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## DIARY DATES

10 <sup>th</sup> December	12.15-13.15	Christmas Lunches for Year 7
11 <sup>th</sup> December	12.15-13.15	Christmas Lunches for Year 8
11 <sup>th</sup> December	12.15-13.15	Christmas Lunches for Year 9
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Christmas Concerts
18 <sup>th</sup> December	12.15-13.15	Christmas Lunches for Year 10
19 <sup>th</sup> December	12.15-13.15	Christmas Lunches for Year 11
20 <sup>th</sup> December		Last day of Autumn Term – 12.30 finish
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		INSET DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Beginning of Spring Term

Dear parents and carers,

### This Week's round up

This week has been a really positive week at Wyvern. We have seen Year 11 students starting their trial exams and we have been impressed with how seriously they have taken these and how well they have prepared for them.

Our Enterprise and Marketing students have held their Christmas Fayre in the hall on Tuesday. They had been given the job of needing to design, make, market and sell a Christmas themed item. In the style of BBC's Apprentice, they needed to work as a team to do so and to calculate their profit margins. They were a credit to the college and to you, their parents. They were creative, passionate and had clearly worked really hard on their projects. For the first time, we extended an invitation to members of the community to come to the Fayre and it was wonderful to meet so many parents there too. Thank you for supporting the students! Thank you to Ms Read for organising this event. The fayre generated a lovely warm feeling of festive fun. I hope the students enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot from it for their course.

This evening, our musicians perform at Romsey Abbey for Barton Peveril's concert; they have been rehearsing hard and I wish them the best of luck for tonight.

### Attendance

Following my comments a few weeks ago about declining attendance levels, which had dipped for three weeks below the national average, I am delighted to see that attendance has increased and is now back to where we expect it to be - above the national average. Thank you for working so well with us to achieve this. We appreciate how many of you have acted on the absence reports that went home after half term and how many of you have acted on the NHS guidance we shared on when to send a sick child into college and when not too. We do need to maintain this improved attendance for the last two weeks and also recognise that it is still below where it needs to be - at 95%.

### Christmas Activity Day

Personal Best is delivering the Hampshire Teen Project in partnership with Hampshire County Council (Connect4Communities) during the Christmas holidays for students aged 11-16 who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals at their current school or for families here from the Ukraine. Students will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops, which previously have included Laser Tag, Cooking, Pottery, Circus Skills, DJing, Climbing, Archery, Canoeing, Trampolining. This event is due to take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am to 3pm. It takes place at Mountbatten School in Romsey but there is free transport provided from Wyvern. If you wish to sign your child up for this then please complete the form here [Hampshire Christmas 2024 Teen Project - Personal Best Education](#)

### Research into Parenting Highly Anxious Children

We are supporting a post graduate student's research into study of how parents and caregivers cope with the challenges of supporting children who struggle to attend school due to anxiety or other emotional difficulties (commonly referred to as Emotionally-Based School Avoidance or EBSA). The aim of this research is to understand how caregiver stress and resilience shape students' experiences, with the hope of improving

support for families in the future. If you have an experience to share please do complete the short online questionnaire here: [https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4MJkxSbYM3GyUqq](https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4MJkxSbYM3GyUqq)

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

## COLLEGE CULTURE House Points Update - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## FRIENDS OF WYVERN

### 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 **SEND/CO/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

**LEARN KARATE** - Monday nights on the Wyvern Sports Hall. A family friendly club run by Wado Sports Karate Academy. [Click here for more details.](#)

### 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

**LANTERN PARADE – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** – [Click here for more details.](#)

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

### Community Choir Christmas Concert – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 (via Parent mail) or the form is completed by the cut-off date detailed below.

### **Christmas Concerts.**

**Wyvern Christmas concerts are taking place on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> and Weds 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Please see the poster below. Tickets are now available via [TicketSource](#)

### **THE ENTERPISE CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Look at some of the wonderful products that were sold at our Year 9 Enterprise and Marketing. The students ran a very successful Christmas Fayre. They were professional, polished and thoroughly deserved their success after working so hard to produce such great products.



