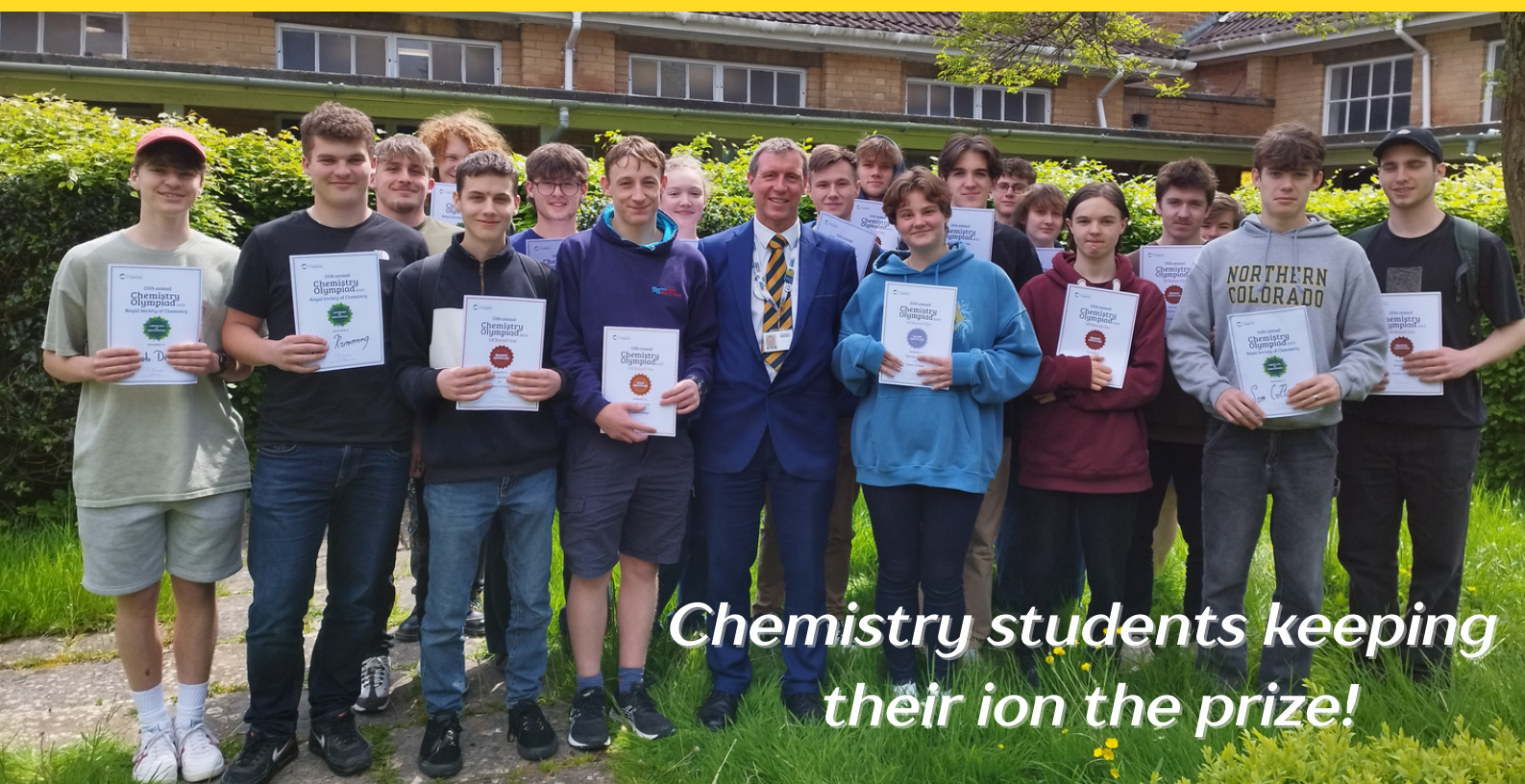


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PRINCIPAL'S FOREWARD

This week's lovely weather was very much welcomed as we held our Spring Sports Day on Tuesday. Traditionally this event has been held in the summer term, June or July, but the high temperatures last year made me rethink the calendar for 2023 and move the occasion to May. The weather was perfect for a really enjoyable afternoon with the highest numbers of students ever participating in a wide range of sports- from the 100 metre race to Zumbathon to Tug of War. Competition as ever, was fierce between Houses with Mars in winning place, Jupiter second followed by Saturn and then Neptune House. We will award final cups in the summer whole college assembly and look forward to even more points won before then.

