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DIARY DATES

7 th , 8 th and 9 th February		School Production – The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
21 st January		Geography trip to Marwell
		Year 10 Parents Evening
22 nd January		Group photographs Year 7 & 11
28 th January		Inspector Calls trip to the Mayflower
11 th February		Year 8 Options Evening for Parents & Carers
14 th February	2.55pm	College closes for half term (normal day)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy second week of term with students out on trips to Fort Nelson and Marwell; rehearsals for the college production of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; Year 11 students undertaking practical coursework days in Design technology and the police coming into college tomorrow to deliver further knife crime awareness assemblies to students. I have been very pleased with how well students have returned to college after Christmas, we have seen better attendance and a continuation of the improved behaviour we saw last half term. Thank you for supporting the college on these two issues.

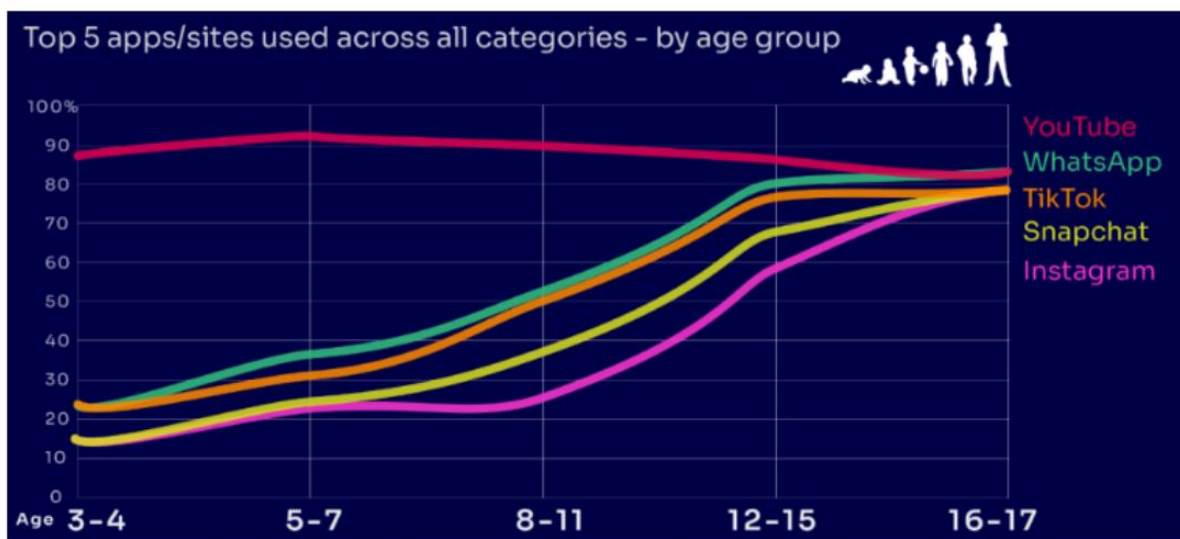
Following our INSET day on teaching and learning last week, it has been a pleasure to see so many more interactive lessons tasks taking place on my daily walkabout of the college. We will continue to reflect on how we can make lessons more engaging with students collaborating with others. Last night, further staff training took place to build on the INSET day and staff were sharing the approaches and tasks they have tried out.

OfCom has published its research into online activities of adults and children in the UK. It is fascinating reading, and you can see it in full here [Online Nation 2024 report](#) I will not share with you the findings of adult online activity from the report except to say that the average adult in their 30s and 40s spends over 4 hours per day on their smartphone! Here are some of the findings related to child online activity, which help us all better understand the current online issues for teenagers:

- 22% of 8-17-year-olds had a social media user profile age of 18+ on at least one social media platform, meaning they are at greater risk of seeing adult content.
- Teenage girls are much more concerned than boys of the same age about sexual or pornographic content (67% vs 48%), misogynistic content (60% vs 51%), and violent content (64% vs 52%), as well as content promoting self-harm (75% vs 59%), or excessive or unhealthy dieting/exercise (51% vs 37%).
- Teenage boys are more likely than girls to encounter content showing dangerous stunts (29% vs 19%).
- Girls more commonly experience online harms relating to body image, including content stigmatising certain body types (25% vs 11%); content promoting excessive or unhealthy eating/exercise (19% vs 9%); group shaming (19% vs 10%) and eating disorder-related content (17% vs 5%).
- Teenage girls are more likely than boys to say they'd experienced unwelcome friend or follow requests (33% vs 21%) .

