



Parent Bulletin

5th September 2025 Week B

All years: Head Teacher welcome – Dear Parents and Carers, a brief message from me as we open the year with our first Parent Bulletin. Thank you to our fantastic students for welcoming me and our other new staff so warmly to Farmor’s. It has been a pleasure to see the school community smiling, laughing and of course working hard at the start of the new school year. A particular highlight of the week was the way our new Year 11 Prefects worked so proactively with our new Year 7 students on their first day. They gave up a day of their summer holiday and acted as superb role models to younger students. We also had Year 13 student leaders here on induction day, helping to welcome our new Year 12s into the Sixth Form. Thank you to them as well. I look forward to sharing more of our good news in the future.

Mark Surowiec, Head Teacher

All years: Parents and carers are welcome to attend the Information Evenings in the 6th form Learning Resource Centre (LRC) next week. Days and times are as follows:

Year 8 Tuesday 6pm

Year 9 Tuesday 7pm

Year 10 Wednesday 6pm

Year 11 Wednesday 7pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

All years: A reminder that we are no longer using Satchel One for our attendance and conduct monitoring. This means that reward and behaviour points will not be available in the short term. We hope to be able to provide parents with access to a new portal with this information before Christmas.

Homework and access to your child's timetable are still available on Satchel One as normal.

All years – Congestion at the start and end of the school day: Please avoid driving onto the school site at the start or end of the school day, this is for child safety reasons. We ask that all parents drop their child at the car park at the end of the back drive (near the church in Fairford) unless permission has been given by the Head of Year for a medical reason. Thank you for your help with this.

All years: The Rotary club are running a free family fun day at Cirencester Kingshill school on Saturday 13th September. The aim is to give young people a chance to try sports that they would otherwise not have access to. More information can be found: [here](#).

All years: We have been asked to share this: The UK government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You will not need to take any action.

All years: AA analysis has shown that more than 6,000 children under 16 were injured while walking or cycling on UK roads in 2023. As schools reopen, the AA is reminding drivers to stay alert to protect young people, advising them to reduce speed in school zones, and to park away from school gates and zigzag lines. For more details see their press release: [here](#).

Year 7 & 10 – School Photos: will be live in 7-10 days, access is given from the QR code the children were given on Wednesday.

Year 7 – Author Event with Simon James Green: please see the following letter: [here](#), for information on an exciting Author event on Thursday 18th of September during period one.

Years 9 & 10 – Duke of Edinburgh Award: This half term is the introduction of this year’s DofE Awards and the registration of all interested pupils. Following Y9 and Y10 assemblies, introducing the Award to the pupils. those interested will be given a letter for you with cost details and dates. An information evening will be held in school for the Bronze Award candidates and online for the Silver Award at the end of September. Details to follow. A registration fee of £30.50 will be added to ParentPay which needs to be paid before October half term. Please note, there is limited capacity for the Bronze Award of 90 and once you have paid the registration fee, you are obliged to pay the entire fee (roughly £270 for Bronze and £400 for Silver) so please make sure your child is engaged and keen to complete the award before paying the registration fee. For more information about the Award see www.dofe.org Mr Jackson.

Safeguarding:

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

Parental Controls Booklet 2025 – [here](#).

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- **All years:** Library Newsletter – [here](#).
- **All years:** Start of term information – [here](#).
- **All years:** Start of term checklist – [here](#).
- **All years:** Clubs poster – [here](#).
- **Year 7:** P.E information – [here](#).
- **Year 7:** Author event – [here](#).
- **Years 7 – 10:** VIAM trip – [here](#).
- **Year 10:** English Literature – [here](#).
- **Year 11:** English Literature – [here](#).