Numerous College records were easily broken by our current students with Dec M. (Shot Putt), Meta J.(200 metres) and Thea M.-D. (100 metres) in Year 9 taking new records.

In Year 10, Kieran S. (Shot Putt), Matt W. (Long Jump), Leonard S.(Triple Jump), Josh C. (200 metres), Aelfric B. (300 metres) and John M. (800 metres) all smashing previous College records.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to Spring Sports Day 2024! Thank you also to everyone who helped make this event so successful, PE staff and students alike.

Congratulations also to our Year 12 and 13 Chemistry students who recently participated in the Chemistry Olympiad gaining 9 bronze, 1 silver and 1 gold awards. Dr Smith and the Science team were extremely proud of both their results and students' approach to the challenge.

Our new library manager, Mrs Owsley, has launched the Road to Reading challenge, whereby students are challenged to read for 30 minutes each week for 10 weeks. As a reward, they will join a celebratory tea in the library. We have a well-stocked library and students can also access audio books – this is a good opportunity for some holiday reading.

For the first time this term, we hosted a very popular visit from Guide Dogs UK, who brought a number of dogs into College for students (and staff!) to interact with and unwind, especially before the exams commence. We will undoubtedly invite them in again – staff and students alike found this immensely therapeutic.

Finally, our GCSE, A Level and BTEC exams are well underway now and we are all very proud to see our students rising to the challenges that external exams bring. We wish all of our students the very best of luck over the exam season.

I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.



Emma Reynolds

Emma Reynolds
Principal



Fri 16th June

**SPLASH OF
PURPLE DAY**

**WEAR SOMETHING PURPLE TO WORK OR SCHOOL ON 16TH JUNE TO
SUPPORT WE HEAR YOU, YOUR LOCAL CANCER COUNSELLING CHARITY.**

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This will be non-uniform day. Students are asked to bring a £1 donation to WHY. Alternatively, scan the QR code and donate online with your child's first name and tutor group in the message. Thank you



55th International Chemistry Olympiad



A-level chemistry students from both Y12 and Y13 took part in the first round of the UK competition in February. The results have been released and certificates were awarded to all students who took part and completed the paper. 20 students took part and received 9 bronze awards, 1 silver and 1 gold, which was a fantastic achievement. Dr Smith said 'the students showed great endeavour and resilience to complete the test paper which contained questions of undergraduate difficulty, whilst being based on the A level chemistry our students have been studying. As a department we considered it important to revitalise our Chemistry Olympiad participation, which we hadn't entered for a few years, and it was fantastic to see our students really engage with the challenge and show themselves to be equal to other students across the country. We hope to enter the 56th Olympiad when it opens for applications in October'. Congratulations to Gareth and Melissa who gained gold and silver awards respectively. Well done to all the students who took part.



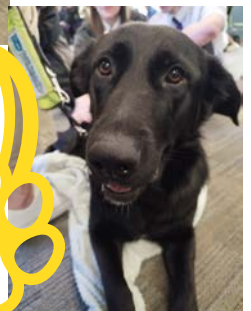
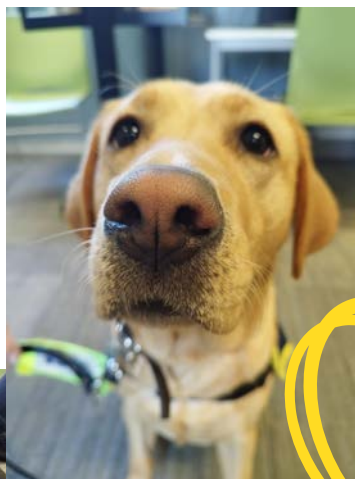
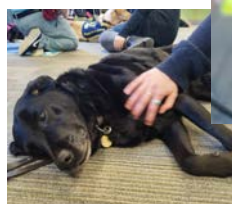
'Puppy party' relieves exam stress



Over 280 students have participated in a 'Puppy Party' in aid of Guide Dogs UK. Hosted by the students from the talented and gifted programme, students were able to come and interact with twelve guide dogs (either in training or retired) as an exam de-stress day. This event was coordinated by Anna Rose B., a year 12 TAG student, and eight volunteers from the year 9 and 10 TAG programme, helped to run it.

