

3rd March 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Congratulations to our 'Made in Somerset' students who passed through the first round of the regional competition with flying colours. This group of year 10 students now go on to the next round and we all wish them luck.

Mock exams

Year 11 mock exams continue through to Friday 7th March., a reminder that all students should bring their own calculator to relevant exams. If, for any reason, a student needs to borrow a calculator they must see Mr Robson in good time before their exam. With the exception of after afternoon exams, Year 11 students should be in all lessons around exams.

Year 13 will sit their mock exams from the week beginning 10th March. There will be no Year 13 lessons during that week.

Y11 Sixth Form Applications

The deadline for Sixth Form applications has now passed. If any of Y11 still wish to apply for Sixth Form they are able to do so, but this should be done with some urgency. They should apply through Frog or by contacting Mr Davies directly, if they have any concerns: adavies@fromecollege.org.uk. We are currently working through interviews with selected students who have applied during tutor time to ensure they are on the right subjects. If students have a meeting with Mr Davies about their application they will have received an email to their College address.

Dyslexia Drop-in (Tuesday 4th March) 3.30-5pm

As part of our work around supporting students with Dyslexia, we are running our first themed drop-in on Tuesday 4th March in the Merlin Foyer from 3.30pm. We will have a variety of people on hand for you to talk to including an external dyslexia specialist; our Exams Access Arrangements Officer - Mrs Kirkpatrick; our librarian Mrs Owsley and members of our SEND team. This is an informal opportunity for you to find out more about how we support students with dyslexia or dyslexic tendencies in College and to gain advice on how you can support your child at home.

Mobile free Wednesdays

We will continue to hold mobile free Wednesdays, giving students the opportunity to chat and step away from social media for a day. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

World Book Day - 6th March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the library is hosting a live online Q&A event with the international bestselling author, Karen M McManus, '*One of Us is Lying*'. This will take place at 2pm on Thursday the 6th of March. If your child would like to take part in this, please email NOwsley@fromecollege.org.uk. There are only 20 spaces available.

Year 9 Parents' and Options Evenings, Thursday 6th March and Thursday 13th March

Our Year 9 Parents' and Options Evenings will take place on Thursday 6th March from 4pm to 7pm (for surnames A to L) and Thursday 13th March from 4pm to 7pm (for surnames M to Z)

The option booklet can be found on the college website under Curriculum/Course Guides/Options Guide for Year 9s going into Year 10 in September 2025

<https://www.fromecollege.org/assets/Curriculum/Yr-9-to-10-Option-Choices-Booklet-v5-Dyslexia-friendly-.pdf>

All Year 9 students should read the option booklet as preparation for choosing their options.

Head Lice

Recently, we have been informed of head lice identified across the College and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. Whilst head lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that students are checked on a regular basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

Here are some simple steps you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Check your child's hair around once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb which can be sourced online, in pharmacies and supermarkets. If the comb is light in colour it is easier for head lice to be identified.
- Check everyone you live with, or have close contact with, and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Further advice around head lice can be found on the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Reynolds

Principal