



WE ARE FROME COLLEGE

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PROSPECTUS



PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

At Frome College we fully understand the trust placed in us by families who choose our College to educate and inspire the next generation.



We are a high performing college where, whatever their starting points, students make excellent progress. This means our students achieve some of the best exam results in national, regional and local areas and leave as successful, ambitious and confident young people who are equipped with the skills and attributes needed to lead fulfilling and happy lives. The majority of our young people go onto Futures- our Sixth Form, from there to university and the world of work.

Essential to our success at Frome College is our culture of hard work, commitment and discipline with learning firmly placed at the heart of everything we do. We have a strong and committed team of staff who work closely with students to develop their aspirations and achieve their potential. As a result, we enjoy a college which is calm and civilised; we are particularly proud to offer a complete and generous education with the widest choice of subjects in the area. In order to give our students a chance to immerse themselves in an interest or discover a talent, we offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities. Our offer includes trips and visits, STEM clubs, Duke of Edinburgh, sports clubs, musical events, drama, dance and many more. Please look on the website to get a flavour of what we have to offer.

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Direct and purposeful leadership...

...Senior leaders' work is effective because they know the needs of pupils and their families.

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We look forward to welcoming your family to our College. We strongly believe in achieving success together and encourage all of our parents to maintain regular contact with the College so that everyone understands and shares the same aims. Together we can ensure that your son or daughter gets the best possible start to a successful and fulfilling adult life.

We hold various taster days across the academic year and we always encourage prospective families to come along to our art, drama, musical and sporting events to gain an idea of Frome College life before joining us. In addition, I warmly invite you to visit us during the day so you can see our community at work. To arrange a visit at your convenience please call 01373 465353 or email us at office@fromecollege.org




Ms Emma Reynolds
Principal



OUR EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE

Our College opened in 1921 and has served the Frome community ever since; historically as a grammar school and now as an inclusive upper school from Year 9 onwards.



We work closely with our feeder schools to ensure the move up to College is as smooth and successful as possible. We are a member of the Frome Learning Partnership; a team of Frome Headteachers who come together to make decisions about how to support the young people in our wider Frome community.

We also work closely with Wiltshire and Somerset secondary schools; sharing staff expertise and taking a lead in training teachers new to the profession. We host a variety of local clubs and societies on site including Frome Community Pottery. Our assembly and presentation hall is the Merlin theatre; a space supported by College to deliver drama and theatre to the wider community.

We are very proud that most of our students continue with us into Futures- our post 16 Sixth Form. A separate prospectus and curriculum offer booklet is available on request.



A LOVE OF LEARNING WHICH WILL LAST A LIFETIME

**We are passionate about learning.
It is at the heart of everything we do.**

We don't want students to just learn and pass examinations; we want them to develop a love of learning which will last for a lifetime.

Pre 16 students follow a three year Key Stage four curriculum with at least four options of their choice, plus the national offer. Post 16 students can select from over 40 subjects we offer as A levels, and BTECs. In addition to our curriculum, we teach students how to learn through study skill sessions, which concentrate on research and revision techniques to help build confidence and develop cross curricular skills.

Many of our staff are involved in research projects, or serve as examiners. We spend our training sessions exploring new ideas which will help students to learn better, and groups of staff work together in professional learning communities to test out new ways of learning.

We offer:

- ◆ An upgraded IT service for staff and students
- ◆ A flexible virtual learning environment for staff, students and parents
- ◆ IT rooms and Bring Your Own Device (post 16) study spaces
- ◆ An unrivalled curriculum with over 40 subjects on offer
- ◆ Special Education Needs support in a dedicated, resourced hub
- ◆ A challenging curriculum for our most able students

WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Considerate, caring and kind.

We prioritise our students' social and emotional development; we help them look after each other so they can develop and maintain strong, supportive relationships. We believe that mutual respect is the foundation for good relationships and that we should act with care, concern and generosity towards each other- staff and students alike.

Each young person who joins us is placed in one of four Houses named after exemplary role models in the fields of Science and Mathematics: Franklin, Newton, Aristotle and Einstein. Our House system has been in place for over 50 years and means we get to know students well and to ensure the best individual attention. Every young person has a tutor who is the main point of contact; parents are kept informed through regular reviews and meetings.

We provide:

- ◆ PHSE (Personal, Health, Social, Emotional education) lessons for all year groups delivered by an expert team of staff
- ◆ Mentors and inclusion staff to work with small groups and individual students who are facing challenges
- ◆ Interactive sessions on how to deal with anxiety, stress and peer pressure
- ◆ Lessons and assemblies on how to use the internet safely
- ◆ Counselling support delivered by local and national charities
- ◆ Relaxation activities, for example yoga
- ◆ Student buddy partnerships
- ◆ A dedicated inclusion area for drop ins and appointments
- ◆ Regular contact with home so we can all work together



A GREEN COLLEGE: A BRIGHT FUTURE

**Our College site is unique and the envy
of every school leader who visits us.**

We enjoy around 30 acres of campus which has been carefully tended by gardeners for decades, with hundreds of plant and tree species on site. We enjoy assemblies in our European Circle of Stones, now some 40 years old and still looking strong and impressive, whilst our sensory garden has been developed as a place for quietness and reflection.

