**Thursday 21st November 2024 2024-2025 Issue NUMBER 11**

**Diary Dates**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Event** |
| 22nd & 28th November |  | Nasal flu vaccinations. Please see below. |
| 25th November |  | INSET Day |
| 3rd December | 3-4pm | Enterprise & Marketing Christmas Fayre |
| 5th December |  | Romsey Abbey Concert |
| 17th & 18th December | 7pm | Christmas Concerts |
| 20th December |  | Last day of Autumn Term |
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| Dear parents and carers,  Another productive week has passed at Wyvern. Once again, we have seen a record number of achievement points being awarded, we have seen a reduction in negative behaviour points and an increase in school attendance and we hope to see this continue over the rest of the term. Thank you to those of you who attended our Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening yesterday, providing a useful opportunity to review how students have begun their key stage four courses.  During cold weather, students can wear coats and may bring scarves, hats, and gloves to school, so long as they remove them whilst inside the buildings. Students are not allowed to wear any other tops, apart from the school jumper. Non-school jumpers, hoodies, denim jackets etc. will all be confiscated, and this could leave students in a position where they are cold outside. We ask that parents/carers therefore check that coats are being taken to school; alternative tops will not be accepted as an excuse for being cold. Students may wear tights and some choose to wear socks over their tights to keep their feet warm. Our policy is that socks must be discrete. White or colourful socks over tights are not acceptable.  I need to ask for your help in resolving parking problems in Knowle Park Lane, which is not a public road but a private and unadopted road. There is ongoing concern from residents regarding the start and end of the school day as parents continue to park along the road and on the footpaths of Knowle Park Lane. This parking leads to narrowing of the road which restricts vehicle access and blocks the footpaths forcing children, parents, residents and other members of the public to walk in the road at a busy time. Parents mounting the kerb and parking on the footpath have also caused damage to the road and footpaths which residents then have to fund the repair of since the road is unadopted and not maintained by Hampshire County Council.    Additionally, there have been a number of instances where residents have received verbal abuse from parents who have been asked to move their vehicles. Residents therefore have also had to pay for regular warden patrolled parking control and we have again sadly had reports of their staff members also receiving abuse.  Many thanks for your continued support with all of these issues.  Mr Rule  Headteacher. | | |
| **HOUSEPOINTS UPDATE**  **14th November 2024** | | |
| **Community Notices**  **FAIR OAK COMMUNITY LIBRARY –** are selling a 2025 Fair Oak and Horton Heath, Then and Now calendar to raise funds. You can get one from the library, Fountain Café and Butcher’s Block for £8.  **WILLOW STAR WORKSHOP** – November 26th at the Parish Office, Horton Heath. Why not enjoy an evening at Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Offices for a willow star workshop [– click here for a poster for details and how to register.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-10-141124/willow-star-workshop.jpg?vid=4)  **CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET**  The Dart Community Centre are hosting a Christmas Makers Market at Wildern Hall on the 1st December between 10:00am-17:00pm, this includes live music and festive refreshments. They will also have 21 different artists and makers selling a whole host of beautiful handmade items. [Click here for more information.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-9-071124/Christmas-Pop-up-Market-Poster.png?vid=4)  **The Fountain Pantry**  A group of fruit and a smoothie  Description automatically generatedWe are excited to announce the opening of the Fountain Pantry, a community food pantry dedicated to supporting residents with affordable food options. Launching on Thursday, 21st November, this new initiative is designed to provide a helping hand with your weekly food shopping, offering pantry and fridge items to residents.    For a small contribution of £6 per week, members can "shop" for up to 10 items. The Fountain Pantry will be open every Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at [**The Fountain Café**](https://www.facebook.com/thefountain.org?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZVyuAmzV7F64L9hNGDuv-Lt3JFccJ7UN4_kKgJqZVfGMeT8wqCabq0slP6e77PvqugO07QPJKJKOXxpv0UA_xh1W-2w8RWz7gEIdH0kaZFgo9z02TXsmopcz6xIgAyU8Q4de7SEVM2_w1_2MtAFJiusJVVnreWHpEcxOll4pQh9Haz9Dldk68cZVPxKV5b0na0&__tn__=-%5dK-R) on Shorts Road, providing a warm, welcoming environment where you can pick up essentials and enjoy a coffee. We hope to extend the opening times in the coming months as our volunteer base grows.    This project is essentially targeting individuals and families in need. For any more information at this stage please contact [siobhan.strand@fairoak-pc.