Gemma Spencer, Community Fundraising Relationship Manager for Guide Dog UK, said of the event "Thanks so much for having us in, all the volunteers enjoyed themselves, plus the dogs! We had some lovely feedback that the students are a credit to the College. They were very respectful of the dogs and pups, and were very interested in hearing our stories. £116.85 was raised which was brilliant!".

Thank you to everyone who helped to contribute to the success of this 'paw-fect' event.



Talented and Gifted

The TAG 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 base for our student inclusion in TAG. There are, however, students that for one reason or another do not test into TAG and those students can apply by getting two or more teacher recommendations that state they are working above age/grade level within specific subjects. Students that get these nominations are also put on the TAG register. The programme hosts a series of workshops, talks, field trips, and events aimed at stretching and challenging this group.



21 of our year 9 and 10 TAG students have graduated the Scholars Programme run by 'The Brilliant Club'. Each of these students wrote a 2000-word essay on contemporary poetry, after 7 tutorials with a PhD researcher. They had a workshop at Bristol University, a tour of the campus facilities and a graduation ceremony where Iris B. and Bas G. represented Frome College and gave speeches about their experiences.

Dyson engineer Sophie Adams came to College to work with a group of our year 9 & 10 students on creating the future of clean air technology. After a brief talk on current solutions to air pollution, students worked in groups of four to create their own versions of new technology that could help to create clean air. Solutions ranged from mini windmills that compress pollutants into building blocks to street lamps that purify smog and flame throwers that do not emit carbon dioxide for agricultural use. Thank you to the James Dyson Foundation for an amazing workshop!



Lysander Law's Claire Levene gave a talk to 112 of our year 9 and year 10 students on career paths in law. Students learned the difference between solicitors and barristers along with the entry paths into both careers. Ms. Levene's speciality is clinical negligence and she spoke of cases she has personally worked on to help the students get an in depth picture of one speciality they could pursue. Our grateful thanks to Ms. Levene for taking time out of her busy schedule to speak to our young people.

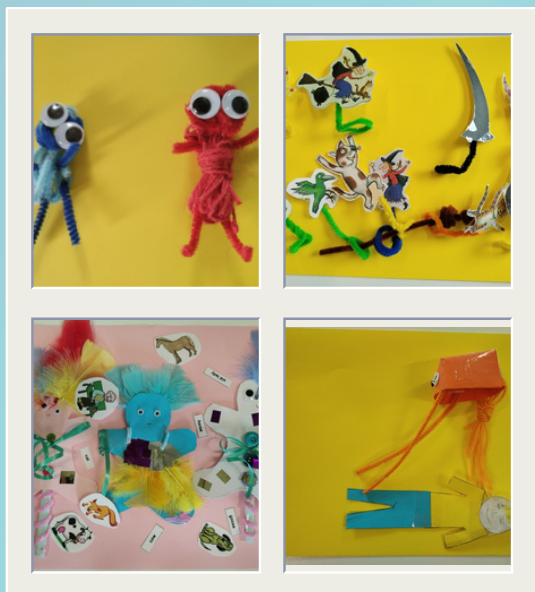


Two teams of year 9 students competed in the Southwest Regional competition for the Underwater STEMhub Challenge at the National Composite Center in Bristol. Teams had to create, program, and design an underwater ROV to detect and collect plastic from the sea. Over the course of the day teams from schools around the Southwest participated in challenges and activities ending with a presentation in front of three judges. Team Mediocrity came in 3rd in the region. Congratulations to all of the teams that took part.



