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***Berlin Visit for Post-16
Students***

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

As I write to you at the end of our first half term, I look back over a busy and varied start to our new academic year.

Our new year 9 students have settled in well and are enjoying the challenges a new school brings. A good number of them got involved with our camping trip with a walk back to College from a local camp site. This also allowed students to experience first-hand what opportunities our Cadets and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme have to offer. The week was hugely enjoyable for both staff and students- a great team building exercise.



Emma Reynolds

Year 12 students have also started their courses well and are adapting to a more independent mode of studying and responsibility: all good preparation for the future. Trips have started in earnest with a post 16 group on a cultural tour of Berlin and a Year 12 next steps fair at Bristol University- giving a flavour of opportunities after College.

Weekly open tours of the College have been very popular with many families visiting us during College hours to visit classrooms and see students learning during a normal College morning. Our recent Open Evening was extremely busy as we opened College for lower school (Years 9-11) and post 16. A reminder that our next post 16 options event is on 30th November- a chance to visit, talk to teachers and consider options in sixth form. No need to book- classroom doors open at 3.15pm. Our sixth form team and myself are available for a chat in our Futures block.

Over recent weeks, we have also welcomed parents of year 10 and 11 students for Raising Achievement Evenings. During these events our staff have shared good practice on issues such as revision techniques, homework, specific subject detail and also managing mental and physical health.

Sporting fixtures against local schools are well underway. Just this week our year 9 girls' football team played a superb game against John of Gaunt, winning 9-4 , with a formidable performance from the girls. I look forward to hearing more of the College's sporting ventures.

I hope you have a good half term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at College on Monday 30th October (week two).



Emma Reynolds
Principal



Frome In Bloom Success

By Ms. E. Hurst



This year the College's Grow It, Cook It groups worked hard in the school garden adding new features in preparation for Frome Hidden Gardens, the Open Gardens event and Frome in Bloom competition, which was judged in July.

Year 9 worked tirelessly digging in a new nature pond equipped with various feeding stations and added a new pollinator border to brighten up outside the window of S4. Year 10 supported with their work on the allotment and constructing a hibernaculum next to the pond. The students who supported the Hidden Garden event were a credit to the school, and really enjoyed showing the public their garden.

We decided to enter two categories this year for Frome in Bloom. Year 9 entered the Nature and Wildlife garden category, earning a gold and the trophy. Year 10 entered the Young Gardener 13-18, earning a gold and retaining the trophy!

If you have any gardening equipment you'd like to donate to our 'Grow It, Cook It' please email EHurst@fromecollege.org



Open Evening



On September 27th, we warmly welcomed the wider community to our Open Evening event, with a special invitation extended to prospective students interested in joining our vibrant school community in 2024. The turnout surpassed all expectations, as more than 600 people joined us for the Principal's welcome talk held in the Merlin theatre. The event was a remarkable success, with each department proudly presenting what they can offer prospective students, with engaging displays and enthusiastic staff.

We were thrilled to showcase the wide range of opportunities available to students, highlighting our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience. It was a pleasure to see the community's positive response, reinforcing our dedication to fostering an environment where students can flourish.

Thanks go to our fantastic student guides, our staff members who worked so hard, and to our community for your continued support!

