

15 September 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we settle into another busy week, I want to begin by thanking our pupils, staff, and families for their continued energy and support. The hallways have been filled with enthusiasm over the past few days, and it is always a privilege to see our young people throwing themselves into their studies, extra-curricular activities, and school life with such positivity. The majority of pupils have started the term excellently.

I have really enjoyed walking the school and seeing real focus and excellent learning. This was commented upon by our CEO Alun Williams when he visited this week as he could see that the school is running well and that the vast majority who want to learn can now do so. We have made the decision not to change any existing College rules, however we will focus on ensuring the rules that have always been in place are followed and that therefore all pupils can enjoy their education without disruption.

Where uniform expectations have not been met, time has been given in order to resolve this. Please do your best to proactively let us know of any uniform issues, as we can then work with you in order to resolve them. The start of term has not been without incident and we have unfortunately issued a total of 20 days suspension. This is across the entire school population of 1315 pupils.

I am aware of a number of rumours on social media, I would urge you that if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor or Head of House or relevant staff member as appropriate in order that we can work together to resolve any issues.

Attendance and punctuality remains a key priority. Where pupils are late with an authorised reason they are not sanctioned. This includes when a student who is new to College is late due to finding their way around the campus. Students with persistent unauthorised lateness will receive a sanction.

School Communications:

Please make a note of these dates for your diary. The events listed are opportunities to come and meet specific members of the team and are a good opportunity to ask any questions you or your child may have about College life.

Meet the Senior Leadership Team: Thursday, 17th September 6-7pm. Please come to Futures
Open Evening for prospective Year 9 and Year 11: Thursday, 24th September 5-8pm
Key Stage 4 Raising Achievement Evening: Thursday, 8th September 5-7.30pm
Year 13 Parents' Evening: Thursday, 15th October 4-7pm
Year 9 and 12 Parents' Evening: Thursday 21st October 4-7pm

Parent Engagement Session: Monday 19th October 6-7pm

We will also be scheduling some more Parent Engagement sessions. These sessions follow an agenda and all are welcome to attend.

The first of these meetings will be chaired by Mr Jeffries and is scheduled for Monday, 19th October from 6pm to 7pm

To register your interest in joining please email leanor.household@fromecollege.mnsp.org.uk along with any agenda items you would like to propose. The minutes will be made available to all after the meeting.

A reminder to those that haven't yet done so to please fill in the parent survey using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/TkrbWDNmVtdntjcEA>

Arbor:

All students and parents should now have their Arbor login. Arbor should be checked daily by students and at least once a week by parents. Arbor can be used for payments, buying some College items, viewing positive and negative points, attendance information and detentions.

Assemblies this week:

Assemblies for Years 9, 10 and 11 will focus on the theme Academic Achievement: how to achieve your best as well as enrichment opportunities and the student council elections. Following on from student feedback will also revisit classroom expectations and the warning systems in classrooms before removal from classes to the Refocus Room.

Student Council:

During assemblies this week we will launch our elections for the Frome College Student Council. At Frome College each tutor group in Years 9-11 votes in one Tutor Representative. Students then attend termly Student Council meetings where they put forward a summary of what their tutor group feels is working well at College and what could be improved. 6th form students are also represented at these meetings by their previously elected Vice President and President. Minutes are taken in the meeting and these are fed back to the Principal by the Year 11 House and Deputy House Captains so that actions can be implemented. House and Deputy House Captains are chosen by their Head of House.

If your child would like to be a Year 9-11 Tutor Representative they should let their Tutor know this week. Students who would like to be a House or Deputy House Captain should speak with their Head of House this week.

Enrichment:

The enrichment calendar is now live on our website. All students in Years 9-11 should pick at least one event or activity for this term. Details can be found here: <https://www.fromecollege.org/Parents/Extra-Curricular/> If your child completes an activity/event outside of College this counts as their termly activity/event. In addition we are also looking for student volunteers from Years 9 and 10 to act as guides during our Year 8 and 12 Open Evening on the 24th September. If your child would like to volunteer please ask them to speak to their tutor who will give them more details. Please note this type of one-off volunteering opportunity can count as their termly activity/event.

Maths:

Year 9 students will complete their first Maths assessment during the week commencing 28 September. Current sets have been based on the prior attainment information available to us. Following the assessment, Maths teachers will review placements and make any changes where appropriate. In the meantime, students should continue attending and engaging fully with their current Maths lessons.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish all students a successful year,

Yours sincerely,



Dan Jeffries

Principal