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.strand@fairoak-pc.gov.uk)    This food-only pantry will feature a rotating selection of staples to help stretch your budget while fostering community connections. We look forward to seeing you at the Fountain Pantry and encourage residents to drop by for the opening.    We’d like to say a huge thank you to Hampshire County Council's Connect4Communities ([**https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../childr.../connectforcommunities**](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR12Q2yRe3wHE2BRmaFlQdsHkaOy5GMUFjrNYHQqU17e1ElRD5RrCSUy4qM_aem_PhUk3KOxwgA3LOWpPu1x6A)) for funding The Fountain Pantry and to [**The Fountain Café**](https://www.facebook.com/thefountain.org?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZVyuAmzV7F64L9hNGDuv-Lt3JFccJ7UN4_kKgJqZVfGMeT8wqCabq0slP6e77PvqugO07QPJKJKOXxpv0UA_xh1W-2w8RWz7gEIdH0kaZFgo9z02TXsmopcz6xIgAyU8Q4de7SEVM2_w1_2MtAFJiusJVVnreWHpEcxOll4pQh9Haz9Dldk68cZVPxKV5b0na0&__tn__=-%5dK-R) for hosting us at their new site.    If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask. | | |
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| **LOCKDOWN DRILL**  In the next few weeks, the college will be holding a lockdown drill. Lockdowns can happen for a variety of reasons, and it is really important that we conduct regular drills to ensure that all our staff and students understand the necessary actions to take in case of a real lockdown event. | | |
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| **ParentMail Automatic Payment Top-Ups**  ParentMail have launched a new automatic top-up feature, the message about this will appear on your account when you log in to make your next top up. This feature only works on version 5.1.7 so you may need to update your app to the newest version.  Parents will be able to set up an automatic top up payment for when the balance on their child’s account drops below a set value, this feature will prevent student accounts going overdrawn and delays to them getting a meal. The daily spend limit will still apply (the default is £4.00 per day but this can be changed by emailing [finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)).  Further details are available here: [Automatic Top Ups — November 2024 - IRIS ParentMail - Help topic](https://help-iris.co.uk/education/parentmail/iris-pluspay/product-updates/automatic-top-ups-2024.htm)  **Lost Property**  There is a large amount of lost property building up within the college – particularly PE kit and coats. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to visit Reception or the Finance Office where we will do our best to reunite them with their lost items.  And despite the fact that your children are in most cases young teenagers it is really important that all items are named. If they do happen to leave anything in a classroom / changing room it can be quickly given back to them if it has their name in otherwise it will be another black coat, another pair of black trainers, another black PE bag.  **Bought Items for Collection**  If you have made a purchase through ParentMail (for example revision guides, stationery items) these items are available for collection from the Finance Office.  Please let your child know if you place any orders on their behalf.  **Post 16 Transport -** Hampshire County Council has launched a consultation on its Post 16 Transport Policy. [Click here to find out more](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-9-071124/Post-16-Transport-Policy-Consultation.pdf?vid=3).  **Enterprise and Marketing Christmas Fayre –** 3-4.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December – [click here for more details.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-10-141124/Christmas-Fayre-Poster.pdf?vid=3)  **Hampshire Teen Project** are holding a Christmas event on the 23rd December – this is for benefits related free school meal students. [Click here for more details](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-10-141124/Hampshire-Teen-Project-Flyer-1-1.pdf?vid=3) and [here for details of the pickup and drop off scheme.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-10-141124/Hampshire-Teen-Project-Flyer-2-1.pdf?vid=3) | | |
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| **WELLBEING**  **CAMHS Courses**  Two free courses are available to parents/carers regarding the mental health of their children. Please click the links for more details:  [Learn more about Eating Disorders in Young People – 28th November 2024](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-11-211124/CAMHS-Eating-disorder-event-2.pdf?vid=3)  [How to Cope when your Child Can’t – 8th of May 2025](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-11-211124/how-to-cope-flyer_winchester.pdf?vid=3)    **Citizens Advice**  Citizens Advice offer support for a range of topics:  - Welfare benefit issues  - Money matters and debt problems  - Employment issues  - Housing worries  - Relationship and family questions  - Health and community care queries  [Click here for more details.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-11-211124/Citizens-Advice-Leaflet.pdf?vid=3) | | |
