

23rd April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope that you all had a well-deserved rest. Firstly, well done to all students who attended the many revision sessions we held over the Easter break. In total 68% of year 11 came to at least one revision session over the fortnight, we will run a final revision conference in the May half term holiday with more details to follow. We are also delighted to receive the Dyslexia Friendly Award- a national recognition of work to support students with dyslexia. Thank you to all staff, parents and students who spoke to the inspection team on the day. Congratulations also to our Gold Duke of Edinburgh award winners whose hard work and determination has paid off with their final challenge in the Brecon Beacons over the Easter break.

Some key dates for your family diary:

Thursday 1st May- Year 10 Parents' Plus by invitation only

Thursday 8th May- Year 12 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12th May- SEND drop in for families

In our parents' survey last term a number of families asked for more information on what students will study each term. A reminder that all curriculum overviews can be found on our website-www.fromecollege.org/home/curriculum/

Specifically this term:

| Subject | Year 9 | Year 10 |
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| English | Non-Fiction reading: Danger Around the World | Macbeth Power and Conflict Cluster Poetry |
| Maths | Consolidate key concepts | Unit A2- see curriculum page on website |
| Science | Organisation, Particle Model of Matter, Energy or Rates of Reaction | SEP: Ecology, Energy Changes, Forces and Space Double: Ecology and Forces |
| Art | Skills Workshop | Self Set Project |
| Business Studies | N/A | Human Resources |
| Childrens' Play Learning and Development | N/A | Correcting Controlled Assessments Learning Through Play |
| Computer Science | Programming | Network Theory |
| Dance | Set Phrase | Component 2 |
| Drama | Horror Theatre | Devising Coursework |
| DT | Jewellery, Mini Light Project | Dragon's Den Challenge |



| 3D Design | N/A | Architecture |
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| Food Technology | Food Choices | Food Choices |
| French | Talking about likes and dislikes | Customs and Festivals |
| Geography | Asia | Physical Landscapes |
| German | Free time activities | N/A |
| Health and Social Care | Checking Controlled Assessments Health and Social Care Services and Values | Checking Controlled Assessments Health and Wellbeing |
| History | WWII and the Holocaust | The Elizabethans |
| Media Studies | Radio and websites | Music Videos and prep for mock exams |
| Music | Electronic Dance Music | (Music) Set work and composition (Tech) Multitrack Recording |
| PE | Musculoskeletal System | Sports Psychology |
| Core PE | Athletics | Athletics |
| Photography | Animation | Self Set Project |
| PSHE | Rights and Responsibilities | British Values and LGBT+ |
| Religion and Philosophy | Islam | Crime and Punishment |
| Sociology | Families and Research | Research and Stratification |
| Spanish | Talking about likes and dislikes | Customs and Festivals |
| Sport | Barriers to Participation | Technology in Sport |
| Textiles | N/A | Movies Project |

Year 9 Mock Exams

This week Year 9 will sit mock exams under exam conditions for English, Maths and Science. Other subjects will be tested in classroom based exams later this term. The detailed exam schedule can be found on Frog:

Wednesday 23rd morning English Paper 1, afternoon Science Paper 1

Thursday 24th morning Maths, afternoon Science Paper 2

Friday 25th morning Science Paper 3, afternoon English Paper 2

Exams start promptly at 9.15am and 1pm. Year 9 must attend tutor at 8.40 am before their morning exam

Year 11

Please note that all students will continue to attend all lessons for this term. Where a subject has already completed the exam, the time will be spent on revision for upcoming examinations. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all students in Year 11.

Year 10 Parents' Plus Meetings

Meetings will take place next week on an invitation basis only for invited students who will benefit from extra support and mentoring in their studies; please check email for invitations.

Mobile free Wednesdays

We will continue to hold mobile free Wednesdays (tomorrow is Wednesday!), giving students the opportunity to chat and step away from social media for a day. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

Vaccinations for Year 9 students

Somerset SAINTS will be on College site from Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th April for vaccinations protecting against Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP) for all children in school year 9. Please see the letter attached.

Parents of year 9 students will have received this letters via email; in case of any queries please contact Jemma Keegan, First Aid Officer ikeegan@fromecollege.org.uk

Uniform

Just a reminder that we will check the uniform of all students on the first day back. If your child does not attend College in expected uniform you will be called to bring in the correct items and your child will be placed in a Study Room until you arrive. Uniform can be purchased from Cosmic Monkey in Frome and pre-loved items can be purchased online from Uniformd. There is a link to their site on our website.

Please note that Year 11s are expected to also wear full uniform until the end of the exam period.

PSHE

Assemblies in Year 10 this week will focus on welcoming students back to College and setting the focus for the term ahead. Year 11 will focus on the run up to exams. Year 9 will not have assemblies this week due to their exams. Year 12 and 13 will also not have assemblies due to the assembly slot falling on the INSET day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Reynolds

Principal