

13th September 2021

Dear students, parents and families,

Thank you to all families for their patience with the staggered start to this academic year; the vast majority of students attended for their COVID-19 test and we are delighted that all year groups are back in college today. The staggered start certainly helped year 9 find their way around campus confidently and they, along with year 12, have settled into college life very well already.

Lots has happened at college over the summer holiday; we held a very successful summer camp for our new year 9 students which involved trips away, archery and team building activities. Our new permanent outdoor common room was installed along with a complete refurbishment of our sports courts. We have also upgraded all of our IT systems giving us faster and more efficient internet access. Sadly, 'Last Tree Dreaming' has been identified by the Local Authority as suffering from decomposition, and so they took the decision to fell the sculpture. However, we have retained the wood and aim to reshape this iconic work.

We have had to postpone our garden party to celebrate our centenary, but look forward to the service at St John's on Sunday 26th September. This will be a chance to listen to our talented musicians and reminisce about the college's past. Details of how to book your place at St John's will be made available on Frog very shortly.

Some key dates for this term:

- Thursday 23rd September, Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening. Mr Owsley will send a separate letter
- Sunday 26th September 11.30 am. Service in St John's to celebrate 100 years of Frome College
- Thursday 30th September, Open Evening, details will be available shortly
- 1st October INSET. College closed to students.
- Thursday 14th October, Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening
- Wednesday 20th October Year 12 Raising Achievement Evening
- Wednesday 20th October Year 9 and Year 12 Academic Mentoring Evening
- Thursday 21st October Year 9 and Year 12 Academic Mentoring Evening
- Thursday 21st October end of term at 3pm

COVID-19: systems and routines:

As you are probably aware, there are few restrictions placed on education settings at the moment; this means all students can enjoy their break and lunch time together and the timings for the end of the college day are the same for everyone- 3pm. We have decided to keep the routine of bringing in year 9 and year 10 from the leisure centre car park as this allows pastoral staff to communicate key information, for example about assemblies.

Around college we maintain good hygiene by regular, enhanced cleaning routines including the wiping down of desks between lessons and classes. Ventilation is important and so windows and doors are, where possible, kept open.



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As ever, we follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. Should any student show symptoms of the virus, they must not attend college and should follow public health advice. A reminder of our absence line: 01373 469008.

All students will be offered a second test on college site; year 9 today, post 16 tomorrow, year 11 on Wednesday and year 10 on Thursday. From that point onwards, I ask all students to maintain a routine of testing at home at 3-5 day intervals. We have plenty of test kits at college which will be distributed in assemblies or can be picked up from student services.

Finally, if you have any items of uniform to donate, please contact Jemma Latham jlatham@fromecollege.org. In particular, we are very much in need of shirts, blazers and ties.

Thank you for all your help and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ER", with a small dot at the end of the final stroke.

Emma Reynolds
Principal

For your information, please see link to current Government Covid guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

