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DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
3 rd December	3-4pm	Enterprise Christmas Fayre
5 th December		Romsey Abbey Concert
10 th , 11 th 12 th , 18 th & 19 th December		Christmas Lunches for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 respectively. See Year Group notices for more details.
17 th & 18 th December	7pm	Christmas Concerts
20 th December		Last day of Autumn Term
6 th January 2025		INSET DAY
7 th January 2025		Beginning of Spring Term

Dear parents and carers,

This week staff have been deciding achievement scores for the current Year 10, based on their work so far, including recent assessments. This data will be reported to parents shortly, indicating the grade range students are performing in. Staff continue to work with Year 11 students on their preparations for their trial exams. Teachers should only be setting Year 11 homework that is revision work. We hope that students will be applying the revision strategies we have taught them, including at our recent revision evening for parents and students.

We have also run our bereavement friendship groups this week; Miss Gott had arranged for students to take part in Christmas themed activities and provided opportunities for students to talk to each other about how remember the loved one they have lost at a time of year when festivities tend to centre around family.

Safeguarding: protecting children on Roblox

The Guardian has published a news story on the introduction of new measures on Roblox aiming to improve protection for children on the online gaming platform. This follows reports of children encountering online grooming and adult content on it. Updates include greater parental controls allowing parents to monitor their children's activity on the platform; adjustments to built-in limits around how children under 13-years-old can communicate with others; and changes to content warning labels. The article says:

“The fast-growing children’s gaming platform Roblox is to hand parents greater oversight of their children’s activity and restrict the youngest users from the more violent, crude and scary content after warnings about child grooming, exploitation and sharing of indecent images. From Monday, Roblox will grant parents access to a dashboard on their own phone showing who their child is interacting with, how long they are spending on Roblox each day and to make sure they are accurately recording their age.

It will also restrict users under nine to games rated “mild”, with access to “moderate” content allowed only with parental approval. Mild content might involve “unrealistic blood or unrealistic violence” whereas the blood would look realistic for moderate violence. Preteens will also be blocked from chat functions outside of games as part of a worldwide tightening of the rules on the [most visited](#) online destination among British eight- to 12-year-olds after Google, Meta’s Instagram and Facebook, and TikTok. The moves comes after a short-seller last month alleged it had found child sexual abuse content, sex games, violent content and abusive speech on the site. In the UK, Peter Kyle, the secretary of state for science and technology, told parliament: “I expect that company to do better in protecting service users, particularly children.”

You can read the full article from the Guardian here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2024/nov/18/roblox-to-hand-parents-more-control-over-their-childrens-activity>

The Activate Gym

We are keen for students to get involved in sports activities out of college as part of a healthy, active lifestyle. Our hope is that all students will find an activity that keeps them both physically and socially active as this enhances their physical and mental health. We do operate the Activate gym out of college hours, in the evening and weekends. To ensure students use it safely, they:

1. Must be 16 to have their own membership. If they are still Wyvern students when they turn 16 and take a membership out, they have to have a letter signed by me to confirm I have spoken to them about safeguarding issues around gym use. Here, they are not permitted to use the Sport and Fitness Changing rooms until they start 6th form college (from Sept of the year they leave school).
2. Students under the age of 16 can attend Parent and Teen sessions – which only run on Thursday and Friday evenings from 1830-2000, or Sat & Sun – 11am-1230pm. Here they must attend with a parent or guardian.

Only students following these rules should be using the gym outside of college hours. There is one exception to this. We do operate a supervised afterschool club called Teen Gym which students in years 9-11 can attend. It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3.00-4.25pm. There is a charge here: £4.00 per session or £30.00 for a ten-session pass.

Mr Rule
Headteacher.

COLLEGE CULTURE House Points Update - 28th November 2024



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FRIENDS OF WYVERN

Student Fundraiser Success: A Sweet Contribution to Our School

We are delighted to share a heartwarming story of initiative and community spirit from one of our students, Sebastian of tutor group 7D2. Sebastian recently organised a fundraiser at his church, where he sold homemade fudge and toffee. Through his efforts, he successfully raised £46, which he has generously donated to the Friends of Wyvern.

Sebastian shared that he had a lot of fun raising money to help the school. His enthusiasm and hard work are truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of his achievement.

We are attaching the **Student Fundraising Pack** for any other Wyvern students who are inspired to raise funds for the school. Currently, we are fundraising for three key projects: new seating and canopies around the site, class sets of laptops, and food tech equipment.

