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Dear Parents,

As Treasurer, I am writing to update you on the arrangements that the FramSoc Committee have agreed to make for 2011.

We hope those of you who have attended events during the autumn term have enjoyed the speakers, the content of the talks and the social occasion - few having heard Anthony Kerr-Dineen's talk "Mozart's Jupiter Symphony" will, I am sure, ever forget it!

It is our ambition to put on similar events so that Parents, Staff, ex Pupils (and their Parents) at both the College and Brandeston Hall will be able to enjoy more of the same in the future. The Headmaster, in his initial letter, advised that the first term's attendance at FramSoc Events would be free of charge, but thereafter it was intended the Society should be independent both in terms of its constitution and its finances maintaining a relationship with the College that is symbiotic.

We have agreed our constitution, and prepared a Programme of Events for next term, which we hope contains a mix of interest and variety that will provide **something** to appeal to most people - whether it is John Sheeran's Art Lecture, Cath Drummond and Rachel Heard's Book Club or a night at a pub in Essex.

We want FramSoc to be affordable, whilst allowing us to put on events that appeal, but are not "run of the mill". We will, where we can, draw on as much goodwill as possible in order to help us achieve this, but if FramSoc is to function independently, it will require funding by subscription - the level of which will ultimately depend upon the level of support that we actually get.

We have agreed that the initial **annual** subscription will be £30 per family for the academic year (September to July).

The subscription will allow Member Families to attend all the Society Events throughout the year - if these are "Home Events" they will be free of charge, although for special events (for example the Walberswick supper evening) or specialist courses then clearly members will be asked to pay the specific cost of those events.

For the two remaining terms of the 2010/11 academic year the subscription will be reduced pro-rata to **£20** to take us to the end of the summer term.

Subscriptions can be paid (as detailed on the attached FramSoc Application form) either by cheque or added to the school bill - for the current year (2010/11) it will be added to the April bill, payable at the start of the summer term.

In future Parents electing to pay in this way, for a whole year, will have the subscription added to the bill at the end of the Christmas term, payable in January each year.

Member's guests will always be very welcome to all events at the College, although they will be asked to pay, preferably when booking, or failing that at the event itself - the cost for guests will be publicised in the programme, which will be circulated at the beginning of each term.

We want FramSoc to be fun, informative and relevant and would welcome any ideas that members might have in order to try and achieve those objectives. So if you do have any ideas please contact Amanda Taylor email [ajt@framcollege.co.uk](mailto:ajt@framcollege.co.uk) with any thoughts you may have.

Ultimately we would like all Framlingham and Brandeston families to embrace FramSoc and help us to create a vibrant community that will further enrich the lives of all those people associated with the College - past, present and future.

So we hope that as many families as possible will join FramSoc (by completing the attached application form and returning it to Amanda) ideally before the beginning of the Spring Term; however, should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Amanda, Tony Lawrence [anlawrence@framcollege.co.uk](mailto:anlawrence@framcollege.co.uk) or myself [hbirch@clarkeandsimpson.co.uk](mailto:hbirch@clarkeandsimpson.co.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you to FramSoc in 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Birch  
**(Treasurer)**