### **SPORTING NEWS**

Una and Sophie in Year 11 represented Hampshire Rugby for their age group last weekend.

Una was captain, and the team played Sussex, winning 17-0 and 17-10.

Massive congratulations to them both.



### **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.](#)

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property that we have in college will be displayed in reception on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th December 2024 from 3-4pm. Please ensure that you or your child come to reception on those days to check for any missing items. All lost property will be disposed of over the Christmas break.

## 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.

## T-LEVELS WEEK

**South Hants Colleges** are holding some information evenings relating to T-Levels. [Click her for more.](#)

### Message from Peter Symonds College:

Thank you very much for submitting your application to Peter Symonds College and registering your interest in studying A Level Drama and Theatre or BTEC Performance Acting with us.

As Head of Drama & Theatre at Symonds, I would love to offer you two free tickets to see this year's production, Spider's Web, from our student theatre group, A Company of Fools. It's set to be a fantastic event and will be the perfect opportunity for you to experience student-directed theatre from our current students!

Performances are on Saturday 14 December (matinee) at 2.30 pm and Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December 2023 at 5.30pm all in our Varley Theatre, at Peter Symonds College.

If you are interested in coming along, please email me at [rcollinson@psc.ac.uk](mailto:rcollinson@psc.ac.uk) - we'd love to see you!

## EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY – JUNIOR CHEF PROGRAMME

Eastleigh College are running their exciting 6 week programme within their Hospitality and Catering department. Hospitality and Catering is one of the fastest growing, exciting, and ever-changing industries providing many different job opportunities.

The Junior Chef Programme is designed for years 9, 10 and 11 to give them an insight into the professional cookery experience within the Hospitality and Catering industry. The programme will help develop confidence, communication and cookery skills as well as encouraging them to use their creative flair. On completion of the course your son/daughter will receive a College Attendance Certificate at a ceremony where they will prepare a two-course meal. [For more information, please click here.](#)

## Interested in apprenticeship programmes with BAE Systems?

Closing date for applications: 4pm, Friday 20 December 2025

Taking place over four days in January and February 2025, students will be matched with a BAE Systems mentor and visit Portsmouth Naval Base. There will also be opportunities to meet current BAE Systems apprentices, who will provide insights into their role and share their experience.

We'll offer some guidance on how to apply for our apprenticeship programmes, starting in September 2025.

Programme dates and times are:

- Wednesday 15 January, 5pm – 6pm, Virtual via WebEx (joining instructions and links will be provided)
- Tuesday 21 January, 4pm – 6pm, Portsmouth Naval Base
- Monday 3 February, 4pm – 6pm, Portsmouth Naval Base
- Tuesday 18 February (half term), 9am – 3pm, Portsmouth Naval Base

Places are limited, so you must commit to attending all dates/times listed above. Access to Portsmouth Naval Base is subject to MOD security checks and permissions. You will need valid photo ID (e.g. passport or provisional driver's license) to gain access to Portsmouth Naval Base.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## 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 via Parentmail by 3pm Friday 6th December.** Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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## YEAR 8 NOTICES

### MARWELL TRIP

The Geography Department has organised a visit for Year 8 pupils to Marwell Zoo on either Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (exact students on each day will be confirmed when final numbers are in).

The visit is taking place on a day when students have Geography and will coincide with the teaching of a unit on World Environments in Geography lessons. [For more details, please click here.](#)

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**Year 8 lunch will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Payment must be via Parentmail made by 3pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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Hello

It is frightening to think that we only have three weeks of this term left as Christmas now races towards us! Hopefully you have seen the announcement about the Christmas lunch which is due to take place on Wednesday 11th December. Tutor Reps will spend period 3 decorating the tables and a prize will be awarded for the best dressed table.

