

20th September, 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

Thank you to all parents and students who attended our first open event of the academic year last week. We do hope that you found it helpful both in terms of setting out priorities for the year but also to help parents with the use of FROG. We managed to clear up some issues about FROG access on the night and logged all the points parents made, so thank you- your feedback helps us improve our service to your family.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening:

A quick reminder that this coming Thursday we hold our first Raising Achievement Evening event of the year. We begin at **6pm in the Futures study room** with a short outline of what to expect in year 11 and how you can help your child. We then have a variety of workshops:

Peter Jones	Raising Achievement in Science
Julia Cole	Raising Achievement in Math's
Aron Schneider	Raising Achievement in English
Sarah Christie	Managing your mental health through year 11
Charlotte Gale	Next Steps – Routes into FE and careers
Richard Hood	Frome College Sixth Form
Kirsten Windsor	Student Support
Dana Ruggiero	How to gain grades 7-9
Andrew Davies	Revision Techniques and Retrieval Practice

Full details will be emailed out this week.

In past years parents have found these events very useful so I do encourage you and your child to attend.

Year 10 Work Experience Reminder:

Well done to all those Year 10 students who have already organised their work experience.

Work experience week takes place on the 23rd-27th January 2023 and placements need to be found by the 30th October in order that we can finalise the necessary paperwork. Please could you help to remind your child that this is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the world of work and is a great experience that can be included on their future CVs.

Should students need any help, they can visit the Next Steps Hub or email nextsteps@fromecollege.org.



Vaping:



We have noticed over the past year an increase in young people vaping; this week we will have a focus in assemblies and tutor times on the dangers and illegality of underage buying and using

vapes. Working with our local police force, it is important for parents in the community to recognise that buying and using vapes is illegal for those under the age of 18.

In addition to the purchase and use of vapes being illegal for those underage, the medical impact of vaping is now starting to be understood; we will use tutor time this week to outline what the medical concerns are. Parents may wish to view:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/vaping.aspx>

Mobile phones:

Mobile phones are currently permitted in College, however they are not to be seen or heard in lessons. Should a student disregard this rule and the phone is confiscated it will, in the first instance, be returned at the end of the College day. However, should any students choose to continue to disregard this rule then the phone will be confiscated until 3pm on Friday.

We have this rule to strike a balance between the use of a mobile phone and using technology appropriately and as I am sure you will agree, students need to focus on lessons and learning in College classrooms rather than on mobile phone screens.

All students have been reminded of this rule; thank you for your support over this matter.

Finally, a reminder that a week on Friday, 30th September, we hold an INSET (in service training day) which means students do not attend college on that day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ER", enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Emma Reynolds
Principal

