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## DIARY DATES

31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> April

4<sup>th</sup> April  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April  
22<sup>nd</sup> April  
5<sup>th</sup> May  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

Celebration Assemblies  
Year 9-11 Catch up Boosters for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis  
Last day of Spring Term  
Easter Art Sessions  
Beginning of Summer Term  
Bank Holiday  
Summer Half Term Holiday

## Exciting Fundraising News – We Need Your Help!

We are excited to update you that Friends of Wyvern continue with our fundraising initiative aimed at significantly enhancing the outdoor spaces at Wyvern College. Our goal is to install comfortable seating and protective canopies around the school grounds, providing inviting, all-weather areas for students to socialise, study, and relax.



Friends  
of  
Wyvern

Enriching Experiences, Enabling Success



### *Indicative designs of the things we have in mind*

In further great news, Wyvern College has been selected for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant. During April, you can help secure up to £1500 by placing your blue tokens in the "Wyvern Outdoor Oasis" container at these local Tesco stores:

- 2452 Eastleigh Express SO50 5PN
- 2511 Ashdown Road Express SO53 5RD
- 2520 Fair Oak Express SO50 7HD
- 3338 Valley Park Soton Express SO53 4ST
- 5250 Eastleigh Twyford Road Esso Express SO50 4HP
- 6795 Eastleigh Bishopstoke Express SO50 6LA

Every blue token counts, and your support could make a significant difference in achieving our funding goal. Additionally, setting up a regular donation of just £2 a month—or any amount you can afford—is the quickest and easiest way to provide ongoing support for this project.

For further information, please [click here for a document detailing our fundraising initiatives](#), including how you can make simple donations, join our "Coppers for Canopies" campaign, or contribute through second-hand uniform donations and online shopping.

We kindly ask all parents to support us in any way you can—every effort, no matter how small, makes a big difference to our school community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss ways you can help, please email us at [FOW@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:FOW@wyvern.hants.sch.uk).

Thank you in advance for your generous support!  
William Emeny  
Deputy Headteacher  
Chair - Friends of Wyvern

## COLLEGE CULTURE

### Paulton's Park Praise Trip Update

We are delighted to share some additional details regarding the exciting praise trips to Paulton's Park happening during the summer term. These trips celebrate students who consistently demonstrate outstanding effort, punctuality, attendance, and behaviour.

Trips will be taking place on the following dates:

- **Years 7 and 9:** Friday, 20th June 2025
- **Years 8 and 10:** Tuesday, 24th June 2025

To be eligible, students must meet the following selection criteria between October half-term (2024) and 16th May 2025:

- No unauthorised absences
- 97% or higher punctuality to lessons
- No truancy
- No more than 3 C3 sanctions
- No C4 sanctions
- An average PRIDE score of 7 or higher in their summer term PRIDE reports (PRIDE scores are out of 10 this year)

Parents and carers can monitor unauthorised absences via the attendance section of Edulink or through the half-termly absence reports. Currently, just over 600 students are on track to receive an invitation. We have secured discounted entry tickets from Paulton's Park and are currently obtaining quotes for coach travel. The trip will be offered at cost price, anticipated to be between £40-£60 per student. Subsidised support will be available on a case-by-case basis for students eligible for Pupil Premium.

We wanted to provide this early update to allow you to plan ahead and start setting aside savings for this special reward trip. A final price will be confirmed in due course.

Thank you for your continued support in celebrating our students' exceptional achievements. We are looking forward to a wonderful day out!

William Emeny  
Deputy Headteacher

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**LEOPARDS PRE-SCHOOL** – [Click here to find out more about our term time pre-school.](#)

**TENNIS SESSIONS @ WYVERN** – [click here to find out more about our Saturday morning Junior Tennis sessions.](#)

### ICON SESSIONS

[Click here to find out about the multi-sport Easter hilday camps run by ICON in the college.](#)

[Click here to find out about our Footbal Coaching Sessions at the college.](#)

### WYVERN COMMUNITY CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing?

Then why not come along and join our Community Choir, new term starts on Wednesday 30th April register



your interest with us for a free taster session - email [community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) or call 023 80 692678 10 weeks @£46.50. [Click here for more details.](#)

## LEARNING IN LIBRARIES

There are a number of free and low cost courses for families, including first aid and parenting available through [Learning in Libraries | Leisure and culture | Hampshire County Council](#)

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME.