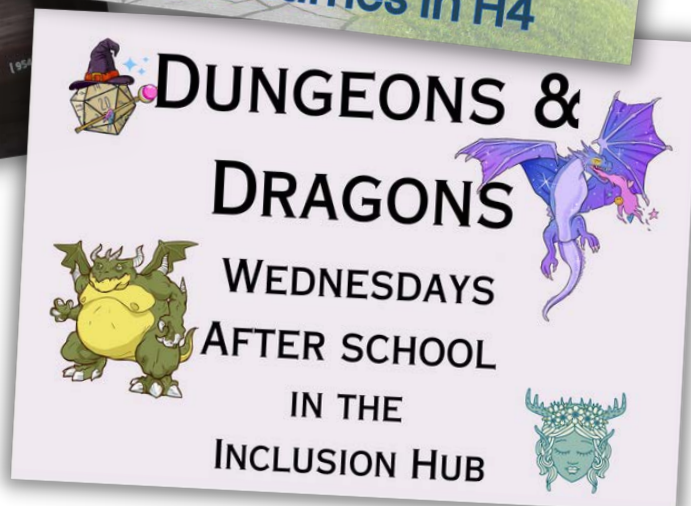
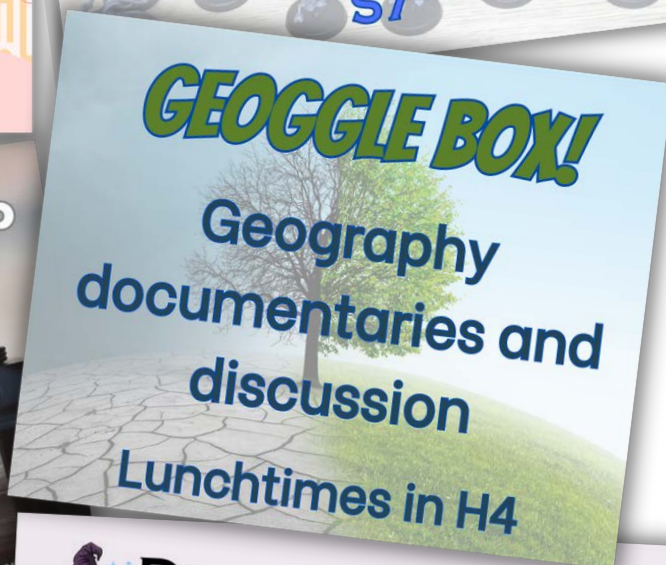
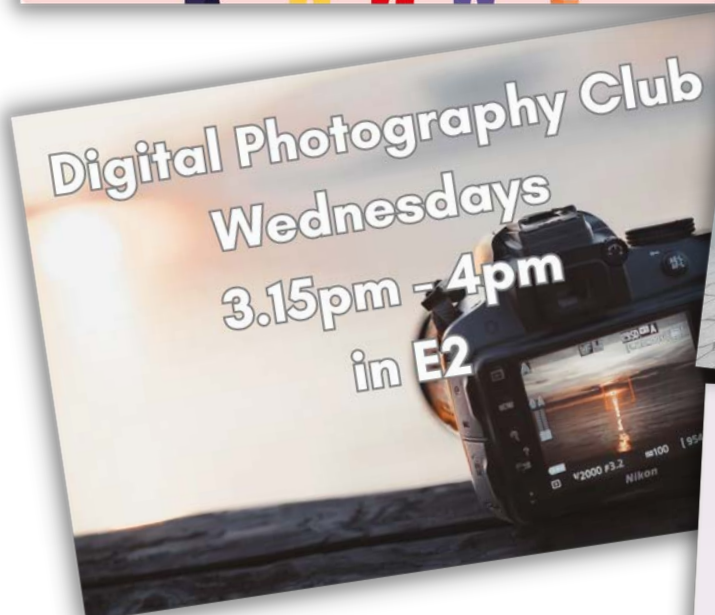
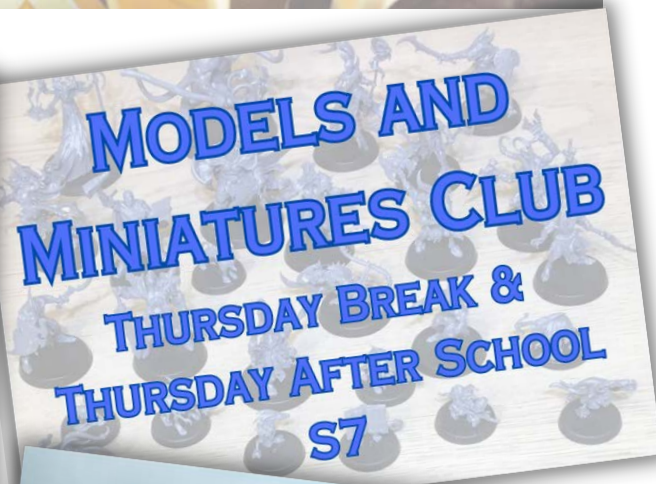


