

29th March 2021

Dear students, parents and families,

COVID-19 Tests:

Thank you for all your efforts with home testing; please keep going. I know many families have already set up strong routines and it is important to keep our community as safe as possible, that staff and students continue testing. We have a further delivery of kits and will be issuing them to students over the course of this week.

Students should complete a test before returning back to college next term. Please remember we only need to know when a positive test is received.

Should your child test positive over the Easter holidays please email:

fccoutofhours@fromecollege.org

Last day of term – Thursday 1st April

The college will break up for the Easter break on Thursday 1st April. Lessons will run as usual sessions 1-3 ending at 12.30 p.m. Year 9 will then leave site via the Leisure Centre exit and year 11 by the Bath Road exit. Year 10 will finish at 12.40 p.m. and leave via the Leisure Centre exit so that student mixing of bubbles can be avoided. Students who receive free school meals should collect their lunch from the canteen at breaktime. Please note that the County buses will not be arriving early to pick students up; they will be running at their usual time. Year 11 students waiting to catch the bus should wait in the library and year 9 and 10 students should wait in the SEN Hub in their bubble areas. Staff will supervise these students until they catch the buses at 3pm.

Frome College Centenary

Frome College is officially 100 in September 2021. The College opened its doors to students in September 1921 and over the past century has educated generations of students. Even in the midst of these extraordinary times, we really hope to celebrate our achievements and also ensure our current and future students recognise what a privilege it is to be part of such a successful learning community.

Alongside Barry Bates, Principal of Frome College from 1991 to 2008, I am currently working with Frome Museum, staff and alumni of our college to produce an exhibition of our history.

We have booked St Johns Church on Sunday 26th September for a service of thanks, where we hope to be entertained by our talented students of music and also some current and past staff. We will advise you how to book a seat closer to the time. I would be most grateful for any contributions to a publication of our history - whether that be old photos, report cards,



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college magazines or even uniform. If your family does have any items, please contact my PA, Sarah Smallbone at ssmallbone@fromecollege.org.

Year 11- final day of college

Year 11 have started their assessments very well and should use the Easter holiday to prepare for their formal assessments. Timetables can be found on FROG. Looking forward the final day of next term for year 11 will be Thursday 27th May; this will be a normal college day as assessment will continue up to and including that date.

In term 6 we have organised two further weeks for year 11 to attend college:

1. The week commencing 7th June:

This week year 11 will attend from 10am to 1pm and follow a programme of enrichment and career opportunities culminating in a House celebration day on Friday 11th June. We do expect all year 11 to attend college this week- Mrs Childs will publish details of the programme closer to the time.

2. The week commencing 21st June:

This week is preparation for joining our 6th form and will include:

- Welcome to Sixth Form
- Introduction to our Student Union
- Introductory lessons to chosen subjects - summer prep work will be set

We do expect all of our potential sixth form students to attend this week however we are sensitive to the fact that some families may have other commitments. It is important that our sixth form team know if there are any issues with students attending this week- please contact Claire Connor on post16office@fromecollege.org.

Year 13- final day of college

Similarly, year 13 students have been preparing their controlled assessments and revising for their formal assessments as outlined by their teachers. Year 13 students should continue to attend well throughout this period to ensure that this work is completed to a high standard.

The final day for year 13 is Thursday 27th May. Unless they have been specifically told by their teacher that they are required to come to college and complete outstanding assignments, year 13s are no longer required to attend after this date.

Friday 28th May- INSET day

As you know, exams have been cancelled this year and teachers will be assessing GCSE, BTEC and A level qualifications. We have a robust system in place, details of which parents and students have already been advised, which covers previous and future assessments to arrive at a final grade or level.



As you can imagine the moderation process is significant, so Governors have agreed to an extraordinary INSET day on Friday May 28th to give Frome teachers the chance to moderate with other departments and quality assure grades and levels. This will mean no students in any year group will be in college on that day.

Term 5

We all return to college on Monday 19th April which will be a week one. Year 9 and 10 students will be in uniform; on days when students have PE or Dance, they can attend in PE kit. We will continue to wear face coverings inside buildings until advised differently by the Government.

Timings of the day will remain the same with year 9 leaving site at 2.45 p.m., year 11 at 3.00 p.m. and year 10 at 3.10 p.m.

Thank you, as ever, for your support and I wish your family a peaceful Easter break,

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

Emma Reynolds
Principal