Children and young people from low-income families in Hampshire can look forward to an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals over Easter, courtesy of Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive benefit-related free school meals during term time. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

There are over **150 sites delivering activities across the whole of Hampshire** over the Easter holiday period. Schools, childcare providers, community groups and sports activity providers are amongst those delivering schemes.

We are now inviting eligible families to book their free school holiday clubs. Information on available schemes and how to book on our Family Information Services Hub (FISH), using the following link.

[Family Information and Services Hub | Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)

## FAIR OAK 1<sup>ST</sup> SCOUT GROUP – SQUIRREL SECTION

We are looking to establish a Squirrel Section – for 4-6 years old and would love to hear from any families that would be interested in joining the team. [Click here for more details.](#)

## HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD 2025

The shortlist for the HBA has been announced and the Year 8 students, who are readers and judges for the award, are excitedly reading their way through the books. Wyvern has 16 readers involved.

The books are all great reads from different genre. It could be a personal challenge to read through the books yourself and see if you agree with the judges on the final day of voting here at Wyvern College on 25<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to read the books, they are available in Wyvern library, some are available on our e-reading platform Sora. [Click here for more details.](#)



## NEWS ROUND UP

### SIMON SAYS FUNDRAISING DAY – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

The staff raffle raised £225 and the cake sale £303.60 with non-uniform donations currently standing at £958. An amazing £1,490.60 ans it is still climbing. Thanks to everyone that has made this possible. INCREDIBLE!

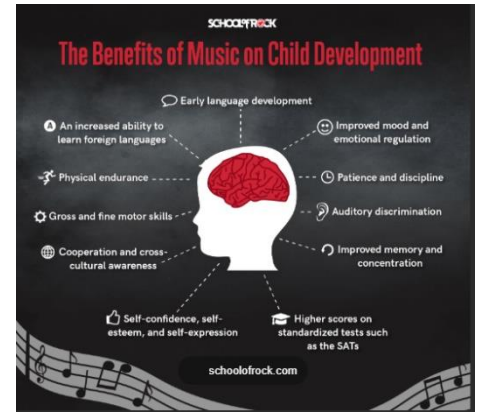
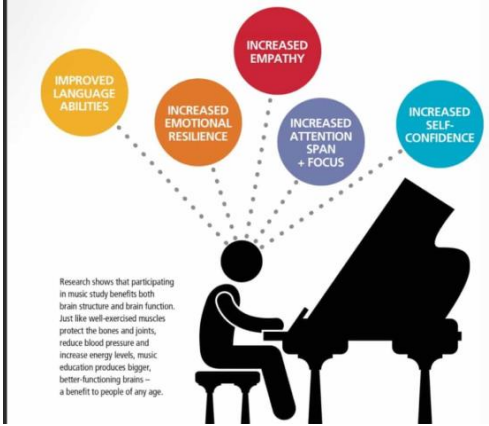
## FREE TASTER SESSIONS ON MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Wyvern Music department will be offering a free taster lesson to students on musical instruments after the Easter holidays. We also have some instruments which can be loaned to students if they decide to sign up for instrumental lessons following their taster lesson. Instrumental lessons are run by our excellent team of specialist

peripatetic instrumental teachers and give the students so many wider skills, increasing discipline, listening skills, improving memory, sensory development, patience and perseverance, as well as

building self-esteem and confidence, as well as creating opportunities to be involved in music-making with other students. Wyvern are currently offering a taster lesson on: violin, cello, double bass, oboe, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet or trombone.

If you are interested in a taster lesson for your child, please email me: [s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk).



## GENERAL NOTICES

### CAKE SALE

Year 11 are going to be holding a cake sale on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April to raise money for Prom. Please would adults at home remind students to bring in their change. Everything is 50p.