We are delighted that our young people are increasingly passionate about addressing the challenges of achieving long term environmental sustainability and securing the biodiversity of the Earth. We want to harness this passion and, in our own small way, help our next generation secure their green future.

In order to do this we offer:

- ◆ An eco club which works closely with Frome Town Council on reducing our carbon footprint
- ◆ Student allotments on site
- ◆ Gardening club
- ◆ A wildlife garden and pond
- ◆ Gardening apprenticeships
- ◆ A pledge that our caterers will prioritise the use of local produce



OUR LEADERS: A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL

We believe everyone can participate in creating a better future; this belief has never been more important since the recent international pandemic.



Our student voice group is a well-established body which provides students with a forum for raising new ideas and suggestions that will help the College to progress, and to provide feedback on what we are doing well and what needs to improve. We are looking for every student to display leadership qualities in the classroom, in assemblies, on the sports field, on the stage, around College and in our wider community. We have designed our curriculum to ensure everyone has a chance to learn how to lead and to practise leadership skills- whether that be presenting to others, leading a team activity or attending our Governors' meetings.

We expect our students to take part in and help us make decisions about:

- ◆ All staff interviews
- ◆ Reviews and changes in College services; for example, catering contracts
- ◆ How we ethically protect the ecology of our site and community
- ◆ Site improvements- for example, refurbishments and the development of outside areas
- ◆ Governors' meetings and visits
- ◆ Welcoming guests and visitors to College
- ◆ Transition arrangements for students who are new to College
- ◆ Our Student Union- led by our President and Vice President

PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT AND EXERCISE

**Sport teaches the values of team spirit,
determination and self-confidence.**

We know that taking part in sporting activity develops character, resilience, confidence and team work. Regardless of ability, sport and exercise is essential for a healthy adolescence and, quite simply, can make young people feel better about themselves and their lives. Therefore we fully encourage all students to take part in our wide range of competitive and recreational sports activities to stay fit and healthy, and have fun.

We are fortunate to offer:

- ◆ Some of the best sports facilities in the area
- ◆ A sports centre which offers us the use of a six lane indoor swimming pool and outstanding gym facilities
- ◆ A dedicated dance studio
- ◆ A further on-site gym, created in 2019 with the generous donations of our community, for use at lunch time and after school
- ◆ Football pitches and extensive playing fields



PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ARTS, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

We believe that the arts enrich our lives and we want our students to feel as passionate about them as we do.



In the course of their lifetime, young people will be fulfilled by an interest in art, music, drama, dance and film and we want to provide the most exciting, inspirational start to this creative journey. Our range of qualifications in the Arts is unrivalled in Somerset but it is not solely about qualifications. That's why our Arts extra-curricular offer is so important to us and our community; with over 15 different activities and clubs there is something for everyone. An extra-curricular offer means that art, cultural and creative opportunities are open to all, not solely those who have chosen to take a qualification, and we want our young people to embrace this offer.

We are able to offer:

- ◆ Exceptional facilities across a wide range of Art subjects
- ◆ Lessons taught by teachers actively involved in the arts as musicians, actors, dancers, artists and media-makers
- ◆ A full programme of concerts, plays, community events and productions which are open to all students, not just those with a special talent
- ◆ Our famous Friday lunchtime gigs in the canteen
- ◆ An artist in residence programme alongside a wide range of visiting artists and musicians
- ◆ An excellent contribution to community events such as Art competitions



Chicago the Musical

WORLD BEYOND SCHOOL

We want our students to be well prepared for future success as life-long learners and in the workplace.

We work hard to ensure every student leaves College with the very best chance of future success. At the heart of our curriculum is preparation for the future and we are proud to work closely with our local community, plus regional companies, to make sure every student experiences what a future working life will be like for them.

Our careers offer is recognised as outstanding; so much so that we are regularly asked to support other schools in setting up and embedding their own careers service.

Our careers offer includes:

- ◆ Dedicated careers advisor on site, all day every day
- ◆ Tailored interviews to help students see the possibilities for their futures
- ◆ Taught skills on how to write a successful CV and interview well
- ◆ Supported work experience for Year 10 and Year 12
- ◆ Regular careers presentations with upwards of 80 guest speakers every year
- ◆ Individual support for University and apprenticeship applications
- ◆ Residential and mentor programme for those aiming for Oxbridge and Russell group Universities
- ◆ Employment of apprentices including teaching assistants, IT technicians and gardeners
- ◆ World of Work programme to help young people find employment whilst retaking qualifications



“ I have three children at Frome College, all very different types of learners with different needs. They have all been well supported and well taught with teachers who are caring and committed to their students. ”

Parent

“ Teachers know their pupils well and provide individualised help. ”

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“ Pupils and sixth-form students feel safe. They say that they are listened to by staff and so feel settled and happy at school. ”

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OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS US**