GET INVOLVED! @ FROME COLLEGE

All students are expected to get involved in one enrichment or extra-curricular each term.

- DofE
- Cadets
- Year 9 Camping Trip
- Lunchtime & After School Clubs
- House & Tutor Activities
- Trips & Visits
- External Speakers
- Workshops





This is just a small selection of the extra-curricular opportunities we have on offer. For more, go to our website
www.fromcollege.org/home/student-site/extra-curricular/

P.E. and Sports

By Mrs L. Sypko

#teamfromecollege

The Year 9s have settled in fantastically to PE this term participating in netball and rugby. The Year 10s continue to rotate activities every 3 weeks to enable them to experience different activities, and the Year 11s have an option system in place to maximise participation in an area they are interested in.

After school netball club has seen a huge uptake of Year 9s and they are eagerly awaiting their first competitive match next term versus John of Gaunt. All years are welcome to netball training on a Wednesday 3.15-4.45pm on T Block courts (note if the weather is bad training will move inside). Stand out performer of the term for netball has been Kizzi T.

Boys after school football for Year 9 has also started brilliantly with 30 students attending training so far. Years 10 and 11 have their first round cup fixtures in the last week of term; the Year 9s will have to wait until the second round after the half term break as they have been given a bye.

Badminton club has been getting fantastic numbers each week, with a reminder this is now on Tuesdays after school, 3.15-4.15pm. We have introduced a local Frome Town coach, Ellie Stripple, to run girls football this term and next, thanks to SASP funding. The girls are looking strong at training and have their first fixture the last week of term against John of Gaunt. Spaces are available for training on a Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm.

A brand-new dance club run by Miss Harper is proving busy on a Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm in the Dance Studio.





We have been fortunate to secure funding to increase facilities in the gym and allow post-16 students to qualify to become gym instructors. As a result, the gym is open every day at lunchtime and twice a week after school. Lunchtime sessions are targeted; Monday and Wednesday for boys, Tuesday and Thursday for girls and Friday for either. There is a sign-up sheet outside the PE office to guarantee your space.

Boys Year 9 football continues to run on a Wednesday and boys rugby on a Thursday. Girls rugby will start after Christmas.

Post-16 Sport students have been gaining experience helping in lessons and in extracurricular sport as part of their sports qualification.

We have launched a fantastic breakfast sports club this term, running on Monday and Friday mornings, 7.45am until 8.20am. Students should meet at the Astro changing rooms in their PE kit, take part, then get changed into uniform. Once changed students, are given breakfast and a drink.



Coming soon in PE....Table tennis club after school; an 8-week tennis coaching course afterschool; Interhouse for all year groups in the second week back in netball and rugby. You need to sign up for these during tutor time.

Combined Cadet Force

By Mr Pavli, Ms Bailey & Mr Perry, Cadet Leaders

As the weather has been good, and the wind not too strong, the CCF cadets were able to get out, within the College grounds, to practise archery against ground targets, placed halfway across the field. The targets were laid flat on the ground and the cadets had to 'aim off' to compensate for the slight breeze and distance. Not as easy as it looks!



Who knew mucking in could feel this good?



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Tuesdays 3.15pm A12 Everyone welcome

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- You can gain nationally recognised qualifications
- It is a youth club; you are not joining the RN!