The Frome College team Downpipe Downpipe Doo was one of the 24 finalists in the national Raspberry Pi competition. The team consisted of Jack, Ted, Oren, Jacob, Eric and Thomas who worked for three months creating an invention to transform energy consumption. Their invention was a water wheel that fit in a gutter pipe that could be daisy chained so that water flowing over the water wheel would generate electricity to run small systems such as lights or phone chargers. They were one of 24 teams out of 200 that entered the competition to reach the national final. Congratulations year 9 TAG team of Downpipe Downpipe Doo.

Window on Learning



The Year 9 **Child Play, Learning & Development** students chose between 3 children's stories, 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse', 'Room on the Broom', and 'The Gingerbread Man' and then created a resource that could help to promote development in children aged 2 – 3 years old. Not only this, they also planned their lessons and were able to explain the reason for their choices.

These resources will be delivered to the nursery on site for the children to play with.

The **Science Club** restarted with a bang this Thursday with an explosions special. Students took part in lots of exothermic reactions, including favourites 'The Screaming Jelly Baby', and 'Methane Bubbles'. Science club is every Thursday lunchtime in S3. Next week Miss Warren will be doing matchstick rockets. Open to years 9-11.



Year 9 **Food Tech** students have been exploring traditional foods. Alongside this they have been exploring new skills such as marinating and making two dishes. In theory lessons they have explored different cuisines; staple foods from around the world; and modern farming, including organic methods. Meanwhile, Year 10 have been starting to prepare for their NEAs worth 50% of their final grade. They have made pasta and pasta sauce of their choice, and needed to either fill, colour, or flavour their pasta. They have also been investigating how to cook the best chip! In theory lessons they have revisited vitamins and minerals and explored why some foods are fortified.

Library News



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We are proud to support the Reading Agency this year in their Road to Reading challenge. We are challenging all our students to read for 30 minutes each week for 10 weeks. After 10 weeks, these students will be invited to a celebratory Afternoon Tea in the library at the end of term.

It's not too late to start! To register yourself or your student, please email fcclibrary@fromecollege.org and we'll do the rest. You can also post a picture of the book you are reading on Instagram and use the hashtag #roadtoreading to join in

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is well known to improve our memory, cognitive function, concentration, literacy and relaxation. Reading for pleasure should also be fun. Remember that it doesn't always have to challenge you or be the current best seller.



Reading for pleasure includes; audio books, graphic novels, comics, newspapers (even online) scripts, recipe books, song lyrics and joke books.... The important thing to do is to find something that you love – that way you'll always find the time. It will improve your confidence and who knows where that will lead?!

Teacher Reads

We recently asked our teachers to tell us about books they have enjoyed or inspired them. Here are just a few....

We particularly liked Mr Lavington's recommendation of 'She and Her Cat' by Makoto Shinkai and Naruki Nagakawa. He loves it because 'its wholesome and nothing bad happens. It also improves our cultural awareness in a gentle way'. Do you have a recommended read you would like featured? We would love to hear about it.



MATHS HEROES



9W

9W1 Evie P.
9W2 Poppy P.
9W3 Jack M.
9W4 Jackson M.

9X

9X1 Tabby L.
9X2 Ziya H.
9X3 Thomas P.
9X4 Jack G.

9Y

9Y1 Cyprian M.
9Y2 Aisha C.
9Y3 Elliot W.
9Y4 Poppy W.
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10W

10W1 Caiden P.
10W2 Lilia T.
10W3 Maggie W.
10W4 Ava M.
10W5 Cory V.

10X

10X1 Harry W.
10X2 Reuben P.
10X3 Owain D.
10X4 Beatrix R.
10X5 Hugo W.

10Y

10Y1 Ryan D.
10Y2 Jack T.
10Y3 Marcel W.
10Y4 Charlotte P.

11W

11W1 Tom R.
11W2 Hayden P.
11W3 Callum D.
11W4 Mackenzie S.

11X

11X1 John V.
11X2 Kaden H.
11X3 Sara G.
11X4 Hannah W.

11Y

11Y1 Eleri P.
11Y2 Lewis O.
11Y3 Valentin P.
11Y4 Elizabeth K.



