

9th December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we move into our final weeks of term a number of subjects will hold assessments and end of term tests. For some subjects the results of these will mean students move sets where teachers have used professional judgement to decide that a different set will best serve a student. A reminder that all year groups receive reports before the end of this term which can be accessed on Frog, if you require a paper copy please let our main office know on office@fromecollege.org.uk.

Year 11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 12th December

All Year 11 parents should have received an email to book meetings with teachers on 12th December. If you don't receive one in your inbox, please check the junk folder. Please contact our IT support using fccitteam@fromecollege.org.uk if you have any technical issues.

We look forward to seeing all Year 11 parents on Thursday. If you are unable to attend, please let your Head of House know so that we can arrange a way to keep you updated on your child's progress.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 11th December we hold our annual Christmas lunch. As well as the traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings there will be a vegetarian option. The cost for the main meal and dessert will be £2.86, the main meal alone will be £2.42. The H Block servery will also be open to serve snacks (paninis, sausage rolls and pizza) but there will not be another main meal option. Payment can be made on the day.

Due to Christmas lunch, this Wednesday will not be a mobile free day, our final one will be next week on 18th December.

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.

Alice in Wonderland

We are really pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale via The Merlin Website for our annual production, Alice in Wonderland. This year, students are amazing us with more of their incredible acting talent, costume design, set design, prop design and backstage skills as they work together to provide audiences with a truly magical experience. Join us in the adventure of the year as Alice travels down the rabbit hole to Wonderland where a fully immersive experience awaits those who are brave enough to venture into a world of madness.

Shows run from Wednesday 5th February to Friday 7th of February and tickets are selling fast. Tickets are priced at £9 for adults and £5 for children.

Inter House Sports

Inter House sports events have been taking place over the past week with great success. This week sees Year 11 competitions which start period 5, after lunch, on Tuesday and if necessary, will continue after College. Good luck to all involved!



Meanwhile, all year groups are invited to Darts on Friday 13th December, at lunchtime in the Dance Studio.

Class Charts

Following a very successful pilot, as from today all parents and students will be able to read more detail than previously on any incidents in Class Charts. This also means that any detentions set will be posted on Class Charts for parents. It is therefore vital that all parents access Class Charts, if you are unable to, please contact fccitteam@fromecollege.org.uk as a matter of urgency.

Please note that previous data in Class Charts has been archived to allow us to move to this new system therefore you will not be able to see previous data. Should you need any past information please contact Student Services.

We highly recommend that you switch on notifications if you are using this app and that you check your child's account daily.

Flu Vaccinations

The Somerset Saints Team are due to visit Frome College on 9th and 10th December from 9.30 am to administer flu vaccinations to all consented students. We sent the permission slips in September but, in case this has been overlooked, please find attached another copy of the consent letter which is to be completed by parents/carers.

Frome Community Bike Project

Frome Community Bike Project is planning to offer cycling support for children and families from Spring 2025. To help them plan ahead they need to find out what would support people to cycle and what activities people would like them to offer.

Have your say by completing their <u>survey here</u>. It can be completed anonymously or there is the option to enter a prize draw by leaving an email address. All input will be really gratefully received and used to inform their offer for children and families.

Library news

There are two great ways to support the library this Christmas. If you are buying your child a book, please think about purchasing it from Love Reading 4 Kids. When you are checking out, please choose Frome College as the library you would like to donate 25% of the cover value to. We can spend these credits on much-needed library stock.

Alternatively, if you can buy an extra present, please buy us a book from our wish list on the Love Reading for Kids website. This will get magically delivered to us. Here is a link to our wish list:

https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/df83e4a590b8b91969f4b55586404642

End of term

Term ends at 12.30 pm on Friday 20th December after a whole College assembly- buses are booked for this earlier time. On this final day of term, students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their College jumper in return for a donation to the Venus House Charity Purple Elephant - to find out more about Purple Elephant's work please go to https://www.purpleelephant.org.uk/

Students return to College for 8.45 tutor time on Tuesday 7th January, which is a week two.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Reynolds Principal

Attachment: Flu Vaccination for all school aged children