Email for more information : Sbailey@Fromecollege.org



 **Combined Cadet Force**

combinedcadetforce.org.uk



The Frome Community Bike Project visited College to give our cadets a lesson in bike maintenance, changing brake pads, checking tyres and general upkeep.



Year 9 Camp

By Mr Pavli, Outdoor Activities Co-Ordinator



Over the course of a week , 210 students took part in our annual Year 9 camp. Based at Pitch Perfect Camping, pupils had to cook their own evening meal of pasta, sauce, cheese (with optional salad!) using the DoFE Trangia Stoves. They learnt camping skill and the Countryside Code, before spending the night under canvas.

The next day, the students had to navigate their way back to College in small groups, with either their tutor, HOH or another member of staff, along a 13km route.

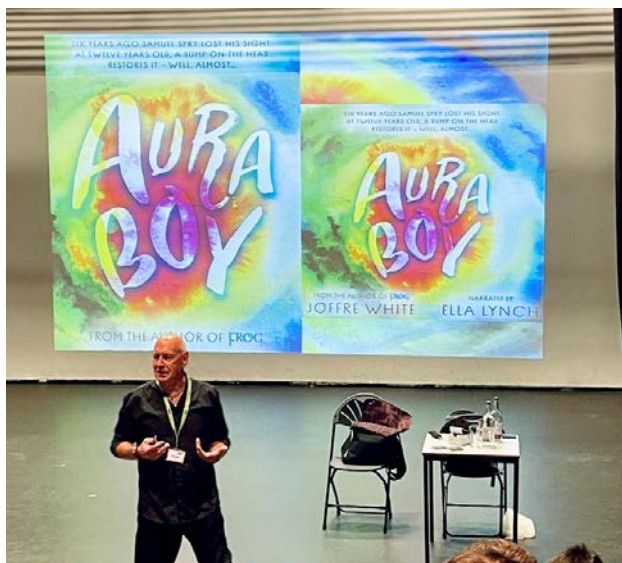
Well done to all students involved, and big thank you to all the staff who gave up their free time to supervise the event.



The Library



What a wonderful start to the new school year! During the summer some of our new Year 9s took part in a murder mystery event. The students had to solve who had murdered Ms Reynolds by following a series of clues. It turns out she was selling the library to make space for a pool and unfortunately for Ms Reynolds, the librarian was most annoyed!



The library also hosted author Joffre White in September. Joffre is the author of the Frog series and came to present his workshop 'Heroes'. He spoke about how his life had taken many twists and turns – and felt that none of it would not have been possible without his love of reading. He claims that 'no one actually dislikes reading – they just haven't found the right book yet'. His love of reading began with The Beano. 'Aura Boy' Joffre White's new book is available to borrow in our library.



at Frome Community College

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal talking session • Up to 30 minutes • Registration, breaktime or lunchtime • Up to 6 sessions available • Parental consent not needed • Come on your own or bring up to 2 friends • To make an appointment, speak to a member of staff or email elloyd@fromcollege.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal counselling sessions • Once a week, for 50 minutes, during lesson time • Up to 10 sessions available • Parent consent needed for Year 9-11 • Referrals made through Mrs White (SEMH Manager) |

Colour



Play



Create

Rest



Talk

Place2Be services are confidential unless you are at risk of harm to yourself, someone else is at risk of harm, or you give permission for information to be shared

Your Place2Be Counsellor and Mental Health Practitioner is:
Ellen Lloyd elloyd@fromecollge.org
Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Inclusion Base



Geography

by Mr J.Haines



Our intrepid year 11 Geographers spent a day on the Dorset coast carrying out an enquiry into the 'effectiveness of the coastal management'. We had a great day on Swanage beach, studying the physical processes, such as longshore drift and coastal erosion. Students collected a range of data that will help them to judge how effective the coastal management (groynes, sea wall, bagions etc) are in Swanage. A great day out was had by all!



