



Parent Bulletin

10th October 2025 Week A

All years – SENCO meetings: If you would like to book a meeting with Emma Timms (SENCo) to discuss your child, please use the booking link: [here](#).

All years – Student Voice: In order to get to know our school community better, I have started to meet with groups of students from each year group. Last week, I had the first such meeting with a randomly chosen selection of Year 11s. It was lovely to hear them talk so enthusiastically about their school. They confirmed what I expected, which is to say that they are taught and supported very well by their teachers and other staff. They reflected thoughtfully on strengths and potential improvements, demonstrating that they really care about their school experiences. It continues to be a real pleasure getting to know our students, who are helping me shape our school priorities for the future.

Mark Surowiec, Headteacher

All years – IT Manager Vacancy: We continue to be unable to recruit a permanent IT Manager, despite continued efforts. If you know someone who may be interested in this role, please let them know our advert is live on the "Indeed" jobs website.

All years – Vacancies: We are recruiting for a variety of roles and we would love to hear from you if you are interested in any of the positions – for more information please see the vacancies section on the Farmor's School website ([Job vacancies | Farmor's School](#)). If you have any questions please email: recruitment@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

All years – iPad required: We are seeking a replacement iPad to use as our visitor sign-in device. It needn't be high spec. If you have an old device which is surplus to requirements, please let us know via the main email address or by visiting reception.

All years – Here is the link to this week's: [Year 7-11 Careers Newsletter](#). Highlights include a free webinar on careers within the BBC, and some information on post 16 options for the year 11s.

Year 7: Residential PGL Liddington Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd July 2026: If you have not been receiving the Parent Bulletin before now and are interested in signing your child up for the Residential, please contact Julie Simmonds in Finance urgently: finance@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk. The trip letter can be found: [here](#).

Years 7 to 10: Ski trip 2027 – 12th–19th February: I'm launching the 2027 trip nice and early to give families as long as possible to spread the cost. Please see the linked letter for more information. Deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 13th October. The trip letter can be found: [here](#).

Year 11 – Parents of Y11 students completing Non Examined Assessments (NEAs): We will be inviting selected students to attend a catch-up day for the completion of NEA work on Wednesday 22nd October. This process worked very successfully last year, and helped our students not to fall behind with their work, allowing them to achieve better grades in their subjects. IF your child is required to attend, you will receive a letter next week that outlines the details of the catch-up day on the 22nd.

Safeguarding:

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

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

Safeguarding Alert – WhatsApp: The following link is a timely reminder about privacy settings: [Hundreds of children added to 'inappropriate' Whatsapp chat – BBC News](#)

Parents and carers have been advised, to talk to children about the dangers of being added into unknown chats and to "block, delete and report groups of this nature immediately". The default setting in WhatsApp allows anyone to add a number to a group chat without needing permission. This can be disabled through the "who can add me to groups" tab in the privacy settings section.

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- **All years:** Weekly Library Newsletter – [here](#).
- **Year 8:** Science Trip to Oxford – [here](#).