



# SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

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Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is now in full swing and our students are working diligently in their studies. Our Y10s have made a great start to their GCSE programme and each year group has stepped up to their new year! As I walk around the school I see focussed learning and hardworking students. Our split lunch has helped reduce the waiting time and the capacity issues in the school canteen as we continue to grow in numbers.

## Your Voice & Opinion

Since I started it's been really helpful to meet with parents and carers about their experience of STFS. I am really keen to understand our community's feedback and how we can best serve our families. I am attaching a [link to a form](#) should you wish to share your thoughts. There are just three questions:

- Are you happy with your child's experience at STFS?
- What would you like to see more of?
- Any other feedback you think will help us get better?

## Curriculum Plans

We are working hard to ensure there is transparency about what our students are learning and the curriculum areas they are focussed on. Our website now contains the curriculum maps (how we sequence learning) and knowledge organisers (what students learn) for every subject for Y7-Y11. The information is divided by Key Stage: [Y7-Y9 \(KS3\)](#) and [Y10-Y11 \(KS4\)](#).

## Residential Visits

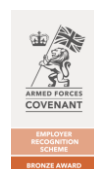
Some of the feedback I've received is about the return of visits. We are currently planning our residential visits programme to ensure we can offer these opportunities again to our students. We know visits and experiences enrich our curriculum and create great memories.

## Opening Evening & Open Week

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October we will be hosting our open evening for prospective pupils for September 2023. The event is at 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm with Head Teacher talks at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the hall. Following this we are opening the school to see us in action on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 8:45 am until 10:00 am for prospective families. Bookings can be made by emailing [receptionist@sirthomasfremantle.org](mailto:receptionist@sirthomasfremantle.org)

## Wake Up Wednesdays

Each Wednesday we will be issuing some guidance on being safe online. With so many apps and platforms we want to provide some information so you're able to understand the benefits and the risks. It will arrive in your inbox each Wednesday from [studentsafety@sirthomasfremantle.org](mailto:studentsafety@sirthomasfremantle.org)



## Attendance

This year we are keeping a close eye on school attendance to ensure every student is able to make the most out of school. Our timetable means any student missing 10 days of school is missing 60 lessons.

We have now employed an Attendance & Wellbeing Officer who will be able to help support students improve their attendance.

Our own student data supports the national data with students with low attendance achieving a grade lower than expected in their GCSEs. All the more reason to be at school each day!

Below is a graph of our of our attendance since we've started back in September. It's great to see our new Y7 starting off well. Year 11 is a really important year for our students and we will be working with them to ensure they have the best possible chance of success in their GCSEs.

**Good Attendance means...**  
Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

**Remember**  
Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in seven long passes that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

190 school days in each academic year	184 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
0 days absence	7 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
100% attendance	97% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance

Well done

I'm concerned

Seriously worried

A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

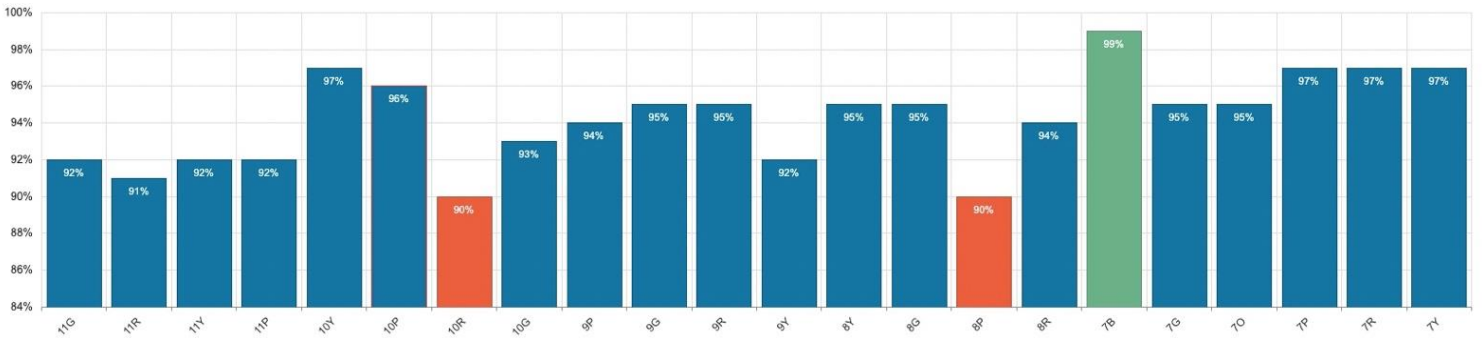
There are **365** days in a calendar year

**175** days are not spent at school!

\*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

**Did you know?**  
When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends



## Uniform

Our students look wonderfully smart and they are a credit to everyone. Please note:

### Earrings

Only studs can be worn. Students should be able to remove these for PE for safety reasons.

### Jewellery

Necklaces, rings, bracelets are not permitted.

### Make Up

Nail varnish, false nails, false eye lashes are not permitted. Make up should be natural.

## Safeguarding

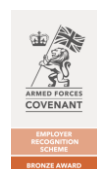
Here is our latest safeguarding team who can be contacted at

[safeguarding@sirthomasmfremantle.org](mailto:safeguarding@sirthomasmfremantle.org)

# SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about a student?

If you have any concern about the needs or welfare of a child, please speak to one of us. We all share responsibility for our students' safety and wellbeing. ✉ [safeguarding@sirthomasmfremantle.org](mailto:safeguarding@sirthomasmfremantle.org)



**Some Key Dates:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 4:30 to 7:00 pm**  
Open Evening for Prospective Students

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
Y7 Meet the Tutor

**21<sup>st</sup> November until 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Y11 and Y13 Mock Weeks

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Y8 Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y11 Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Y9 Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Y13 Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y10 Parent Consultation Meetings

September 2022						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed	31	7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

October 2022						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

November 2022						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

December 2022						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

January 2023						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

February 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22		
Thu	2	9	16	23		
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

March 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

April 2023						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	25	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

May 2023						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thu		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

June 2023						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

July 2023						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

August/September 2023						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tues		1	8	15	22	29
Wed		2	9	16	23	30
Thu		3	10	17	24	31
Fri		4	11	18	25	1
Sat		5	12	19	26	2
Sun		6	13	20	27	3

	Bank Holidays	Five (5) in-service training days for teachers are included. Five (5) in-service training days for teachers are included Year 7 Friday 2nd September 2022 with the rest of the school returning on Monday 5th September 2022
	School Holidays	
	Staff Training Days	
	Year 7 attend only	
	Yr 6 Transition Days	

Thank you again for your support!

With very best wishes

Francis Murphy and all the team at STFS.