These figures inform us about the gender differences in online activity and therefore the different dangers that boys and girls are exposed to and worry about. It is extremely concerning that so many children worry about and see sexual, violent, misogynistic, and self-harming content and are doing so because they are able to register as adults on social media sites that are not designed for them.

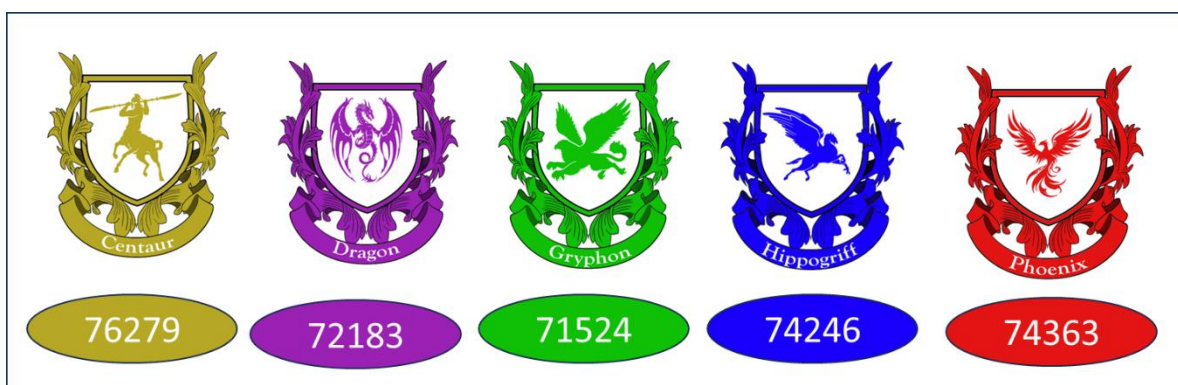
From next month, tech firms will have to start acting, under new online safety laws, to protect children online - starting with tackling the most harmful, illegal content. They are due to provide us with more guidance on how they are going to make online life safer for women and girls, and new Codes of Practice to protect children. We will keep you updated on this.



Best wishes
Mr Rule

COLLEGE CULTURE

House Points Update – 16th January 2025



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WYVERN SPORTS & FITNESS OFFERS

New Year, New You - Our new year offer runs until 15 Feb 2025.

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON ORCHESTRA ANNUAL FAMILY CONCERT.

There are two performances on **Saturday 25th January 2025 at 11am and again at 2pm** taking place in Central Hall, Southampton. The programme is entitled Heroes and Villains and includes music from Frozen, Spiderman, Hook, Star Wars, and a narrated story called The Knight Who Took All Day. We will also be joined by regular guests, narrator Phil Cheesman and The New Forest School of Dance. Each performance will last an hour.

[Click here for the flyer for the concerts](#) – we hope families with children who might enjoy the experience of live music to stimulate their imaginations. They will be able to ask the conductor questions, talk to members of the orchestra and meet the orchestra's mascot, Bernie the Bear and, of course, bring along their own favourite soft toy to enjoy the music too!



VACANCIES: We have a vacancies for a **Maths Teacher, an ELSA and Early Year Practitioners**. For more details and to see our other vacancies – please go to [Recruitment - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

THE QUEST FOR PEACE 7pm 4th February 2025

Hamble Valley Rotary are pleased to host this keynote lecture by Ed Arnold, Senior Research Fellow at RUSI (The Royal United Services Institute) an independent think-tank. RUSI embodies nearly two centuries of forward thinking, free discussion and reflection on international affairs, defence and security matters. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session. [Click here for more details.](#)

GENERAL NOTICES

Childcare Pathway Request.