AIM Programme

by Dr Ruggiero, AIM Lead

The AIM programme at Frome College is an intervention programme for students who score in the top 5% of the CATS tests or SATS tests. This is a statistical group and forms the basis for our student inclusion in AIM. The programme hosts a series of workshops, talks, field trips, and events aimed at stretching and challenging this group.



Our 6th Form Computing and Business students have spent time in Berlin with a jam-packed itinerary. Once they figured out the U Bahn system, they visited the Computerspiele Museum and the Topography; they saw the Berlin Wall Memorial and explored a section of 'no mans land', before visiting the documentation centre and a section of old East Germany as it was before 1990. Then it was onto the Technik Museum - a museum dedicated to all things technological. The students had the opportunity to tour Berlin, seeing the TV tower, Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Brandenburg Gate, the Parliament, and town square, as well as the Stasi Prison museum and Special Camp 3, where the Stasi imprisoned people for state crimes.

What a fantastic opportunity this was for these young people to widen their horizons and develop their aspirations!





AIM year 9s hosted the University of Bath Futures team. Futures Day was a four-hour workshop on university student life, communication skills and teamwork. Students worked in groups to configure a bridge with specific constraints as well as working on oral and written communication skills.



AIM Events this term

- AIM speakers- Dr. Randle-Phillips on clinical psychology and Chris Pig on surviving as a fine artist.
- Launch of mentoring programme with 25 sixth form students partnering the year 9 AIM students
- Berlin trip – AIM sixth form visiting technical and historical sites in Berlin.
- IWM- Holocaust Archives- Oct 17th- workshop with year 9 to 11 AIM students in London.
- Futures Day- year 9 AIM students working on communication and academic skills.
- Year 13 AIM workshop- revision skills
- Year 13 AIM workshop- writing personal statements.
- Year 12 AIM workshop- making the most of sixth form.



Maths

By Mrs N. Hobbs and the Maths Department

Our A Level Maths Students have had a busy few weeks!

On Wednesday 27th September, four of Frome College's top female A Level Mathematicians, entered the UKMT Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. This is an extremely challenging competition aimed at girls and young women in the UK, designed to promote and celebrate their achievements in mathematics. Maths is often perceived to be a male dominated subject, and the girls conducted themselves exceptionally well (as always)!



On Tuesday 3rd October, some of our talented A Level Mathematicians took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, a competition designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Congratulations to all who took part, we look forward to receiving the results in a few weeks.

Here is a question they had to tackle. How would you fare?

$ABCD$ is a quadrilateral, with vertices labelled in anti-clockwise order, such that:

AB is parallel to DC ,

$AB = AC$, and

angle ADC is equal to angle ACB .

- (a) Draw a diagram to show this information. Your diagram need not be to scale, but you should mark clearly equal lengths and angles.

(2 marks)

- (b) (i) Prove that $AD = BC$ and that AD is parallel to BC .

(ii) What type of quadrilateral is $ABCD$?

(8 marks)



STOP PRESS

Senior Mathematical Challenge

First Round Challenge: a 90 minute, 25 multiple choice questions, aimed at students in year 13 or below. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Stimulating problems for both beginners and experienced problem solvers.

The results are in ...
Congratulations to all that took part including our medal winners!



GOLD

Gareth E (*Best in School*)
Tom K
Tom W



SILVER

Noah W (*Best in year 12*)
Elianne C
Jacob D
Oscar W
Sam R
Kenny S



BRONZE

Lily W
Thomas B
Rachel C
Jess M
MackenzieP
Sam C

In Bethany's class of 30 students, twice as many people played basketball as played football. Twice as many played football as played neither.
Which of the following options could have been the number of people who played both?
A 19
B 14
C 9
D 5
E 0

Our Gold medal winners now qualify for round two!



Maths Heroes



9W
Ellie B.
George W.
Alfie B.
Charli W.

9X
Gideon T.
Noa J.
Emily W.
Leon B.

9Y
Anna S.
Johnny D.
Clay P.
Lily-Mae R.