Mr Rule delivered assembly this week and it was wonderful to see how the Year 8 data looked. Mr Rule showed figures that illustrated that 91% of students in the year group have never had a detention since joining Wyvern. He reflected on the proportion of students who have experienced our most serious sanctions (6%) and the concept of a small minority of students who are “entitled” and who behave in a way that reflects their mindset of “the rules don’t apply to me” and “I can do what I like”. Mr Rule used the character comparisons of Veruca Salt from Willy Wonka and Dudley Dursley from Harry Potter to help students to understand what “entitled” looks like. The 91% were acknowledged as the hard-working and cooperative members of the year group who are contributing, as they should, in a positive way to our college and hopefully were reassured by our

Head Teacher's message that the minority either need to change their behaviours or face the longer-term consequences.

So, in terms of praise news this week - I would like to congratulate P2 for earning the highest number of P1s last week (465) followed by H1 (394) and in third place G2 (379). The leader board for students last week is as follows Sophie H1 was in first place with 31 P1s, Freddie from P2 with 30 and in third place Amber from P2 with 27 points – well done! Again, thanks to those parents who have sent in prize donations for our Christmas Celebration Assembly, and it is not too late if you still have something to send in.

Mrs Howard  
Year 8 Pastoral Leader

## **YEAR 9 NOTICES**

### **Christmas Fayre Thanks**

Thank you so much to our wonderful Year 9 Enterprise and Marketing students who ran a very successful Christmas Fayre. They were professional, polished and thoroughly deserved their success after working so hard to produce such great products.

### **Christmas Lunches**

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**Year 9 lunch will be Thursday 12th December.**

**Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Tuesday 10th December.** Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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## **YEAR 10 NOTICES**

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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 10 lunch will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Friday 13th Dec.** Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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Hello

This week we have continued with the house competitions in tutor time, Mr Rule presented an interesting assembly about behaviour and Mrs White and Mrs Emeny have been out and about in tutor groups seeing

you all and checking in, we are very proud of what we have seen. Year 10 continue to work hard earning house points, Last week 10C2 achieved 457 house points followed by 10C1 with 377, Hei from 10C2 achieved 35 house points in one week followed by Luke 10H2 with 30 – Well done! 10C2 are topping the house point leaderboard so far this year with 6181, followed by 10P2 with 5773 – Well done Mrs Robert, let's see if Mr Archer-Lock and his tutees can catch them over the next few weeks! Top of the individual ranks are Mia with a whopping 407 house points, Elle with 405 and Olivia with 345.

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas lunches on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, please encourage your students to attend as it is always a lovely event and we would like to see as many of the year group there for their penultimate Wyvern Christmas lunch.

Year 10 Pastoral Team

## YEAR 11 NOTICES

### YEAR 11 ENGLISH TRIPS

In the Spring term, the English department are running two exciting and enriching trips.

Firstly, on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025** an opportunity to watch and listen to the AQA GCSE poets reading and discussing their poems. The event '**Poetry Live**' takes place at the **Bournemouth Pavilion**. This will be a valuable and enriching experience for students in Year 11 as they will gain a unique insight into the language and context of their Power and Conflict poems in readiness for their GCSE English Literature exam.

There will be readings and discussions by Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, and John Agard amongst others. We will also hear from one of the chief examiners who will go through sample responses showing how marks are awarded.

Our second trip is to the **Mayflower Theatre in Southampton on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025** to see a performance of the acclaimed National Theatre production of '**An Inspector Calls**'. This JB Priestley play is one of the set texts that your child has studied for their English Literature GCSE.

[Please click here for a letter giving further details on both trips.](#)

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**Year 11 lunch will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Payment must be made via Parentmail by 3pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Free School Meal students will have a form to complete instead of a payment option.

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**Wyvern College Main Hall**  
**Tues 17th & Wed 18th December**  
**Doors open at 6.30**  
**Performance at 7pm**

For tickets go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college)