



## Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January - week A

### Notices:

- **All years:** A reminder that to help with student safety at the start and end of the school day, students arriving by car should be dropped at the car park near the bottom of the back drive by the church in Fairford. Many thanks for your help with this.
- **All years:** Students should still wear masks on buses to and from school. In addition, due to our covid rates masks are still necessary in walkways and communal areas in the school.
- **Year 7:** This week has seen an increase in Year 7 covid cases. Please continue to support your child with a Lateral Flow test twice a week at home (Thursday and Sunday nights) and keep them at home if they develop symptoms or test positive. We will discuss further in-school protection measures with students on Monday.
- **Year 7 & 8 Girls:** will be moving onto football after half term as one of their activities in PE. We will be doing these lessons on the hard standing courts, therefore, you will not be required to purchase football boots for your daughter. However, please can you ensure they have shin pads and socks (which they should have already as they have been on Hockey for this half term!) PE Dept.
- **Year 11:** We will share the mock outcomes with you, via email on Monday, once students have received their results. While most students are happy with their results each year, a smaller proportion feel that they have under-achieved. Our message is that Mocks are part of a process as they move towards their final exams. Year 11 students will be working through their papers in lesson time and addressing any issues. We appreciate that there is uncertainty this year around final exams and COVID and that this can cause an additional layer of anxiety for both students and parents. Please be assured that we have navigated two years of uncertainty and are confident that we can support our Year 11 students to be successful. Mrs Kelly and Mr Shaw
- **Year 11:** Y11 photos next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> February). We will be taking a whole year group photo, then the opportunity for friendship photos. For each photo of friendship groups each person needs to pay £5; so for example, if having 3 friendship photos you'll need £15. This will be paid direct to photographers on the day, not through school (sorry, no ParentPay available for that). Students will need to bring cash if they want friendship photos.

### Safeguarding:

**School Nurse:** Our school nursing service would like to remind all children that their ChatHealth service is still operating.

The number to text for support is: [07507 333 351](tel:07507333351).

The school nurse, Siobhan Whittingham, will see students on an appointment basis on Mondays, students (or parents) should contact the head of year to refer.

### 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: [here](#)

### Mental Health

If there is anything that causes you concern about online safety, please check out this website for advice: [parent info](#) and if you have any safeguarding concerns please contact [nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Covid-19:

Covid update letters sent directly via intouch, can be found [here](#).

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](#)

## Letters to parents: [here](#)

- **Year 9:** Assessments