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NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEWSLETTER HAS HAD A FRESH NEW MAKEOVER. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY READING IT.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Our enrichment programme got off to a fantastic start for term 1, with students embracing the wide range of activities and showing excellent enthusiasm.

It has been wonderful to see the students getting involved, trying new experiences, and making the most of opportunities beyond the classroom.

We look forward to continuing our enrichment programme next term, with an exciting range of varied activities to provide even more opportunities to explore new interests, and develop our students skills.

Term 2 brings a range of fresh and engaging activities, including Chess Club, Media Mindfulness and Paper Possibilities.

BAGS2SCHOOL

We're pleased to be holding a Bag2School collection. If you have any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags or soft toys, please consider donating them and helping us raise funds for our Year 11 Prom.
Every bag donated helps make a difference.

Bags should be dropped off before 9:00am on the morning of Monday 9th November. Donations can also be left outside the Hub before this date; however, please let us know in advance so that we can arrange for them to be collected and stored.

For a full list of items that can be donated, please click here.

LOCAL RUGBY TALENT ACHIEVES TOURNAMENT GLORY

Congratulations to our Year 11 students, Finley and Billy, who recently represented the Forest of Dean at a rugby tournament hosted by Cheltenham Tigers.

The Forest of Dean team, made up of students from several secondary schools across the Forest, competed against teams from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud, as well as the Bristol Bears Development Team. The squad delivered an exceptional performance, winning every match they played.

We are incredibly proud of Finley, Billy and all those who represented the Forest of Dean with such commitment, teamwork and determination.

Y11 BAKE SALE

WE RAISED £86.55!!

A huge thank you to all the students and parents who supported our bake sale on 12th October. Your fantastic baking skills and generosity helped raise funds towards the Year 11 Prom.
We really appreciate your support!

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OPEN EVENING

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent School Open Evening. It was fantastic to welcome families into our school, meet you all and have the opportunity to chat, answer questions and share a little more about life at our school.

A special thank you to our wonderful staff for all their hard work, and to all the students who gave up their time to help on the night. Your enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to welcome our visitors made such a difference.

Well done to our Head Boy, Billy, for delivering an exceptional speech. He spoke with confidence and professionalism, and we couldn't be prouder.

It was great to meet so many families and have the chance to chat with you throughout the evening. We hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we enjoyed welcoming you.

Congratulations to our Treasure Hunt competition winners from both Forest View and Blakeney School.
Goodie bags were recently delivered by Mrs Willis, and we hope you enjoyed them. Well done to all of our winners, and thank you to everyone who took part in the competition.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know you can raise money for The Forest High School every time you shop online, at no extra cost to you?

By signing up to Easyfundraising, thousands of retailers will donate a percentage of your purchase to the school whenever you shop through the Easyfundraising website or app.

Whether you're buying groceries, booking holidays, or shopping for gifts, every donation helps support our students and school initiatives.
So far we have raised £666.13!

Join today and start raising free donations for The Forest High School: Click here.

Thank you for your support!

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Y7 TEA PARTY

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Year 7 Tea Party on 7th October.
It was a pleasure to meet you.
A reminder that if you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to discuss how your child is settling in, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Willis, our Head of Year 7, or Mr Stroud, our Year 7 Tutor.

FRUIT AND VEG SCHEME

We're delighted to be making the most of our Tesco Fruit & Veg Grant. Our Year 11 students have been enjoying additional fruit options at Monday Breakfast Club, while our Friday Fruit Fun sessions have encouraged students to try new foods, including a recent Melon Melody tasting where many sampled different varieties of melon for the very first time.
Our fantastic kitchen team have also been incorporating the scheme into their autumn menu, with students enjoying everything from Pumpkin Curry to Pumpkin Tarts. Toasted pumpkin seeds have even become a popular healthy snack!
We're excited to share more updates as the project develops and would love to hear your ideas on how we can make the most of this funding.

