

11th January 2021

Dear students, parents and families,

As we enter our second week of virtual college, could I ask all parents to complete this survey so that we can see how we can improve our service to your family. Students received their first weekly survey last Friday and again we use the outcomes to track our progress with virtual teaching. Please note students should be receiving work, virtually, pre-recorded or set on Frog and we are tracking attendance at lessons and completion of work carefully. The sooner we hear of any concerns, the quicker we can support your child's learning.

<https://portal.fromecollege.org/c19cb223f8ea193920bf19eb350cadfc>

Exams:

With the Government's announcement last week about the cancellation of summer exams in 2021, it is very important to recognise that teacher assessments will inform final grades. The detail of exactly what this means is yet to be released, although there is a national consultation this week. Clearly it is vital students keep studying to the best of their ability during this time so that teachers can collect evidence of student progress.

January exams are continuing, and you should have received a separate letter regarding this. We are waiting to hear from the government on February exams and will update you as soon as we know.

Please note the fact that teachers are not in a position to suggest final grades at the parents' evenings for year 11 this week, instead conversations will focus on how students can continue to make progress and the support we can offer.

Once we have the details of how grades will be given then I will share these with you - please be assured that Frome College teachers will, as ever, do everything possible to ensure grades are fair and reflective of each individual student's progress in their subjects.

Students on college site:

Please note that from today, students are asked to enter college site from the leisure centre gate by ECOS (the stones) and go directly to the following areas to be met by their Raising Achievement leaders.

- Year 9 entry at 8.45 and go directly to College Hall to meet Mrs West
- Year 10 entry at 8.50 and go directly to the common room in the English block to meet Mr Owsley
- Year 11 go directly to the library in Northcote to meet Miss Childs
- Year 12 and 13 go directly to sixth form to meet Mr Hood



These morning briefings are essential to the smooth running of the college day so students must arrive punctually.

No other students, other than those allocated a place due to parents being critical workers and those deemed vulnerable, will be allowed on college site for any reason. All student places have now been allocated and we are unable to accept any more students at this time. If you have applied for a place but now made other arrangements, please let us know as soon as you are able.

We continue with our precautions of social distancing, hand sanitiser, well-ventilated rooms and, if we are able, wearing face coverings inside buildings.

I shall write again next Monday, have a good week.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ER", written in a cursive style.

Emma Reynolds
Principal

