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2022/23



# Frome College

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## Matters



*'School of Rock'  
Rocked The Merlin*

***Fantastic Frome Busks!***

**'I CAN AND I AM' BUS VISITS**

**Talking Careers With The Community**

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# PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

March 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

This last half term has been an exceptionally busy academic term at college. Alongside mocks and final preparations for the exam season, we have successfully celebrated numerous extra-curricular activities including our first post Covid musical, School of Rock, which was absolutely superb.

A busy Saturday in March saw many College and Selwood students busking around Frome town. We were all very proud of the quality of music talent and commitment on the day and thank everyone in the community for their generous donations to our Music department.

A reminder that College offers the widest range of opportunities for both musical education and extra-curricular events in the area.

We must also give our thanks to the charity 'I Can and I Am' whose bus was with us for a full fortnight this term providing hundreds of our students the opportunity for mentoring. We hope very much that we can welcome them back in 2024!

Finally BTEC, GCSE and A Level exams will be shortly upon us and I encourage students to use the Easter holidays to catch up with work and revise as well as to take a well-earned rest to recharge. Revision session timetables have been sent out with my Monday letter and can also be found here:

[Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions 2023.pdf](#)

[Year 13 Easter revision sessions letter from Mr Hood.pdf](#)

Please note there may be slight changes to the plans and teachers will let students know these individually through email and/or FROG.

I would like to congratulate all students who have completed their mocks and their finals so far-staff have been very proud of their exam year groups to date.

I wish you and your family a restful and happy Easter break and look forward to our first day back of term 5, Tuesday 18th April (week 2).



*Emma Reynolds*

Emma Reynolds  
Principal

# 'School of Rock'

*Photography by Chris Bailey Photography*



**"Beau is Frome's very own Harry Styles!"**



**"A very professional company"**



**"Loved the sheer enthusiasm of the cast."**



At the end of last term, Frome Drama and Music Departments, along with help from The Merlin, Tri Arts and Helen Ostafew-Temmink put on what was called by one reviewer their "best production yet"! Three sell-out performances and three standing ovations only serve to back up the appraisal.

Well done to everyone involved!



# 'I Can & I Am'

## Bus Visits



For two fantastic weeks, the charity 'I Can & I Am' moved in to College with their fabulous double decker bus. The team worked with pupils and staff to provide valuable tools to help improve self-esteem and maintain good mental health. Presentations from the 'I Can & I Am' team were combined with pizza making and wellbeing workshops on the bus. Charity founder, James Shone, spoke to our young people about his charity's mission to inspire confidence in every individual to enable them to know who they are and what they are able to do, rather than focusing on what they can't.

You can find out more about 'I Can & I Am' on their website [icanandiam.com](https://icanandiam.com)



# Career Talks



This term we welcomed members of our wider community in to the College to talk to our students about their career path and roles. Over 30 different companies and business people spoke to nearly a 1000 students, opening their eyes and minds to the opportunities available to them. With everything from careers in space, to hairdressing, caring, gardening, accounting, and the dairy industry - this was our most comprehensive and inspirational careers morning to date. We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help us. We really appreciated it.



PCSO Gary Maule



Kate - Actor & Musician



Alistair from 'Trug and Lettuce'



Tamsin from Vallis Farm



# Frome Busks

*Photos by Craig Morris Photography*



Did you get the chance to enjoy our students' superb musical talent during Frome Busks? The town had a real buzz as over 40 students played, sang and performed in numerous venues dotted around Frome. The event, organised in conjunction with Frome Town Council, raised a whopping £568 for our music dept.

Thank you to all students, staff and families - and all who came to listen and those who donated - who made this event even more successful than last year! Thanks also must go to Selwood Academy students and staff for their brilliant contribution.



# Library News



@fromecollegelibrary

We are saying a sad goodbye to Ms Casey – our much-loved librarian this term. The library will miss her but we wish her every success in her exciting new role.

The library has welcomed Mrs Owsley. 'I am so happy to be part of this wonderful community. I love encouraging others to read and of course, I really love books. I'm a historian in my spare time and specialise in women's history. Wherever there is a story to tell, you can guarantee there is a feisty woman at its centre. I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone'.

## eWheelers Platform: Audio & eBooks



As well as having thousands of print books to choose from, all students and teachers have access to a HUGE database of eBooks and Audio books. You can access these on your laptop, your phone and your tablet.

1. Simply download the ePlatform app on your phones or tablet.
2. To use your laptop – head to the digital library on your frog homepage.
3. Use your school email and password.
4. Start browsing and start borrowing.



# Maths Challenge



Friday 17th March saw the second round of the UKMT Maths Challenge.

Frome College had 5 students qualify to take place in this round, alongside over 1,500 other students from around the country.

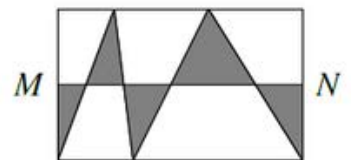
Sebastian G. Year 9  
 Harvey S. Year 10  
 Harry E. Year 11  
 John V. Year 11  
 Tamlin H. Year 11

We await, with excitement, their results which will come through after Easter, although to qualify is an amazing achievement alone.

The students were challenged by questions including these:-

Points  $M$  and  $N$  are the midpoints of two sides of the rectangle, shown in the diagram. What fraction of the rectangle's area is shaded?

- A  $\frac{1}{6}$       B  $\frac{1}{5}$       C  $\frac{1}{4}$       D  $\frac{1}{3}$       E  $\frac{1}{2}$



A group of students took a test which consisted of 3 questions. We know that 90 % answered the first question correctly, 80 % answered the second question correctly and 70 % answered the third question correctly. What is the smallest possible percentage of students who answered all three questions correctly?