For more information, parents can visit our website: [Friends of Wyvern](#) or our [Facebook page](#). Thank you, Sebastian, for your sweet contribution and for embodying the spirit of giving and community support. Your efforts make a significant difference, and we encourage all our students to follow your inspiring example.

Wanted – Pre-Loved Uniform

Have you any got any uniform items that you could donate to the college? We raise money for the Friends with pre-loved sales and are always looking for new stock. Please bring your donations to reception. Thanks.

VACANCIES: We have a vacancy for a **SENDCO/Deputy Manager of our Childcare Unit**. For more details and to see our other vacancies – please go to [Recruitment - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WYVERN COMMUNITY CHOIR

A lively refreshing mixed repertoire, bringing people together to experience the joys of singing for fun, perhaps for the first time or very often after a long break. Our emphasis is on having fun, meeting new people, and developing vocal skills. Why not come along and give it a try, free taster session. New course starts 8 Jan 1830-2000 @ Wyvern Main School Hall

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.

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.](#)

The Fountain Pantry

We 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](#) 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

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>) for funding The Fountain Pantry and to [The Fountain Café](#) for hosting us at their new site.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

Community Choir Christmas Concert – 11th December 7.30 Main Hall

Come and see our wonderful community choir with special guests the Prince's Mead Singers, Eastleigh Operatic and Musical Society and orchestral clarinettist Rob Blanken. Tickets are only £1 and you can bring your own food and drink.

Tickets can be purchased on the door or via [Community Choir Christmas Concert at Wyvern College event tickets from TicketSource](#)

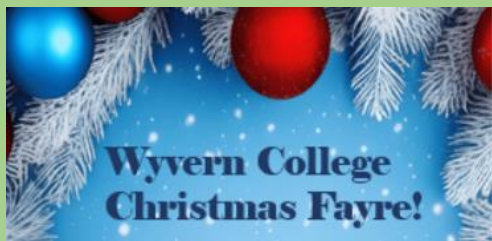


Christmas Lunches

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of £4.50.

Please consult the relevant Year news to get details of how and when to pay. Please ensure your payment is made or the form is completed by the cut-off date detailed below.

Enterprise Christmas Fayre



Year 9 Wyvern College students invite you to the 'Enterprise Christmas Fayre' on Tuesday 3rd December from 3-4pm. The fayre will take place in the school quad, and in the hall.

Please come along to support our students and purchase some of the fabulous, handcrafted, products they've produced following their Enterprise and Marketing lessons.

There will be live Christmas music, and our school fundraising team will be selling festive drinks. Cash only so please do bring your change.

Year 9 look forward to seeing you there.

Special Decorations

Over the course of Wednesday this week, our Bereavement Group met in year groups and add some special messages to the beautiful decorations handmade by Mrs Babington – one of our librarians. They also enjoyed some homemade goodies, including some lovely gingerbread cookies from Miss Parker, and made tags for Christmas gifts. Thanks to our pastoral team for making this possible.

The decorations are now adorning the college Christmas tree in reception.



Christmas Concerts.

Romsey Abbey Christmas Concert is taking place next Thursday 5th Dec. Wyvern college choir will be performing alongside the Barton Peveril choir and orchestra, and other Hampshire choirs. We will be performing Wassail- Carols of Comfort and Joy, conducted by Alexander L' Estrange, as well as choral works with a visiting choir from America. It is going to be a wonderful event and a fantastic experience for our

Wyvern singers. Tickets are available on ticketsource: [Barton Peveril College Christmas Concert - Wassail! Alexander L'Estrange at Romsey Abbey event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Wyvern Christmas concerts are taking place on Tues 17th and Weds 18th Dec in the main hall. All of our college choirs and ensembles will be performing, and the evening will be a fantastic celebration of music at Wyvern, and start to the festive season. Tickets will be available from 12.00 on Monday 2nd December via [Wyvern College event tickets from TicketSource](#). ticket will include a festive refreshment on arrival. We are looking forward to celebrating with you. Ticket price includes a mince pie and a drink.



GENERAL NOTICES

Online Safety

The latest edition of our [Online Safety Newsletter can be accessed by clicking here](#). Past editions can be found on [Keeping Students Safe - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#).

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).

Further details are available here: [Automatic Top Ups — November 2024 - IRIS ParentMail - Help topic](#)

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.

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](#) and [here for details of the pickup and drop off scheme](#).

Thanks from the RBL – we have received a thank you for all the poppies we sold on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



WELLBEING

CAMHS Courses

There is a free course available to parents/carers regarding the mental health of their children. Please click the link for more details:

[How to Cope when your Child Can't – 8th of May 2025](#)

Citizens Advice Eastleigh

Free, confidential advice for everyone



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.](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Cross Country Update

We can now confirm that the following students have been selected to run at the County Championships as part of the Eastleigh and Winchester team.

