



DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Friday 13 th September	From 8.30	School Photos – year 7,9 & 11
Thursday 19 th September	13.25	Early closure for Open Evening preparations Buses will pick up at the earlier time
Thursday 19 th September	18.00	Open Evening. Student helpers to arrive by 17.30
Friday 20 th September	All day	INSET day – college closed to all students
Tuesday 24 th September	TBC	Year 7 Pastoral Information Evening
Monday 30 th September	17.00	Careers Fair in Sports Hall
Thursday 3 rd October	TBC	Year 9 Information Evening
Tuesday 8 th October	TBC	Year 11 Parents Evening

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

I continue to be impressed with how well students have started this academic year. Year 7, I must say, have been exemplary. They are well presented, polite, friendly and appear to be enjoying being part of the Wyvern family. Their teachers are delighted with them and feel they could not have made a better start. It has been heart-warming to see so many of the older students offering to help them find their classrooms and show them kindness. Staff are reporting that across all year groups there has been improved standards of behaviour; I believe that our new approach to praise & rewards, as well as our new and more flexible structures for classing students, have made a difference. However, I also know that you have been instrumental in supporting our policies on uniform and expectations too. Thank you so much for ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform, looking smart and have the correct equipment for learning.

Although term has only just started, we do have a shortened week for students next week. We have our annual open evening on Thursday 19th September which means the college will close early at 1.25pm (at the end of period 4). We then have our INSET day on Friday 20th. Many schools have two Inset days at the start of term for staff to familiarise themselves with all the information about the students they will be teaching but we like to have one ours a couple of week after the start so that staff can plan their interventions, in-class support work and their lessons, having met the students and not just looking at their names.

We have begun the academic year with a new, restructured senior leadership team and I would like to share with you which members of the team are leading on different responsibilities and overseeing the different year groups. Although I do meet with lots of parents every week, and enjoy doing so, it is not possible for me to see everyone who would like to address issues with me. I hope that in sharing the names and responsibilities of the senior team, you can contact the senior leader who is best placed to answer any questions or concerns you might have:

Mr Stocks is the Senior Deputy Headteacher. He line manages the Year 11 Pastoral Office, with oversight of Year 11 behaviour, attendance and pastoral issues. Linked to this, he also manages careers, the exams team and post-16 transition to colleges. He leads on assessment in years 9-11, with the setting of academic targets for students (minimum expected grades) and reports to parents with assessment data for years 9-11. He ensures students have appropriate courses throughout key stage 4 by managing the options' process in year 8.

Mr Emeny is the Deputy Headteacher for Pastoral and Culture. He leads the whole college pastoral systems and policies, oversees their implementation in Years 9-11. He directly line manages the Year 9 pastoral team, with oversight of Year 9 behaviour, attendance and pastoral issues. His whole school

responsibilities include our approaches to attendance behaviour, the house system, praise, rewards and liaison with the Bridge Education Centre. He also leads on engaging parents and chairs the Friends of Wyvern committee. He is also a member of the safeguarding team and works in partnership with other schools and agencies to get students the help they need with pastoral issues.

Mrs Goss is the Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral, overseeing the implementation of attendance, behaviour, anti-bullying and pastoral policies for Key Stage 3 – Years 7 and 8. She line manages the pastoral teams for Years 7 and 8 and also leads our transition work with the feeder junior schools so that students in Key Stage 2 are well prepared and start positively with us in Year 7. She is a member of the safeguarding team and within this role has specific responsibility for children who are in care. She leads the college's' work on supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mrs Foster is the Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning. She leads our work on designing the curriculum for the whole college and for individual departments; as well as ensuring the planned curriculum in these areas is taught and delivered effectively. This includes oversight of staff training. She has responsibility for the academic elements of the Key Stage 3 curriculum – assessment, reporting and interventions. She line manages the transition curriculum, for students who join us below age related expectations in literacy. She also leads on the tutor time curriculum.

Mr Langdon is the Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning. His role involves him identifying best practice in teaching and learning within the college and beyond it, sharing this practice with all teachers and leading our quality assurance of teaching and learning in lessons through observations and learning walks. He is often in lessons observing what is happening and giving feedback to staff on what is working well and how they can develop their skills further. He is developing the toolkit of effective teaching strategies to support this development.

Mr Westlake is the Business Manager who leads financial planning and budgeting. He oversees the development of the college site, facilities, infrastructure, health & safety and IT. He leads the community enterprise aspect of the college's work which is our business arm, offering sporting and leisure activities, facilities hire and our nursery. He is the events and trips co-ordinator, ensuring that off-site activities are well planned and effectively risk assessed. He is therefore also part of the safeguarding team.

Miss Parker is Wyvern's Designated Safeguarding Lead. She therefore leads the safeguarding team which works with social services, the police and other agencies to ensure that students are safe and that any threats to their safety are dealt with effectively. She has a medical background and as such line manages the welfare team and has responsibility for health care plans and medical needs. She line manages the Year 11 Pastoral Office, with oversight of Year 11 behaviour, attendance and pastoral issues. She is also the timetable, constructing the college timetable for staff and students.

Regards
Mr Rule
Headteacher

COLLEGE VACANCIES

- Our website is updated regularly with current vacancies within Wyvern: [Click here to find out more.](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Bishops Waltham Junior Photo Competition** – entries close this weekend. [For more details click here.](#)
- **Christmas Lantern Parade** – a early heads up about this event taking place in early December. [Click here for details.](#)

COLLEGE CULTURE NEWS

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE – AS OF 12:00 12/08/24

				
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- This week Year 7 have impressed the finance team! Mrs Roberts-Penn our Finance Officer reported “*Year 7 students have all been incredibly polite and an absolute delight to deal with*”. Mrs Goss, Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 3 was so impressed with the rave review of our newest college students she has awarded all Year 7’s with 3 P1’s each as a well done.