- A 30 %      B 35 %      C 40 %      D 50 %      E 70 %

# Community News

Frome College RN Cadets turned out last November in the town, to collect donations for the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion. The day was very cold and extremely wet but the Cadets showed their stoicism and raised nearly £350 from that day and in college the following week.

For their endeavours, the Royal Navy Association awarded the Frome RN Cadets a trophy for Outstanding Service to the Frome Poppy Appeal for 2022.

The Trophy was presented to Lt Sue Bailey, Frome College's Contingent Commander on behalf of the cadet force by Chief Wren Mo Wood, together with Frome's Mayor, Sara Butler, Frome RBL Chair, Richard Aspray and Richard Fry who organises the RBL's Poppy Appeal in the area.

Well done Frome Cadets for this excellent achievement and for supporting the local Poppy appeal.






Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

Emotional health



**is your child 5-19 and are you**  
looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

**07480 635 515**



Improving LIVES

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

**Help improve health and wellbeing for young people in Frome!**

**YOUTH PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**







**last Wednesday of the month 4pm - 5pm**  
at the practice or online  
scan the code for more details



**LEAP!**

LEAP INTO YOUR DAY IN A POSITIVE WAY  
BY DOING SOME SPORT & EATING A HEALTHY BREAKFAST!

- It's free & breakfast is included
- For years 9 and 10
- Monday / Wednesday / Friday 7.30am to 8.30am
- Arrive in school PE kit with school uniform to get changed into afterwards
- Meet in canteen hall

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**why...**  
we hear you  
**Cancer**  
Counselling  
Registered Charity No. 1194051

## Fundraising for WHY

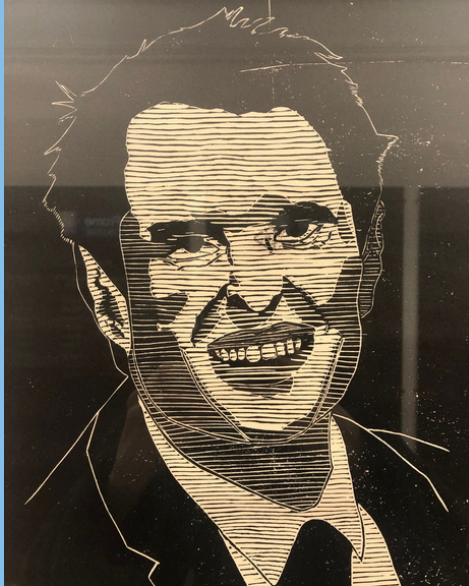
We Hear You (WHY) is a specialist cancer counselling charity operating across Somerset, BANES and Wiltshire.

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](https://bit.ly/frome-college-why)



# Welcome to The Gallery



Stella R, Yr 10.  
Lino cut design  
of Mr Dickens



Raya S, Yr 9. Large scale acrylic  
painting of Mr Forrest

## **‘Interhouse Portrait Artist of the Year’ competition**

Students from each Pastoral House were secretly selected to produce an image in the likeness of their HOH. The amazing students created this work in their own time, keeping this a secret from the Head of House



Tilda C ,Yr 11. Acrylic painting of Mr Jones



Caiden P Yr 10.  
Mixed media painting of Mrs March





Year 9 student Amelie G. is the District Level Intermediate Winner, with her fantastic photograph taken in Bath.

As part of a national Rotary event, Frome Rotary held a Young Photographer Competition. We are very proud that two of our students had their photographs chosen as winners.

The students are pictured receiving their certificates and WHSmith vouchers from Rotarians Richard Lines and Margaret Gilmour. Principal, Emma Reynolds, congratulated Amelie and Zuben on their achievements.



Year 12, Zuben M. 's, atmospheric night photograph of Burnham-on-Sea beach made him a worthy District Level Senior Winner.

# Safeguarding Notices

## Attendance

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

**Email: [FCC.Attendance@fromecollege.org](mailto:FCC.Attendance@fromecollege.org)**

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

### **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](mailto:office@fromecollege.org)

Telephone: 01373 465353

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

**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*

### **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.***





***We use Schoolcomms as our main communication tool to email parents/carers information and our weekly Principal's letter.***

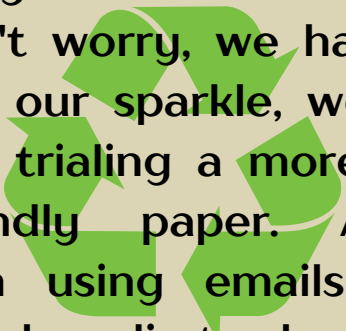
***If you have changed your email address or would like to add one to our system, please contact [office@fromecollege.org](mailto:office@fromecollege.org)***



## GOT NEWS?

If you have anything you would like included in any of our news areas, or would like more information about the advertising opportunities on offer, please contact:  
Jennie Owen, Marketing and Communications Officer  
01373 469012  
[JOwen@fromecollege.org](mailto:JOwen@fromecollege.org)

Have you noticed that our newsletter is less shiny than it used to be? Don't worry, we haven't lost our sparkle, we are just trialing a more eco friendly paper. Along with using emails and social media to share our messages, we are trying to reduce our reliance on paper documents.



### ***ParentPay***

***You can make payments via ParentPay, which ensures transactions are quick, safe and secure.***

***To activate your ParentPay account, please go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Copies of your login details can be obtained from the College Finance Team by contacting:***

***Email- [FCC.Finance@fromecollege.org](mailto:FCC.Finance@fromecollege.org)***

***Telephone- 01373 469006***



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