Stay tuned for more fruity fun! 🍓🥕🎃

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CALENDAR DATES

10/11/2026	Post 16 Information Evening
16/11-27/11/2026	Y11 Mock Exams
18/11/2026	EAL Tea Party
20/11/2026	Flu Immunisations Y7 - Y11
30/11/2026	Y8 Parents Evening
04/12/2026	Xmas Jumper Day
14/12/2026	Xmas Tombola
14/12/2026	Y11 Parents Evening
01/02/2027	Y7 Parents Evening
22/02-05/03/2027	Y11 Mock Exams
01/03/2027	Y9 Option Evening
04/03/2027	World Book Day
22/03/2027	Easter Tombola
23/03/2027	Prize Giving
24/03/2027	Y10/11 Mock Interviews
26/04/2027	Y10 Parents Evening
14/06/2027	Y9 Parents Evening
21/06 -02/07/27	Y10 Mock Exams
22/06/2027	Leavers Assembly
24/06/2027	Prom
09/07/2027	Sports Day
12-16/07/2027	Y10 Work Experience
12-13/07/2027	Y6 Transition Days
14-15/07/2027	Y5 Transition Days
23/07/2027	Reserve Sports Day

OCTOBER HALF TERM

School will resume for students at the normal time on Tuesday 3rd November.
Please note that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to students.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

We're excited to be supporting the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal once again.

The final collection date for shoebox donations has now been confirmed as Friday 20th November. Over the half term, we encourage families to put aside suitable items and start preparing their shoeboxes. Every donation makes a real difference, helping to bring joy, hope and a smile to a child in need this Christmas.

To find out more about the appeal, click the link: T4U Shoebox Appeal

Flyers can also be found in the school reception.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2026

Date: Thursday 10th December, 3:15pm - 5:30pm

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fayre is back!
There will be lots to enjoy from local craft makers, Christmas gifts and treats, Santas Grotto, refreshments, prizes and much more!

Donations for our Tombolla would also gratefully be received.
These can be handed into our school reception.

STALLHOLDERS WANTED

Would you like to be part of our Christmas Fayre?
Stall spaces are available at just £10.
To book a stall or find out more, please contact Michelle. Email: michelle.white@foresthigh.org.uk

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear SGS Families,

As we reach the end of Term 1, I would like to reflect on what has been an exciting October.

One of the month's highlights was our School Open Evening, where we welcomed prospective students and their families to experience life at Forest High.
Our student ambassadors were fantastic representatives for the school, demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm and pride throughout the evening.

We have also celebrated the successful launch of our Enrichment Programme, with students embracing a wide range of activities that support personal development, creativity and wellbeing. It has been wonderful to see such positive engagement across all year groups.

Another exciting development has been the launch of our Tesco Fruit & Veg Scheme, following the award of funding from Tesco. This initiative is already helping us provide additional healthy food opportunities for students while encouraging positive lifestyle choices.

With a number of vacancies recently filled, we are delighted to be welcoming new members of staff to our Pastoral and Safeguarding Team over the coming months. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school community.

A particular highlight this month was the Year 7 Tea Party, hosted by Mrs Willis, Head of Year 7. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate how well our newest students have settled into school life and to recognise the positive start they have made.

We were also delighted to welcome local Year 6 students into our Science Department, giving them the opportunity to experience some of the exciting learning opportunities available at Forest High and helping them prepare for the next stage of their educational journey.

Our Year 11 students have continued to demonstrate excellent leadership and community spirit. From fundraising activities, including a successful bake sale in support of the Year 11 Prom, to supporting school events, they have been outstanding role models for younger students. We are incredibly proud of the way they continue to represent the school.

As we move towards the festive season, there is much to look forward to. We are especially excited about the return of our Christmas Fayre, organised by our Friends of Forest High team. This marks the first Christmas Fayre at Forest High in seven years, and we look forward to welcoming families, local businesses and members of our community to what promises to be a fantastic event.

Overall, October and Term 1 have been marked by a wide range of opportunities, achievements and positive experiences for our school community.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back for Term 2 on Tuesday 3rd November.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mooney
Headteacher

MUSIC MARK RECOGNITION

We are delighted to share that we have been recognised with the Music Mark of Recognition, celebrating our commitment to providing high quality music education and opportunities for all students.
This recognition highlights our dedication to championing music, promoting inclusive musical experiences, and enriching the cultural life of our school community. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and look forward to continuing to develop a vibrant and inspiring music curriculum for all.