Year 12

12C Freddie B.
12D Tom K.
12FM Kenny S.
12Core Ro B.

Year 13

13A Tom W.
13D Jen O'N.
13Fm Alisha F.

Community News



Somerset Youth Forum – a group of young people who meet to influence local policy and services – are looking for young people with ideas and enthusiasm aged between 11 and 18 years to join them.

The Forum provides a great platform for young people to be heard, and to challenge and influence change by working alongside Somerset Council, the Police and Public Health to improve the services and support they, and others, receive. The group meets termly (and occasionally in the holidays) on Zoom after the school and college day finishes to discuss issues such as mental health, education, equality, climate, safety and transport.


Interested? Go to somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/somerset-young-peoples-voice/

A poster for 'Fundraising for WHY'. On the left is a photo of a smiling young woman with blonde hair wearing a striped shirt. To her right is a blue background with white text. At the top are logos for 'Frome COLLEGE' and 'why... Cancer Counselling'. The text reads: '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', and the URL 'bit.ly/frome-college-why'. At the bottom right is a QR code.




We have a mountain of lost property including coats, bags, water bottles, shoes, reading glasses - the list goes on! Where items are named, we do our best to reunite them with their owners. However, that still leaves a huge amount that remains unclaimed. Please label your children's items where you can, but also encourage them to go to Student Services to look for any lost possessions.

If you would like Student Services to look out for an item, please email a full description to FCCStudentServices@FromeCollege.org and the staff there will do their best to find it.



Place2Talk Counselling at Frome Community College



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Available on Tuesday and Wednesday, breaktime and lunchtime
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**Are you aged between 15 - 18, interested in
STEM, healthcare, technology, art & design or
want to help out? Then we need you!**

**The Youth Patient Participation Group is run
by young people and made for young people
like you. It is the perfect opportunity to have
your say on topics of interest to you and to
help pave the way to improving healthcare
for all young people in Frome.**

**The group is open to everyone and would
look great on your CV or personal statement.**

Also, refreshments are provided!

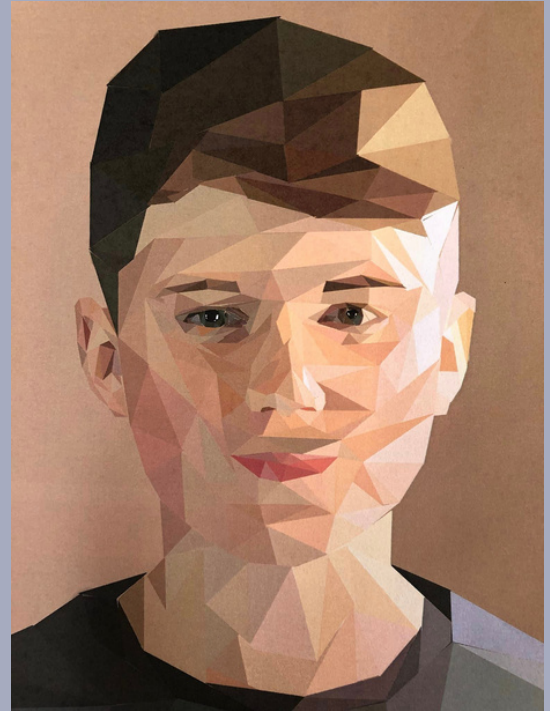


**The last Wednesday of every month from 4pm - 5pm,
upstairs at Frome Medical Practice, Enos Way,
Frome, BA11 2FH**

Welcome to The Gallery



Willow H (large scale charcoal study)



Tobi R (digital geometric portrait)



Ena Fine Art Abstract mixed media



Sophie L (fine pen and ink portrait)