HELP – OPEN EVENING STUDENT HELPERS

We are looking for students in Years 8 to 11 to help at the Open Evening next Thursday (19th September). We don’t ask for Year 7 students to help as they are so new to college – but they will get their chance next year.

In the past out students have been brilliant helping to show families around and helping with activities in departments, we know that you visiting families are always struck by their friendliness and willingness to assist.

Students will need to return to college at 5.30pm in uniform and collected from college by 8.30. Parents/carers will need to ensure that their child can safely get to and return from college.

We need permissions from home for your child to take part and this can be done via Parentmail and the form is now live. **Please can we ask that you check that your child is happy to help before completing the form.**

Our subject departments have already let us know the names of students that they would like to help them - we will let those students know by email that they will be helping there. We will also need lots of general helpers that can show families to areas of the college.

Permission forms need to be completed by next Tuesday (17th) lunchtime.

If we have a lot of students wanting to help, we may not be able to use everyone. But we will acknowledge all those that volunteer.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT 506 BUS INFORMATION

In December we agreed to change the morning timings of the 506 to improve punctuality of our service that operates after the 506. Unfortunately, this arrangement had been overlooked this year for September and the timetable has returned to starting at 0745, rather than 0735, as previously agreed. Can I please ask you to communicate to parents and students that from MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, the 506 will operate to the following timetable:

Mortimers Lane	07.35
Lower Upham, Post Office	07.37
Wintershill Sawmill	07.39
Curley Robin Hood P/H	07.42
Durley Village Hall	07.45
Denhams Corner Roundabout	07.48
Boorley Park Roundabout	07.51
Wyvern Technology College	08.00

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTICES

- **Early close on Thursday 19th.**

Please note that we will be closing early for our open evening at 1.25pm on Thursday – after period 4. Buses will pick up at the earlier time.

- **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The timetable for this term's extracurricular activities is being finalised and will be up on our website by the end of Friday. [Extra Curricular - Wyvern College](#).

- **News from Hampshire Music Service**

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, Tuesday, Wednesday 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 – Autumn Term 2024](#)

- **Music Lessons – trail period**

Instrumental Lessons have begun this week. We are offering the opportunity to sign up for the following instruments for a **free 3-week trial period**. Students will be loaned an instrument from Hampshire Music service and after the 3-weeks will be able to sign up to continue lessons on our instrumental scheme. Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Violin, Cello, Double Bass. Please email Miss Wood s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk if you would like to sign up for the free taster lessons, which will begin from next week on 16th September.

- **National Youth Orchestra** are recruiting. [Click here to find out more.](#)

- **Online Safety**

- The latest issue of our Online Safety Letter can be found on our website. [Click here to access this edition](#) and for past issues, go to [Keeping Students Safe](#)

CAREERS

CAREERS FAIR: Please click here to find details of the [Careers Fair](#) , [Employers Attending](#) and the [Calendar for College Open Events](#).

SETA Events

Click on the links below for details of the following events:

- [Engineering Apprenticeship Jobs Fair](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [Workshop Taster Day](#)

Visit our [website for further information and to register](#)

- **Speaker for Schools - Year 9-11 Virtual Work Experience - Oct Half Term 2024**

There is a great opportunity for you to take part in a free virtual work experience with Speakers for School Charity during half term. The virtual work experience is from the 30th-1st November 2024 at 10-1pm. You will need to complete a form, with your parents as they will need to authorise it. Please sign up for it as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Click below for details of the following events:

- [Hidden jobs in the film industry](#)
- [Explore the world of publishing](#)
- [Diverse careers in the beauty industry](#)

Mrs Gough
Careers Lead

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Just a few of the comments that Year 7 pupils shared with me at the end of their first week. I completely understand and appreciate how daunting and overwhelming the first few weeks have been - I echo their sentiments entirely!! However, Year 7 continue to make myself and Mrs Munday proud with their kindness, resilience, and determination.

"I'm really enjoying it"... "I've made new friends".. "My lessons have been fun"..

They may be exhausted, but Year 7 remain resolutely positive, are absolutely finding their feet and adapting to life at Wyvern superbly well.

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Mrs Taylor-Watson
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 8 NOTICES

As we approach the end of our second week back and we have had a couple of rather wet and cold days, I would like to say how pleased I am overall with Year 8. I would like to thank parents who have supported us with all matters relating to uniform. Just a reminder that on pages 7 - 11 in the logbook you can find all the

information you need about uniform at Wyvern. Please note, if applicable, the college's position on jewellery and specifically retainers.

As we have launched our new House System and all students meeting PRIDE expectations in any lesson will be receiving a P1, it has been fantastic to see how the new totals are looking for Year 8. The tutor group with the highest number of praise points in the three days last week was 8H2 with 285, closely followed by 8C1 with 277 and then 8C2 with 274 - well done 8H2 but can you do it again next week?

Our top students, in terms of praise points, last week were Harry in C2 with 16 points - fantastic! In second position with 15 points, we have the following students - Eva in C1, Sam in D1, Navraj in H2, Reef in C2, Megan-Rose in H2, Max in P2 - great effort! In third position with 14 praise points last week, we have Chloe in H2, Lucas in C1, Bailey in H2, Seb in C1, Alex in C2, Blake in H2, Connor in D1, Bradley in C2 & Tom in C1 - well done!

Tutor Reps have also been elected this week so well done and thank you to those students taking on this responsibility - it will look really good to have done this should they wish to apply for prefect status in a couple of years.

Mrs Howard
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 11 NOTICES

No notices this week