10W
George L.
Annabel L.
Declan M.
Samuel S.

10X
Isla-Jaye P.
Tom P.
Ben R.
Ellause K.

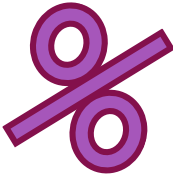
10Y
Jonathan P.
Ebony C.
Carlisle C.
Arthur BW.

11W
Zach W.
Zofia S.
Maggie W.
Jasmine C.
Cory V.

11Y
Ellis B.
Em F.
A.
Samuel N.

12B
Millie S.
12C
Lily W.
12FM
Thomas R.
12CORE
Grace P.

13C
Sam C.
13D
Matthew W.
13FM
Sam R.



Community News

Link to Hope

FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

- Romania
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- Bulgaria

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Collecting in College

Before the **5th November 2023**
www.linktohope.co.uk

Somerset Youth Forum invites all young people in Somerset aged 10-18 years (up to 25 with SEND) to...

CAN YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY FIX THE NHS CRISIS FOR TOMORROW?

Thursday 2nd November 2023 - 5.30-7.00pm
This is an online event taking place over Zoom

What do you think the future of healthcare looks like?
What careers are needed for the future health service?
How do we create a futureproof workforce?

The things that you tell us will go to the Children, Young People and Families Board, where they will go towards shaping policies that impact young people across Somerset.

 If you'd like to sign up for this event, have your say and help shape policies for young people in Somerset visit <https://tinyurl.com/SYFAutumnSession3> or scan the QR code opposite.



If you'd like to contact us or for more information about Youth Forum email us at participationmailbox@somerset.gov.uk
Every participant of the event will receive a letter and gift voucher
Youth Forum sessions can be contribute towards your Duke of Edinburgh Award for volunteering.

YOUTH FORUM

2023 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS

Thursday

26 October 2023

10:00 - 14:30

Monday

18 December 2023

10:00 - 14:00

Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH




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Fundraising for WHY



We Hear You (WHY) is a specialist cancer counselling charity operating across Somerset, BANES and Wiltshire.

WHY has offered free specialist counselling to Frome College students since 2008, improving the lives of hundreds of young people going through tough times. Visit the link below or scan the QR code to support WHY

bit.ly/frome-college-why



YPPG
Youth Patient Participation Group

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The last Wednesday of every month from 4pm - 5pm, upstairs at Frome Medical Practice, Enos Way, Frome, BA11 2FH

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Safeguarding Notices

Attendance

In the case of absence or late arrival please contact us as soon as possible.

Email: FCC.Attendance@fromecollege.org

Telephone 01373 469008(Attendance) or 01373 465353(choose option 1).

Students are not allowed to leave the campus at any time during the day, except by prior arrangement (e.g. medical appointment) or if they are feeling unwell and have been seen by a First Aider.

Your child will need to go to Student Services to sign out. When you come to collect your child, please buzz at the gate in the lower car park (to the right of the Merlin Theatre); Reception staff will ask Student Services to send your child to meet you.

If your child arrives back at College later in the day, they will need to sign in at Student Services.

*For all student-related, concerns
or queries please phone
01373 469037*

New contact details?

If you change your mobile, home or work phone numbers, email address, home address or emergency contacts, please don't forget to let us know!

Contact the Admin Team:

Email: office@fromecollege.org

Telephone: 01373 465353

Write: Admin, Frome College, Bath Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2HQ.

Mobile Phone Policy

Students may bring personal hand-held devices (e.g. phone/tablet) to school with them, but can only use it at break and lunch. Phones must be switched off and not visible during or between lessons.

If students use a device when it is not permitted, it is liable to be confiscated. Students must only access the internet using the College's filtered WiFi. Earphones are not to be visible at any time during the College day.

All such items are brought into College at the student's own risk. We cannot be responsible for any loss/damage.

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