

4th January 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that 2022 has started well for your family and that you have had a restful Christmas holiday. Going forward, I have summarised below the measures we have put in place to have the best chance of a healthy start to this Spring term.

COVID-19 and the start of term.

We are required to test all students as we return for the Spring term. A reminder of our arrangements:

Tuesday 4th January: Year 12 and 13 to receive online lessons. Year 11 to be tested for COVID-19

Wednesday 5th January: Year 11 in lessons on college site. Year 12 and 13 to be tested for COVID-19

Thursday 6th January: Year 11, Year 12, 13 in lessons on college site. Year 10 to be tested for COVID-19

Friday 7th January: Year 10, 11, 12, 13 in lessons on college site. Year 9 to be tested for COVID-19

Monday 10th January: all students to be in college for all lessons.

- All students in all year groups will be set work to cover lessons for this week. Lessons will not all be virtual due the testing on site, but students will need to access their work on FROG
- Should students need support with accessing FROG and/ or IT support please email fccitteam@fromecollege.org as soon as possible
- Should these arrangements pose any issue for your family, please contact your Head of House directly to discuss support
- We will remain in the same bubbles as we have worked with over the past term; timings of breaks, lunch, start and end to the college day remain as last term
- PE changing rooms remain closed
- All students, unless carrying an exemption card, must wear face coverings in all buildings, in all classrooms and on public transport to and from college. **Students are strongly advised to bring their own face coverings and hand sanitiser to college**
- These arrangements will be reviewed, alongside Government advice, on 26th January.



We continue to welcome visitors on site if this is in the best interests of the family and/or the meeting cannot be held virtually. You will be asked to wear a face covering and to socially distance from staff if visiting college.



All close contact tracing is now with the NHS; anyone who is contacted will be asked to take an LFD test each day for 7 days and report the results. If students test negative, then they continue to attend college. If students test positive, then they should self-isolate and take a PCR test. Always check with NHS advice.

Please do keep up with the regular, twice weekly, LFD testing at home. Test kits are distributed throughout college and as ever, please do not send an ill child into college.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We had hoped to hold this event physically but given the current situation these meetings will be virtual. Teachers will be available for appointments on Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th January from 4pm to 7pm. You should have received your invite and instructions at the end of last term; if there are any issues with these appointments, please contact fccitteam@fromecollege.org in the first instance.

Joining 6th Form- Frome Futures

A reminder we're taking applications from year 11 students for Sixth Form. Students apply via FROG (please see Mr Hood's letter from November 2021 for full details) and more information about the courses we offer can be found here: <https://www.fromecollege.org/sixth-form/join-us>. We look forward to receiving your application and if you have any questions about applying for Sixth Form please get in touch with the post 16 team – post16office@fromecollege.org

Our options evening is due to take place on Thursday 27th January. This will be an exciting opportunity to find out more information about their potential subjects next year.

Mock Exams for Year 10

Year 10 mock Core Subject exams will take place on Monday 10th January and Tuesday 11th January. Students and parents can access the exam timetable on Frog and should be preparing and revising for these important assessments.

Mock Exams for Year 13

Year 13 mock exams begin on Tuesday 11th January; these are crucial mock exams that students need to prepare for thoroughly. Year 13 students will not have any lessons from 12.30 on 11th through to the end of 17th January and only need to attend college for their exams. All students can find their exam timetables on FROG. Normal lessons resume on Tuesday 18th January.

Finally thank you for your continued support; we all very much hope to return to a more settled routine over the coming months.



Emma Reynolds
Principal