The pathway between nursery and the art block must NOT be used by staff or parents as a cut through to the car park or other schools. There are signs up stating this, but these are being ignored by a small number of people. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NHS Parent & Carers Webinar – Tuesday 25th March 2025

This free webinar is designed to assist parents and carers to support their children with their relationships, sexual health, and wellbeing. [Click here for more information.](#)

Lost Coat

A coat has been handed into reception from Learning Support. They think it may belong to a parent who has left it after a meeting as it does not belong to anyone in the department. It can be collected from our reception.

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.](#)

MAGAZINES WANTED

The art department are looking for donations of magazines for collaging. This can be any type of magazine, Fashion, gardening, sports, vehicle etc. If you have any you can pass on, your child can leave them at reception or bring them to classroom A1.

Thank you.



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES


VOCAL FESTIVAL 2025

Wyvern Choir will be performing alongside our primary cluster schools: Fair Oak, Stoke Park, Durley and Upham in this year's Vocal festival at Thornden Hall on **Thursday 13th March**. This wonderful event brings together around 200 voices of infants, juniors, and seniors in song and is such a memorable day for all involved. Our Vocal coach this year will be Hannah Drury, a fantastic singer, performer, director and teacher, who will be lead the children in song on the day. Rehearsals have begun and we are all learning songs with the theme of 'Into the Night Sky'. The choir is still welcoming members so if there is anyone who would like to join who has not been attending rehearsals please come along next week. Choir rehearsals are Tuesday after school 3-4pm.

Tickets will be £7 and are available [from Monday 3rd of February](#) from <http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk>



SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2025 – THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE – TICKETS ON SALE NOW





Wyvern College Presents

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Thursday 6th February (7pm)
 Friday 7th February (7pm)
 Saturday 8th February (1.30pm & 7pm)

Tickets via www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college

CAREERS NEWS

Please can I remind you that the **deadline for Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, will be on the 14th of February 2025**. If your child needs any support with their application, then please ask them to contact myself – j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Kind Regards
 Mrs Gough
 Careers Leader

COLLEGE TASTER DAYS

Please see the Year 10 Colleges Taster Days for next year. We can't take the students to all of the events, so if there are any other Colleges that you would like to attend, then please do contact your child's Head of Year in advance to let them know.

Please can I also make you aware that the Barton Peveril College Taster Day will be on our Inset Day in June. So, if you wish to go then please keep Friday the 27th of June 2025 free . We will still be running a minibus from Wyvern College and back for those who wish to travel with us, though seats are limited.

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
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Eastleigh College



WYVERN CAREERS WEEK

3RD - 7TH MARCH 2025

We would love it if you could come and inspire our students' young minds by speaking about your job and company.

Assembly: 15 minutes
 Class session: 45 minutes

Please get in touch with Mrs Gough at j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk if you would like to find out more about the week's events.

SETA Engineering Apprenticeship Jobs Fair.

[Click here for more information](#) about the event being held on the 11th February 2025.

RICHARD TAUNTON OPEN EVENING

- Our next open evening is on Wednesday 11th June 2025 from 6 to 8pm. Please encourage anyone to book via this booking page: <https://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/open-events/> I attach an A3 and A4 poster and digital screen display. It would be great if you could kindly put them up around school. If you'd prefer, I print and send, please let me know the correct address.
- Our year 10 taster day is on Monday 7th July 2025. Please let me know if you wish to bring groups of students. I will share a booking form in the coming weeks.
- Our year 11 applicant day is on Monday 30th June 2025. Applicants will be invited directly.



YEAR 7 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Year 8 Options 2025

Information about the options for Year 8 are now being uploaded onto [the Option page on our website](#).
[Please click here for a letter](#) to parents and carers of Year 8 students regarding the timetable for this year's process.

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 11 NOTICES

No notices this week