



# Parent Bulletin

5th June 2025 Week A

**All years – Head Teacher Appointment:** Dear Parents/Carers, I am delighted to inform you that after a robust and rigorous recruitment process, the Governing Board have appointed Mark Surowiec as the Headteacher of Farmor's School from 1st September 2025. Mark is currently the Deputy Headteacher of Faringdon Community College. Mr Surowiec is delighted to be joining the leadership team at Farmor's and continuing to build on the many strengths of the school. He will have opportunities to visit Farmor's in the term ahead to ensure that there is a smooth transition and handover in preparation for the new academic year.

**All years – School day timings September 2025:** Further to the consultation carried out earlier this year, the governing board have set the school day timings for the 2025/26 academic year as follows: The school day starts each day at 8.45am

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the school day will end at 3.25pm

On Thursday, the school day will end at 3.00pm

Buses will leave site each day 10 minutes after the end of the school day. The bus schedules will be available in due course from Pulhams.

**All years – Read2Learn, Sociology:** In Sociology we encourage students to read widely. Sociology is all around us – so we use current news articles, blogs, novels and textbooks to help students apply their classroom learning to the wider world. This widens and deepens their understanding and helps them to get excited about sociology! We teach students to read for meaning like a sociologist. They need to read with a critical eye and to be able to identify different sociological perspectives within a text. We also encourage them, as they read, to think about what makes good sociological writing. We teach them to identify how the author shows analysis of an idea or evaluation. This in turn can improve their own writing and exam technique.

**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)

**Year 7 – PGL Trip Information:** Please see the following letter for important information regarding the PGL residential trip, including a packing list and gift shop price list: [here](#).

**Year 8 – Assessments:** Find out more information about the upcoming assessments from our Deputy Head, Mrs White: [here](#).

**Years 7 – 10, Uniform sizing event:** Stevensons will be holding a sizing event at school on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Parents and students are invited to attend, and a team of expert advisors will be able to assist in sizing up each student for their uniform. If existing students have younger siblings joining in September 2025, they are welcome to come along to the 3.30pm until 6pm timeslots with them. Y6 parents will receive a link to book a timeslot via email and through Applica Admissions+. Current students do not need to book an appointment, they can come along during the 6–7pm session. Details can be found: [here](#).

**Years 9 – 13 – Teen yoga sessions, Wednesday 11th June:** Lily Sloman is running yoga sessions for the Camps International fundraising effort. The session will be held in the Hall at Farmor's School at 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm and the cost is £8 each paid in cash or via Go Fund me: [here](#).

**Year 9:** are participating in a CPR/Defib Awareness Day held here at Farmor's on 21st July 2025. If you are trained in CPR/Defib and/or First Aid trained and would like to volunteer to come and support the facilitators of the day we would love to hear from you. Please contact Dawn O'Rourke in Student Services.

**Year 10 & 12 – Design & Technology Revision Guides:** which accompanies the Design & Technology course which would be very useful for your child studying GCSE & A level. The price of these are £11.35 for GCSE students and £19.85 for A level students. If you would like to order a copy, this is set up as a payment on ParentPay but will need to be paid by Monday 30th June. We will use the books in class and for homework to reinforce the theory element, so this book will be in use throughout the school year and again next year for revision.

## Safeguarding:

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

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

- Year 7– 11 Careers Newsletter – [here](#).
- Weekly Library Newsletter – [here](#).
- Year 7 – PGL trip information – [here](#).
- Year 8 – Assessments – [here](#).

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