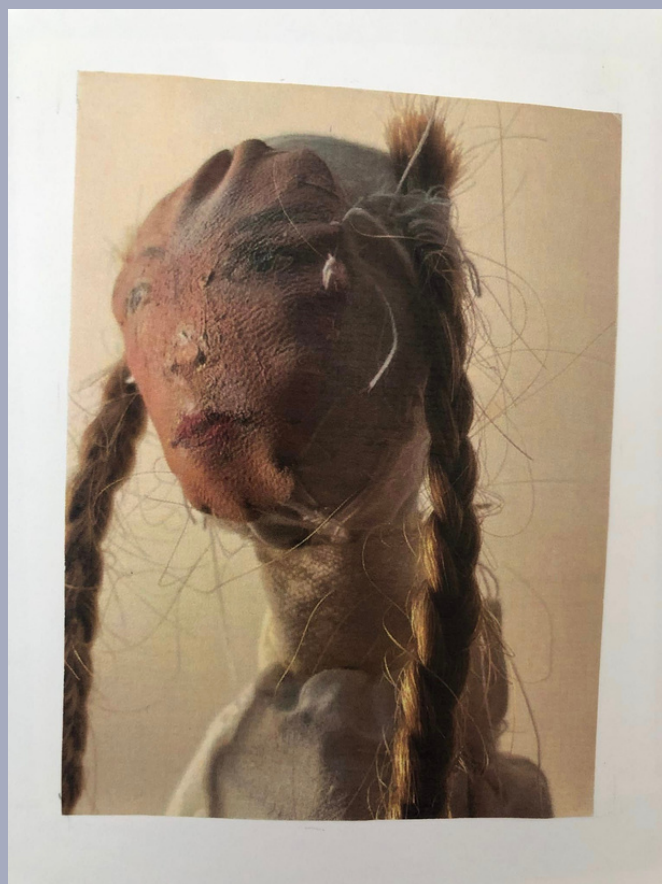
Jacob K (water colour study)



Bella H (Fine Art- mini sculpture)



Maya U (series of portraits that explore treatment with mixed media)



Violet VS (exquisite painted doll)

Sporting News



Over 200 students took part in our Sports Day, smashing school records and having fun together in the sunshine.

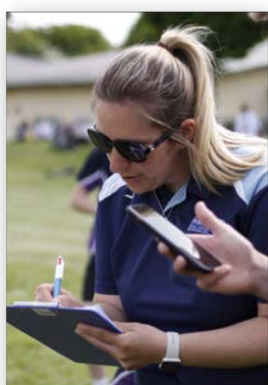
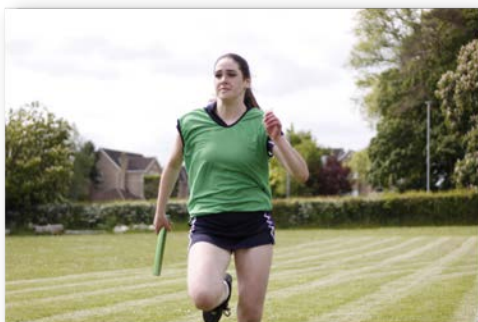
Year 9 School Records:

- Dec M. - Shot Putt (9.80m)
- Meta J. - 200m (30.2 seconds)
- Thea M. D. - 100m (15.6 seconds)

Year 10 School Records:

- Kieran S. - Shot Putt (11.40m)
- Matt W. - Long Jump- (5.24m)
- Leonard S. - Triple Jump (10.60m)
- Josh C. - 200m (25.2 seconds)
- Aelfric B. - 300m (43.7 seconds)
- Josh M. - 800m (2 minutes 29 seconds)





The Final Results!
1st - Mars (728 points)
2nd - Jupiter (600 points)
3rd - Saturn (522 points)
4th - Neptune (511 points)

Congratulations to Mars House and a big well done to everyone who took part and supported the day.
Thank you to Ms. Knibbs for the fantastic photos!



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/



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

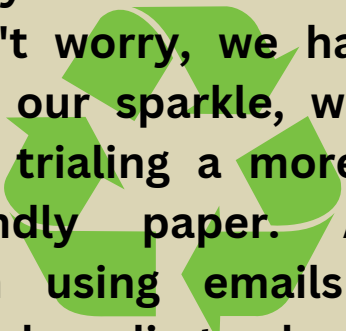
If you have changed your email address or would like to add one to our system, please contact office@fromecollege.org



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

Have you noticed that our newsletter is less shiny that 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

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