



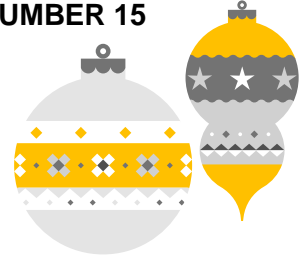
Thursday 19th December 2024

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DIARY DATES

6th January 2025
7th January 2025

INSET DAY
Beginning of Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers

I had great pleasure in watching our students performed at our Christmas concert this week, in a range of choirs, bands and ensembles. These were wonderful evenings, and I would like to thank all those students who attended and the staff who worked hard to give them this opportunity to perform. I am sure that those parents and families that came to watch, would agree with me that these showcase events are wonderful to see the talents of so many of our college students.

This term we say goodbye to some Wyvern teachers who will be leaving us from tomorrow: to Mrs Barclay and Mrs Culverhouse in Science, to Mr Fulford in Art, Mr Ness in Music and Mrs Wynn in PE. We will be thanking them for their contributions to Wyvern tomorrow afternoon, after the students leave for the end of term at 12.30pm.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to secure subject specialists for all the posts these staff have vacated. Our new PE teacher will not be able to join us until February half term, but we will have interim staffing in place for January to ensure the curriculum can continue to be taught. The other new members of staff will be joining us in January. Currently, there is a desperate shortage of teachers in the country. This is the case in all subject areas, but especially so in the core subjects. It is a reminder to college leaders, to students and parents that we all need to appreciate school staff and thank them for their work with our students.

Our new teachers are:

- Ms Tustin will be returning from maternity leave to teach part time in Science.
- Miss Keable will be joining us to teach full time in Science
- Mr O-Reilly will be joining us to teach part time in Science.
- Mrs Brock will be joining us to lead the Art department as curriculum leader
- Mr Lewis, currently teaching in English with some Music will be increasing his Music teaching
- Miss Bartlett will be joining us to teach in English

New Local Plan

Eastleigh Borough Council is at the first stage in the preparation of the new Local Plan. The Local Plan Review will identify how much housing development is needed in the next twenty years and where it should go. It will also include policies to protect the environment, respond to climate change, and ensure high-quality design to create places that meet community needs. The council is currently consulting on this plan and is gathering the view of local residents.

If you would like to contribute your views to this consultation, then please to complete the full survey [Local Plan - Consultation 2024 - Full Survey - Eastleigh Borough Council Citizen Space - Citizen Space](#) or a short survey [Local Plan Issues and Options 2024 - Short Survey - Eastleigh Borough Council Citizen Space - Citizen Space](#) by 5pm on 29th January 2025.

Finally, can I thank you for your support of the college this term. I wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a successful new year.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

COLLEGE CULTURE House Points Update – 19th December 2024



VACANCIES: We have a vacancies for a **Early Year Practitioners in 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 SPORTS & FITNESS OFFERS

Want to join the Gym? Our New Year Offer is running until 15th Feb 25



[Click here for the Christmas Opening Times for the Gym.](#)

Fair Oak Improvement Scheme

Updates on the Fair Oak improvements scheme. Milestone Infrastructure Ltd on behalf of Hampshire County Council will be undertaking investigatory highway works on Mortimers Lane, Winchester Road and Eastleigh Road in Fair Oak.

Schedule:

- Dates: Monday 6 January 2025 for 10 nights excluding weekends.
- Hours: 8pm to 6am (the road will reopen each morning).

The following works will be undertaken:

- Road and path surface testing;
- Drainage jetting (cleansing);
- CCTV inspection of existing drainage systems.

To enable the works to be undertaken in a safe manner, there will be road closures in place, which will depend on the location of the investigation works and will include:

- Mortimers Lane from the junction with Winchester Road to its junction with Michaels Way.
- Winchester Road (B3354 between a point opposite the Acorn Social Club to a point south of the four-way lights junction on Botley Road.
- Eastleigh Road (B3037 from its junction with Fratton Way to St Thomas Crescent on Stubbington Way.

A Gateman will be on site at closure points to provide access to all residents and emergency services. Pedestrian access will remain. There will be clear signage in place for the diversion route and this can be found on the scheme web page:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/mortimers-lane-fair-oak-improvements>

FRIENDS OF WYVERN

Mixing It Up: Friends of Wyvern Reinvigorate Food Tech with New Hand Mixers!



We are delighted to announce that one of our key fundraising goals has been achieved, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Friends of Wyvern and our wider community. A set of brand-new hand mixers has been purchased for our Food Preparation and Nutrition classes, and they are already making a difference in the classroom.

