

25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Well done to all students whose attendance has improved over the course of this academic year. Our drive on attendance has seen some excellent improvement overall with a number of groups doing especially well for example our year 9 boys.

As ever, please do not hesitate to let us know if there are any reasons why your child cannot attend College and please continue to book any medical appointments, where possible, outside the College day to avoid any loss of learning.

### **Sporting Success**

Last Friday, our Year 9 students took part in the first Interhouse sports competition of the year. The boys were competing in a rugby tournament and the girls in a netball competition. A total of 134 Year 9s were involved, providing two fantastic and competitive tournaments. Both competitions were officiated by Post-16 students, so a big thank you to them.

Mars proved to be victorious in both competitions pulling off the rugby and netball double! Saturn came second in both competitions with the other three Houses making up 3rd, 4th and 5th.

This Wednesday it will be the turn of the Year 10s before attention turns to the Year 11s next week. The Year 9s have set the bar high, I'm sure these Year groups will do likewise!

### **Mobile Phone Detox Day- Wednesday 27th November**

As we look forward to our first mobile free phone day of the term, a reminder that phones seen at break or lunchtime on the day will be confiscated until the end of the College day. This is a great chance to do something different at break and lunch- a full range of activities on offer will be published in tutor time.

Students may wish to place their phone in the safe to avoid temptation!

### **Christmas Concert**

We will be holding our annual Christmas concert at 7pm in St. John's Church in Frome on Tuesday 17th December. This is a really lovely event showcasing the talent within our music department, we will be featuring lots of Christmas choral music as well as soloists and bands.

This will be a great family event and all are welcome to join us. As this event is not ticketed, please arrive in good time for a seat. There is a retiring collection for Fair Frome.

### **Year 11 Options Event**

We are very excited to invite all our Year 11 students to join us on Thursday 5th December between 3.30pm and 5.30pm to meet our sixth form teachers and ask the all important questions they might have about the qualifications we offer. Mr Davies, Head of Sixth form, will also be on hand for advice and support with applications.

Students can collect a map with classroom and teacher locations from Futures or main reception. We look forward to seeing all Year 11 on the 5th December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ER', with a small dot at the end of the final stroke.

Emma Reynolds

Principal