- Inter Boys: Jacob and Hugo
- Junior Boys; Jasper and Jack
- Junior Girls: Lyra and Fern

The event is at Wellesley Woodland, Aldershot 18th January.

Well done and good luck to the competing students.

Celebration of Human Rights.

A fantastic AI-generated image which Reuben in Year 7 entered a competition run by the Council of Europe has gone on display in an exhibition at their headquarters in Strasbourg, France.

He was the runner-up in the Europe-wide competition, which celebrated 75 years of human rights.

Reuben's piece was entitled 'The Revolution' and focused on freedom of speech.

What an amazing achievement.



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](#). Timings for the event depend on the tour/tours that you book.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Staff and students are looking forward to Christmas lunches this year. Christmas lunch and festive dessert will be at a cost of £4.50.

Options for lunch will be Roast Chicken with trimmings (DF), Roast Chicken with trimmings (GLF) (DF) and Vegan Quorn fillet with trimmings (VEG) (VE) (DF)

Year 7 lunch will be **Tuesday 10th December**.

Payment must be made by 3pm Friday 6th December. Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

Please email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with any additional dietary requirements.

Hello

The first flurry of snow signalled to the pupils that their first term is drawing to a close and that Christmas is on its way! I am always shocked by how quickly the autumn term flies by, but this year it seems to have shot past at supersonic speed. At this time of year, we look forward to tweaking our curriculum to involve some fun activities, some creative festive themes and enjoy working together on tutor and house projects.

The pupils are currently working together to compete in the 'decorate your tutor door', are challenging themselves with their STRIVE projects and are discussing within their tutor groups what charity projects they may wish to embark in the New Year. One of our lovely Wyvern traditions is that the Year Group are invited to share a Christmas lunch together - this is taking place during period 4 on December 10th. The cost of this £4.50 and this can be paid for via our ParentMail and the deadline for this is December 3rd. As part of this lunch tutees are encouraged to bring in decorations for their tutor table in a bid to win the 'best decorated table' award. I really hope that as many pupils as possible are able to join us for this lovely event.

On a very different note please can I take this opportunity to raise my concerns regarding the significant number of issues that the year office are dealing with that are linked to inappropriate use of mobile phones, the content that the children are viewing and the unkind messages that pupils are sending to each other. Please can I urge you to check your son/daughter's phone to ensure they are using and viewing age-appropriate apps and platforms and to monitor interactions and conversations in group chats. I am keen to nip this in the bud and would really appreciate help and support from home so that pupils are receiving the same message from both invested parties.

On a more positive note, Year 7 are absolutely smashing the league table in terms of achievement points and are streaks ahead of the other year groups. Leading the way are Niamh F (7P2), closely followed by Noah G (7D2) and ably assisted by Britney E (7D2). Currently in the lead are tutor group 7D2 with 8081 points with 7C1 chasing them with a respectable 7931 points with 7G1 trying to close the gap with 7117 points.

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

Mrs Taylor-Watson
Pastoral Leader Year 7

YEAR 8 NOTICES

YEAR 8 Visit to the Fort Nelson Museum

The History Department is planning a visit to the Fort Nelson Museum near Portsmouth to help our students develop their understanding of soldiers' experiences during World War One and providing opportunities to see and handle original British and German artefacts and weapons from World War 1. Students will discover the

real-life story of George Weston who lived and trained at the Fort before leaving for the trenches and find out what life was really like for the ordinary man on the Front and the grim realities of healthcare if you were injured. Year 8 are studying this as part of the Key Stage 3 History curriculum. [Please click here for more details.](#)

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YEAR 9 NOTICES

Battlefields Trip 2025

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We will be visiting Ypres, the Somme and other key First World War battlefield sites and museums. The trip will run from 9th – 11th July, 2025. Students will be staying in a hotel based around Ypres. The trip will be beneficial for students studying GCSE History as they will be able to examine the significance of the First World War and developments in battlefield medicine. The trip will also allow students to put one of the twentieth century's most important events into historical context as well as give them a chance to take part in a poignant moment of reflection at the Menin Gate. [Please click here for more details.](#)

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Year 9 lunch will be Thursday 12th December.

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Year 10 lunch will be Wednesday 18th December.

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YEAR 11 NOTICES

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Year 11 lunch will be Thursday 19th December.

Payment must be made by 3pm Monday 16th December. Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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