The new mixers have brought an exciting dynamic to our Food Technology lessons. Students are now able to engage in more hands-on activities, from creating delicate Swiss rolls to mastering a variety of cake recipes. These practical experiences are vital in helping students develop essential skills and confidence as they prepare for their GCSE qualifications.

Ella Hussey, Curriculum Leader of Design & Technology, shared her enthusiasm:

“These mixers have transformed our lessons, allowing more students to participate in practical tasks simultaneously. This investment enriches our learning environment and ensures that every student has the tools to succeed.”

We are incredibly grateful to the Friends of Wyvern for making this possible.”

The Friends of Wyvern have been steadfast supporters of our school, raising funds to enhance the learning experience for all our students. This latest contribution highlights their dedication to fostering creativity and excellence in education.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts. Your support is helping to elevate the quality of our lessons and inspiring our students to explore their full potential. As one student remarked:

“Having these mixers means we can all work on practical tasks at the same time, which makes lessons so much more fun and engaging!”

Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you, Friends of Wyvern, for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

Friends of Wyvern

Email: fow@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Website: www.friendsofwyvern.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561556424561>

NEW EDITION OF thisTerm@Wyvern

Our termly round up of good news stories is now on our website. There are stories we have featured in the weekly newsletters plus lots of other articles that reflect the highlights of life in the college. [Click here to read.](#)

CHRISTMAS ROUND UP

Christmas Concerts

A wonderful end to the term, celebrating the musical achievements of all our Wyvern singers and musicians. The Christmas concerts showcased the talent of all our ensembles and encompassed a huge array of styles and genres. Soloists Rebekah (Year 11) and Rosie (Year 9) led the choir in 'Were You There on the Christmas Night', followed by some festive arrangements from our flute and string ensembles. The chamber choir sang a lively 'Little Shop of Horrors' followed by a beautiful arrangement of "White Christmas". Our Rock club has now formed 3 bands across years 7-11 and it is wonderful to hear our students performing together across the year groups. The year 10 GCSE music class performed 'Rolling in the Deep' which combined wind, brass, guitar, piano, drums and vocals.

Wyvern Choir performed 2 contrasting songs- "Pure Imagination", followed by "Unwritten" by Natasha Beddingfield. We were joined by Wyvern community choir on Weds who performed "Mary Did You Know?" and "You are the Reason".

Year 9 and 10 drama students performed alongside Mr Harrison a very entertaining adaption of the Nativity whilst we set up for the final item. Concert band played "Mars", from The Planet Suite, and a Disney medley, before all performers came on stage for the finale, "A Spaceman Came Travelling".

Well done and thank you to all those involved in the performances, you have achieved so much and the concerts were a wonderful display of all the energy and dedication you put into music.



Festive Feasts

We also had our Year 10, Year 11, and Support Staff Christmas lunches. Thank you to all the staff and students that made these possible – and well done to our café staff that in the past two weeks have cooked an around 800 Christmas lunches whilst still providing foods at both breaks.



GENERAL NOTICES

Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme

[Click here to find out more](#) about this scheme to support talented athletes to reach their Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games goals.

Music Production Online

Hampshire Music Service are delighted to be able to continue offering Music Production Online Provision. This course is offered to all Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 students across the county that dream of creating music, regardless of abilities and musical background. What are the benefits of Music Production Online?

- Make your home a music studio
- Write and record your own music online
- Expert tuition from Hampshire Music Service staff

Students learn how to develop their sequencing, recording and editing skills. Our course is a great insight into the world of creating music for your child to enjoy and to nurture creativity skills. There are 10 sessions per term which are an hour in length each. Further details, as well as a video demo are accessible below.

<https://musicproduction.hantsmusic.org.uk/about/>

The sessions will be £5 each. Sessions will be on Monday or Thursday from 4pm. Please sign up by using the link below. Please note that places are limited as there are only 15 places on each session and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Music Production Online – Spring/Summer 2025

Cycling Safety

Can we please remind parents that students are only permitted to cycle to school if they adhere to the safety agreement in either page 35 (Years 7-8) OR 36 (Years 9-11) of the logbooks. We would highlight that they should all be wearing helmets.

Tesco Stronger Starts

From the first week in October, to the middle of January 2025, local Tesco stores will be running the 'Stronger Starts' blue token vote, with Wyvern College Learning Support department hoping to fundraise some money to improve the sensory environment that is currently in use; we hope to enhance the environment with new furniture, sensory lights, soft furnishings, and other aids that will support to provide a calm and relaxing environment. The area will help to improve alertness, levels of concentration, calmness and general awareness, whilst providing a supportive setting so the students can manage their day whilst in the school environment. In order to support Wyvern, please ensure when shopping in one of the local Tesco stores, that you pop a little blue token in the Wyvern box each time you shop. During the three-month period that the fundraising project is running, the winner could win up to £1500, which will make a huge difference to the students that access the Learning Support department.

