

6 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Dyscalculia Assessment

At Frome College we have organised a computerised assessment for all students in year 9 to show if they have the sort of difficulties with maths that dyscalculic people usually have. Dyscalculia is the name given to a pattern of specific learning difficulties which affects our ability to learn arithmetical skills. It is a kind of dyslexia for numbers.

We plan to use an assessment called the *Dyscalculia Screener*. Your child will do five short tests, each measuring something different. When your child has done the assessments on the computer, a report is produced. This will tell us how your child did, and whether or not there are any signs that they may be dyscalculic.

We will be testing all students in your child's year group on the week beginning Monday 16 September. This will be done during their normal Maths lesson according to this schedule. Your child's class code can be found on their timetable:

Mon1 9W1/Ma (Mrs Snares) and 9W2/Ma (Mrs Francis)
Mon4 9X1/Ma (Mr Cantrell) and 9X2/Ma (Mrs Sandy)
Tues3 9W3/Ma (Mrs Hobbs), 9W4/Ma (Mr McNair) and 9W5/Ma (Mrs Sandy)
Tues4 9Y1/Ma (Mrs Cole) and 9Y2/Ma (Mrs Sandy)
Weds2 9X3/Ma (Mrs Snares), 9X4/Ma (Mr McNair) and 9X5/Ma (Mrs Hobbs)
Weds4 9Y3/Ma (Mr Nielsen) and 9Y4/Ma (Mrs Francis)

After the assessment we will let you know if your child showed any dyscalculic tendencies and send you further information about the interventions, we are able to put in place and how you may be best able to support from home.

If you have any queries or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at jcole@fromecollege.org.uk or rcole@fromecollege.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Cole'.

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