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| **CATERLINK SURVEY**  Contributions can still be made to this survey.  Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9CLJWM>  We would ask that all responses are completed by 30th November. | | |
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| **SPORTS NEWS**  Students in several year represented Wyvern at the District cross country Champs in Winchester on Friday 15th November.  Years 8&9 - Lyra (6th) and Fern (7th)  Years 8&9 - Jasper (7th), Jack (10th) Lincoln (26th) Bryce (53rd)  Years 10&11 Jacob (3rd) Hugo (13th) Ed (31st)  All were a credit to the school in behaviour, attitude and performance.  We have got fingers crossed for anyone placed lower than 16 will be selected to represent Eastleigh and Winchester at the County Championships on Saturday 18th January. We are waiting to hear from the team selectors in the next week. | | |
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| **MUSIC NEWS**  **Bright Sparkes Visit to Royal Festival Theatre**  **A group of people posing for a photo  Description automatically generated**Our Year 10 GCSE music students attended the Bright Sparkes concert this week. This annual event allows students to hear pieces from the curriculum and find out more about their musical structures and historical context. This year the students got to hear the London Philharmonic Orchestra play pieces by Bach, Vivaldi and Beethoven as well as film music from the Dam Busters and Nope.  **NEW Online Music Theory Course.**  Our 20-week online theory course will take you through all the necessary learning required to take the ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory exam.  Working with an experienced teacher, pupils will be guided through the elements of music theory as a group, starting with note values and time signatures, all the way up to cadences, intervals and what to expect in the actual exam.  A weekly 60-minute lesson will consist of 45 minutes teaching and 15 minutes Q&A, where pupils will get the chance to ask questions and go over any aspects they wish. In between lessons, there is an opportunity for individual feedback.  Pupils will be provided with an ABRSM Grade 5 workbook to work through as part of the lessons.  The cost for the 20-week course is**£150.00** (including the workbook).  Lessons are scheduled for Thursdays from 4pm – 5pm (online), starting on Thursday 9 January 2025.  To sign up to take part in this course, please use the link below.  [**Grade 5 ABRSM Music Theory Course**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tdiBPwfuF0yGnB20OQGNm0ewPd4Vod1OtShZFZ18l3ZUOVE2WFRIWEVSTklGQjZKMlRDQzBURkQzTSQlQCN0PWcu)  **Hampshire Music – Pop Up Ensemble**  Following the success of the Pop-Up Orchestra events in March and July this year, HMS have arranged another one for Sunday 15th December. [Click here for the promotional flyer](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-9-071124/Andover-Pop-Up-Ensemble-Flyer-December-24.pdf?vid=3). The event is for all instruments and all levels from beginner to Grade 4 and players do not need to be receiving lessons from Hampshire Music Service. | | |
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| **CAREERS NEWS**  **Sparsholt Open Event**  Registrations are now open for Sparsholt College’s Open Day for Saturday 1 February 2025 [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](https://sparsholt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=85aea29426f4026efd322565b&id=1fd8959797&e=96e1f69468). Timings for the event depend on the tour/tours that you book.  **Southampton Education Forum** is collaborating with Southampton Solent University, the University of Southampton, and Southampton City Council to host a free online event for parents and carers of young people (year 9 upwards) who are considering going to university (from Southampton, Portsmouth, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Dorset and beyond). The event will take place on Tuesday 26th November 2024 between 18:00-19:20.  This event is a great opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about the benefits of a university education, the application process, financial support options, and student support services typically available in universities. The event will include a Q&A panel where parents and carers can ask questions directly to expert careers professionals and colleagues from both Southampton Solent University and the University of Southampton.  **CLICK TO ENLARGE** | | |
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| **Year 7 Notices**  No notices this week. | | |
