

28th April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Year 11 External Exams

Good luck to Year 11 who have started their exams. A reminder that all year 11 students must attend all lessons and, if exams have already been taken in that subject, the time should be used wisely for revision. Revision materials can all be found on FROG.

Year 10 Parents' Plus Meetings

Meetings will take place on Thursday 1st May for invited students who will benefit from extra support and mentoring in their studies. Students should accompany their parents to the meetings which are held in Futures, the sixth form block.

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 students in 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 jkeegan@fromecollege.org.uk

PSHE

Assemblies in Years 9-11 will focus on VE (Victory in Europe Day) and will be lead by Ms. Hawkey our Curriculum Leader for History. Year 12 assembly will focus on opportunities for gap year travel. On Wednesday members of the Student Council will meet with Mrs Reynolds to feedback the latest meeting minutes and plan for the term ahead.

Uniform Update

Thank you to all parents for their support with uniform. We had a strong start to term with only a small number of unresolved issues. We will continue our focus on uniform this week and will continue to place students in the Study Room whilst we contact you to resolve any missing items that we have not been notified about.

Year 12 Parents Evening - Thursday 8th May. 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Email invites, with details on how to book a parents evening meeting with the students' teachers, will be emailed out on Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you during this important evening.

Library News

We are very happy to announce that we are welcoming the Carnegie nominated and Waterstones winning author Nathaneal Lessore to Frome College. Students from year 9 have been selected and invited to attend a 'Meet the Author' event in The Merlin Theatre on the 8th of May during period 1.

The award winning book 'King of Nothing' is described by Book Trust having '*themes of exploring emotions, the subtlety of friendship, class, identity, complex relationships with family, falling in love, grief and negotiating teenage years and what it is to be a boy, be a man. It's so funny, and so deep. If there was ever*

a book to get teenage boys (and girls actually) reading, and loving reading, it's this one. It's fall down on the floor funny and the dialogue is pitch perfect. '

If your child is in year 9 and they would like to attend but they have not received an invite, please email: NOwsley@fromecollege.org.uk

Parents can purchase a book for their child through Parent Pay but this is not compulsory.

This is an exciting event for our students and we feel very privileged to be able to welcome Nathaneal.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday, and we expect students back in College for a prompt start at 08:45 a.m. on Tuesday 6th May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ER' with a flourish.

Emma Reynolds

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Protecting against Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP)
for all children in school year 9**

Decision form: <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/DTP>.

Unique school code (Frome College): **SM123862**

In line with NHS recommendations, your child is currently in the year group eligible for the Men ACWY and DTP vaccinations so we will shortly be visiting their school to administer these. We are writing to provide some information and ask for your decision regarding this offer.

The Men ACWY vaccine (Nimenrix® or Menveo®) helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early.

DTP, (also known as the teenage booster), protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio diseases in one vaccination (Revaxis®). These can also all be very serious diseases. Children who had all their childhood immunisations will have received previous doses, but this is the final dose to complete the course. If your child has had a DTP vaccination in the last five years, please state this on the form as they may not require another dose. (In most cases, if your child received an additional dose this would have been given either as a travel vaccine or at your GP or A&E department following an injury).

Please do advise us of your decision, whether this is a 'yes' or 'no' to vaccination to ensure your child's records remain up to date. Please let us know your decision by completing the form at the link and using the unique school code at the top of this letter. **Please complete this as soon as possible as the link will close at midday on the working day before the team attend school.**

The form can only be completed by someone with legal parental responsibility. If you have any queries about whether you hold legal parental responsibility and are therefore able to complete this, please contact us by email at SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk.

If we do not receive a completed decision form from someone with legal parental responsibility, a young person may be individually assessed on the day and if they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccination and wish to, be able to self-consent. This is in-line with [Gillick competency and consent to treatment requirements](#).

If you would like more information about any of the diseases or the vaccines offered, please follow the links below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/menacwy-vaccine/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/td-ipv-vaccine-3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk or 0300 323 0032.

Yours sincerely

Somerset SAINT