The following shops are where Wyvern has a voting box:

2452 Eastleigh The Swan Centre Large unit SO50 5PN
2511 Ashdown Chndlr Rd Exp Small unit SO53 5RD
2520 Fair Oak Express Small unit SO50 7HD
3338 Valley Park Soton Exp Small unit SO53 4ST
5250 Twyford Rd Eastlg Exp Small unit SO50 4HP
6795 Eastleigh Bshpstk Exp Small unit SO50 6LA



Post 16 Transport Consultation

This is a reminder that [Hampshire County Council's consultation on its Post 16 Transport Policy](#) is open until Sunday, 15 December.

The policy outlines the County Council's transport provision for young people over 16 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) travelling to further education or training. The consultation seeks feedback on a number of small, proposed changes to make the policy easier to understand and provide greater clarity on how the service is delivered and managed. The proposals are not part of a savings programme.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed changes to the Post 16 Transport policy can share their feedback by calling or writing to the service or submitting an online form. Contact details are available on the [consultation webpage](#) and on the County Council's [School Transport website](#).

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.

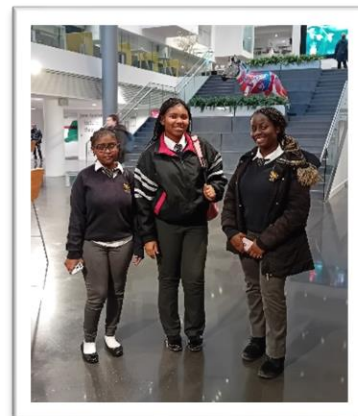
CAREERS NEWS

Trip to the Future Leaders Programme

On the 13th December some of our Year 10's attended Solent University for the 2024 Future Leaders Programme, which was specifically designed for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic students from The GRIT Charity.

The programme aimed to support participants educational journey and help them in achieving their full potential. Sessions during the event focused on:

- Students transforming beliefs about themselves, their peers and their education (exploring cultural identity, peer support, confidence and self-esteem).
- Creating networks (meeting positive role models, including students, staff, alumni, the Grit team and local community leaders) during a networking lunch and Q&A session.
- Highlighting opportunities and support available to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students at Solent University.



PETA Open Evening

[Please click her for a poster](#) advertising that PETA have an open evening regards to apprenticeships in ICT, Engineering, Finance and Business. The event isn't until the 24th March 2025, 4-7pm but save the date if your child is interested in getting into any of these sectors.

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.

BAE System Apprenticeships.

Please see that BAE Systems have business Apprenticeships for school leavers for September 2025, as well as engineering and electrical apprenticeships.

[Job Search | BAE Systems](#)

https://jobsearch.baesystems.com/search-and-apply?location_checkboxes=portsmouth&areas_of_work_checkboxes=business-development-and-sales&level_of_experience_checkboxes=advanced-apprenticeship%2Cundergraduate-placement

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Whoosh.....and there went term 1!

Year 7 have ended the Autumn Term on a high as we celebrated our amazing first term together with a celebratory/fun assembly. We started off by having a tutor competition of using toilet roll to dress their tutors up as snowman, followed by some recognition awards, more games, more awards and culminating in a rousing rendition of 'The Twelve days of Christmas' - the video is hilarious and will no doubt make an appearance at the end of Year 11 Leavers assembly!

Year Seven never cease to amaze me with their efforts, enthusiasm, and hard work - they really are a credit to their parents and an asset to the school. I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish next term as we turn our focus towards charity and fundraising exploits...details to follow next year.

I hope that everyone takes this opportunity to have some well-earned time off to relax, reset and spend time with our families and friends.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs K Taylor-Watson
Year 7 Pastoral

YEAR 8 NOTICES

What an end of term it has been!

A huge thank you to all parents who donated prizes for our Christmas Celebration assembly - over twenty individual students won a prize on account of your generosity and my praise budget extended to quite a few more along with some prizes for tutor groups. Our Christmas assembly was lovely, quite lively, but lovely. I shared a poem that I really like with the year group by Donna Ashworth called Finding Christmas.

We thanked our amazing tutors and said goodbye to Mrs Wynn who is leaving Wyvern - she has been a great tutor, but we wish her good luck in her new role. We celebrated various successes including 8H1 winning the best dressed table at our Christmas lunch last week (this is their second year winning this prize - well done H1). We held a raffle with over ten prizes for any students with 97% attendance or better - this was 115 students including 57 with 100% attendance - amazing!

