2 November 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a restful, refreshing break and enjoyed quality time with family and friends.

Term 2 is always one of the most vibrant and crucial periods of the academic year, packed with engaging learning opportunities, creative projects, and traditional seasonal events. Crucially, this term marks a vital milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they sit their mock examinations; we encourage them to stay focused, manage their revision time effectively, and make full use of the support available to help them succeed.

With the colder weather and darker mornings, please ensure children arrive punctually and come dressed in warm coats and suitable footwear.

Please see the latest College Newsletter here: https://www.fromecollege.org/News/Newsletters/

Attendance:

As we start the new term we renew our focus on ensuring that all students have excellent attendance and punctuality to College. All parents should have now received an email with their child's year-to-date attendance percentage. Cumulative attendance data can be found in the parent and student Arbor app.

To improve our attendance tracking system, we recently integrated our phone reporting with our **Arbor** system, allowing absence reports to be logged automatically and accurately to student records. Going forward, please use the following direct number to report all student absences:

- **Dedicated Attendance Line: 01373 481 691**

Please save this number in your contacts for reporting future absences. You **must not** use the main number for reporting absences from Monday 2nd November onwards. Thank you for your patience and support as we work to streamline our communications. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with the college office.

Assemblies

All students in Years 9-11 will take part in assemblies welcoming them back to College to start the new term on Monday 2nd November, From Tuesday 3rd November Ms Hawkey our Curriculum Leader of History will lead House assemblies reminding students of the significance of Remembrance Day in preparation for our Frome College Act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November.

Preparation for Anti-Bullying Week: 16-th-20th November

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is Break the Silence. To promote anti-bullying and this year's theme we will be running various activities kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th. Students are invited to wear odd socks as a visual symbol to celebrate individuality and the fact that everyone is unique.

Students have also been invited to thank a friend and/or a member of staff who has made a real difference to their life by helping them or others to break the silence around bullying. Thank yous can be submitted by students using the following link: https://forms.gle/cnkAWH1bt3CAPduCA We will share these thank yous with the recipients throughout Anti-Bullying Week.

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Year 11 Mock Exams:

The first round of Year 11 mock exams will take place from Weds 4th - Fri 13th November. All students can see their exam timetables on Arbor. The exams take place over 2 slots; one in the morning and one after lunch. These begin at 9.15am and 1.15pm respectively. Students register with their tutor in the morning before going to the exam hall at 9am for a prompt start at 9.15am. In the afternoon students will have an early lunch at 12.30pm and go to the exam hall at 1pm. Students have the option to go home after an afternoon exam if it finishes before 3.15pm. Students who chose not to leave early should return to their normal lessons. On any given day, if students do not have an exam in either the morning or afternoon slot they should attend their normal timetabled lessons. A copy of the exam timetable is attached for parents to view. We wish all of Year 11 good luck with their first round of mock examinations and look forward to seeing how well they achieve.

Year 9 Maths Sets

Following the most recent Year 9 Maths assessments, students' sets have been reviewed. A small number of changes will take place over the next week or so to ensure students continue to receive the right level of support and challenge. These decisions are based on assessment results alongside wider attainment data and teacher recommendations. Most students will remain in their current sets. We will continue to review setting throughout Year 9 to ensure each student is appropriately placed as they prepare for GCSE study.

Flu Vaccinations:

Somerset Saint are due to attend Frome College on 16th and 17th of November 2026 to deliver the flu vaccinations to all consented students, Yr9 - Yr11.

Attached to this email is a parent/guardian letter that includes information and the link for decision forms with a URN (this URN is unique to your school) to be completed electronically.

The link will close at midday on 15th November 2026, all forms will need to be submitted prior to this date.

A form needs to be completed even if you do not wish a student to have the Flu vaccination.

Any parent/guardian that is unable to access the consent form online please call Somerset Saint for assistance on 0300 323 0032. You can also access information regarding the flu vaccinations in 29 different languages via this link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters

School Uniform

We have been advised that Cosmic Monkey is now under the ownership of John Moore Sports.

John Moore Sports is an established supplier of school uniform and sports kits. They have a unit very close to the existing Cosmic Monkey store and they are open weekdays from 9.00 to 5.00. The phone number is 01225 466341. Uniform can also be ordered online www.johnmoresports.co.uk Although the supplier has changed, there are no changes in uniform or pricing.
Secondhand uniform is available via our online shop on Uniformd
https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/frome-community-college

Car Parking

Can parents and carers please not drop students off directly in front of the school gates or to use the nursery parking spaces. These spaces are needed by nursery families dropping off very young children and keeping the gate area clear helps everyone arrive safely. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Dan Jeffries

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