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| **Year 8 Notices**  I am sat writing this on the first frosty morning of this term. As the weather changes please try to encourage your children to come to college with the correct clothing to keep them warm. I know not all teenagers want to wear a coat or gloves for that matter but all we can do is try.  This week Mr Emeny presented an assembly about bullying to the entire college. He used a great analogy whereby he showed a perfectly formed sheet of A4 paper then asked a Y8 student (well done Fern W) to crumple the sheet up and then stamp on it. He then asked her to return it to its former state of perfection. Obviously, she could not. He asked her to apologise to it and say “I was only joking” to see of that helped and of course it did not. As you have probably guessed this was a visual aid to demonstrate the impact that bullying has on people. Mr Emeny also explored behaviours that are often considered bullying but that are not - unkindness, meanness, and conflict. He went on to remind students of the various means in which they can report bullying at Wyvern and how we respond to all allegations.  It is repeatedly made clear to students that reporting behaviours that make someone feel uncomfortable, unhappy, or unsafe is NOT “snitching” – it is safeguarding! As parents, you may find this link useful as it summarises everything that we say regularly to our students - [Bullying-webpage-for-school-website-1.pdf](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Wellbeing/Anti-Bullying/Bullying-webpage-for-school-website-1.pdf)  OK so in praise news I would like to congratulate C2 this week for earning the highest number of P1s last week (633) followed by G2 (608) and in third place P2 again (522). The leader board for students last week is as follows Jacob (P1) in first place with 51 P1s, Jake from C2 with 49 and in JOINT third place Lyra from D2 and Anthia from P2 with 42 points each – this is excellent!  Finally, a big thank you if you have already sent in a prize donation for our Christmas celebration assembly – so far we have a few selection boxes, an Amazon voucher, some smaller chocolate prizes and the largest box / tube of Jaffa cakes I have ever seen. There is still plenty of time and we would really appreciate anything you can offer – popular items are always sweets, chocolate, biscuits, vouchers for Amazon, Costa, Starbucks, Greggs, Nandos, Pizza Hut etc. Any donations can be bought to reception for the attention of the Y8 office or students can bring them directly to my office.  Don’t forget that students are not in on Monday. Have a great weekend.  Mrs Howard  Pastoral Lead Year 8 | | |
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| **Year 9 Notices**  No notices this week | | |
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| **Year 10 Notices**  Hello Year 10  We are very much looking forward to sharing the information about how to become a prefect in our assemblies in the next few weeks, students, keep your eyes and ears open for this important information. We are also busy planning our upcoming Christmas lunches, more information about these will follow shortly.  We continue to focus on uniform, if your student is wearing anything other than plan black school shoes can these be replaced urgently. Trainers, or any footwear with logos are not part of the college uniform and are not permitted to be worn at school.  Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to 10C2 who lead the house points for a tutor group with a huge 5283! Second is 10P2 with an impressive 5052. Well done to Mia, Elle and Olivia you are the top three students in the year group for house points so far this year all with over 300, Well Done!  Year 10 as a whole have a whopping 41,994 house points.  Year 10 Pastoral Team | | |
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| **Year 11 Notices**  **The College Application session**  **Date:** 26th November  **Time:** 3pm-3.40pm  You don't need to stay the entire time. You can leave as soon as you have completed the application.  **Who will be attending:** Barton Peveril and Eastleigh College will be attending the event to help you as well.  **What do I need to bring:** Please bring your personal statement if you are applying for Barton Peveril or Peter Symonds.  **Room**: T6 Computer room  [Click here for more information.](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/assets/Documents/COLLEGE/Communication/Parent-Newsletter/Issue-11-211124/80379a3232/College-Application-Session-1.png?vid=2)  Dear Year 11    AWE Nuclear Security Technologies still has some apprenticeship opportunities open for roles starting in August 2025, anyone interested should visit the website:  <https://www.awe.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/> for further information.    Start your career with an employer who genuinely wants to invest in you and work with you to develop your potential.  You will have the opportunity to work in world-class facilities, gaining knowledge, skills and behaviours that will enable you to have a world-class future.   The apprenticeships, vary from Level 3 Advanced to Level 6 Batchelors Degree covering a broad spectrum of skills: from Engineering to Project Management. Regardless of your chosen path, from day one you will be on a programme that develops not just your technical capability, but also the skills required to be successful in your future roles.  You will receive 1-2-1 support and training that will provide you with both the knowledge and understanding of the role and also the work placements, giving you the opportunity to develop whilst in the role  Kind Regards  Mrs Gough  Careers Leader | | |