The tutor group with the highest number of P1s this term is 8P2 & 8D1 won a prize for having the highest number of students with over 233 (the year group average) P1s this term. Our tutor group with the highest attendance and best punctuality was 8G2 - they were delighted, deservedly so, to have won two prizes. Our tutor group with most improved average PRIDE score was 8C1 - keep up the great work!

Ollie & Anna were awarded a prize each for having the best PRIDE scores in the year group - an amazing achievement and as I explained to the year group, there were over 70 other students whose scores were incredibly close to being as good as they can be. The year group raffle saw every student with an opportunity to win a prize and we gave away about fifteen more prizes so some very happy Y8s on Tuesday! I had a wonderful time with my Assembly Assistants and their invited guest last Thursday for Dominoes - a small gesture of thanks for their support and assistance unfailingly every week. This week Jack & Darcy also helped to set up for assembly - thank you! We are all very ready to finish - staff and students alike.

I would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas, thank you for your support and say how much we look forward to continuing to work with you in 2025.

Mrs Howard
Year 8 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 9 NOTICES

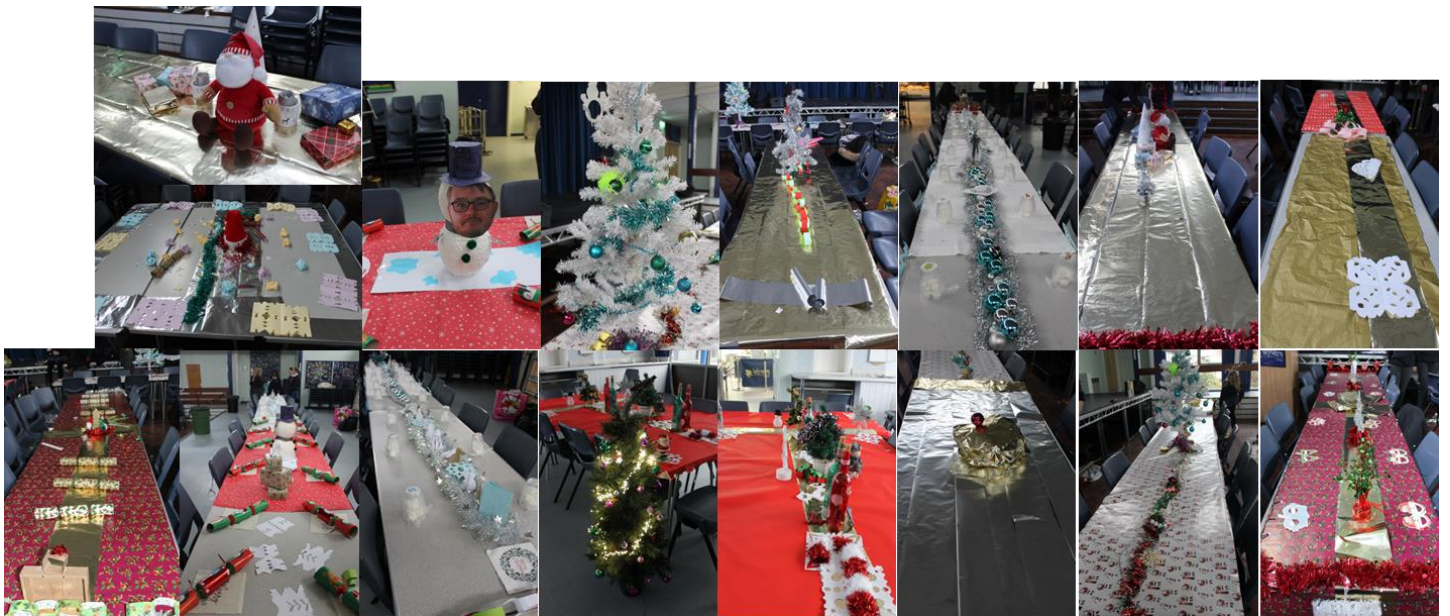
We wish all our Year 9 Students and their families a Happy Christmas. See you all in 2025.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Save the Dates - Year 10 College Taster Days 2025

Date	Name of College
Monday 23rd June 2025	Peter Symonds College
Inset Day Friday 27th June 2025	Barton Peveril College
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Itchen College

Here are the fabulous Christmas tables from our lunches this week.



We wish all our Year 10 Students and their families a Happy Christmas.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

Here are the fantastically decorated tables from our Christmas lunch.



Wishing all Year 11 student and families a Happy Christmas.

