 2 (Friday 6th of June). We would like as many students to attend as possible, particularly as there will have been a long gap between the previous paper and a half term holiday in between! Sessions will be run by your child's English teacher in their usual teaching room. The planned sessions will be at the following times.

Wednesday 4th June Period 3:

This is not a regular lesson slot, but students will be fresh from a Maths exam. Students should have break as usual then head to English.

Thursday 5th June:

Miss Hatton's, Ms Kelly's, Mrs Palmer's/Ms Simmonds' and Ms Fisher's classes: Period 2 (10.10) – This is a normal lesson slot.

Mr Smith's, Mrs Futtu's, Ms Simmonds and Mr Bew's classes Period 5 (2.25) – this is a normal lesson slot.

Attendance at these sessions is optional, but we would strongly recommend that your child attend for reminders and tips ahead of the exam on Friday morning. A reminder will be sent to students on Satchel One from their English teacher over the half term holiday.

GCSE Drama Trip – North By Northwest: Just a reminder that your child is going on the GCSE Drama trip to see the Wise Children Theatre Company's production of North By Northwest at the Everyman Theatre Cheltenham on the evening of Wednesday 4th June. The students need to be at Farmor's School for a 6.00pm departure on the minibus. We will meet outside Student Services. If any students need to arrive early, they are welcome to join me in the Drama department. I appreciate that the students will have been at their Work Experience placement, so there is no need for them to wear school uniform. They may not have had much time to eat so please provide them with a packed dinner if they need one. The students may bring the means to buy a programme or refreshments at the theatre if they would like to. I shall provide the students with the resources they need to make notes with. **The minibus will arrive back at Farmor's School at 10.30pm.** If you have any questions, please contact me (Mr Newman) at: tnewman@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Safeguarding:

Online Safety Newsletter for May 2025 – [here](#).

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Year 7– 11 Careers Newsletter – [here](#).
- Weekly Library Newsletter – [here](#).
- All years: Parent survey – [here](#).
- All years: Youth Impact Centre – [here](#).

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