### GIVE ROWING A GO

In conjunction with British Rowing, several of the rowing clubs on the South Coast are putting on rowing taster sessions for children who have never tried the sport before during the Easter holidays and beyond. These will be free of charge, last around 60 minutes, require no prior experience and give children a chance to try the sport. [Click here for more.](#)

### ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

[Click here for the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter.](#)

### HAMPSHIRE TEEN PROJECT

This Easter, Wyvern College is thrilled to continue our partnership with Personal Best Education to offer the Hampshire Teen Project for students aged 11-16 who are in receipt of free school meals. Taking place from Monday, 7th April to Thursday, 10th April, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the programme offers a fun mix of activities, including Laser Tag, Multi-sports, Virtual Reality Gaming, Engineering & Coding, and Cooking & Baking. All attendees will receive a free hot lunch each day.

[Please sign up using the QR code in this letter](#), places are limited so early booking is advised.

### CAMHS Parents and Carers Events

There are some upcoming free events about mental health that families might find beneficial. [Please click here for more details](#) and here for their [Embracing Autism seminars](#).

### Kooth Support for Neurodivergence & Exam Stress

Join us on this 30-minute webinar designed for families, exploring how Kooth - with its 'out of hours' availability, anonymous digital chat support and asynchronous messaging - is well placed to meet the specific needs of neurodivergent young people.

[How Kooth and Qwell meets the needs of SEND & neurodivergent young people](#)

Also they are holding a webinar for parents on how to support their children with exam stress [How you can support your child to manage exam stress](#)

## CAREERS NEWS

### YOUR FUTURE TRANSITION ORDER

The Your Future transition event is back for its third year; the event is aimed at year 10s to start their thinking about progression after year 11. We are once again very pleased to be hosted within the Spark building at Southampton Solent University.

The event is funded by the Solent Careers Hub and supported by SEF; Exhibitors will be zoned according to type – Apprenticeships, College, Personal development, SEND and Aspiration.

We encourage Parent/carer involvement and ask that you please use all school media channels to send the attached flyer 'your future parents and carers' on a regular basis for the next 12 weeks. This slot is also relevant for NEETs.

[Please click here for more information of the event.](#)

### FOOTBALL TRIALS AT SPARSHOLT

Open Day events at Sparsholt will continue to run open day events in the Easter break for any current Year 11 students who are looking for further education accompanied with an opportunity to play football.

Click here for two flyers into the email ([male students](#) and [female students](#))

## APPRENTICESHIPS NEWS

### Engineering Vacancies

If anyone interested in a career in engineering to keep an eye on the SETA [apprenticeship vacancies](#) page on our website, and signpost interested young people there too. Don't forget to have a look at the [Govt Apprenticeship Website](#) as nearly 95% of all apprenticeship adverts (whatever the sector) will appear there.

As several vacancies have closed just recently, there are currently **11 LIVE VACANCIES on SETAs website**. Some vacancies have closed, with some due to close this week, and a new one (CooperVision) in Chandlers Ford, nr Eastleigh.

Click here for the latest [SETA-Engineering-Apprenticeship-Vacancies-Bulletin-24\\_03\\_2025.pdf](#)

Click here for details of an [Engineering Workshop Taster Day](#).

**Hairdressing Apprenticeship:** Haringtons in Winchester is looking for an apprentice, so please complete the application form if you are interested <https://www.haringtons.com/working-in-our-salons>

[Click here to find out more about ABP Apprenticeships.](#)

### BARTON PEVERIL OPEN EVENING

We are excited to announce that booking is now open for our Year 10 May Open Event. Please see the wording below that you can use to help us promote our event to your students:

Join us on Thursday 1st May, 16:30 - 20:30 at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College for an exciting opportunity to:

- Explore our facilities
- Research all courses on offer and QXTRAs!
- Speak to our current students and teachers
- Enjoy the College's vibrant and energetic atmosphere

To Secure Your Ticket: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college-events](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college-events).

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your student to explore an outstanding sixth form college.

### UNIFROG SEMINARS

**Psychology taster: the science behind how parents affect their child's development**

**Virtual** How critical are parents to a child's development? Join Dr Sarah Rose from the Psychology Department at the University of Staffordshire to explore the truth behind developmental psychology. We'll take a look at key theories about a child's development and explore why parents might be less influential than you thought. If you're interested in a career in psychology, don't miss this chance to dig into the fascinating science behind this key area of the subject.

Monday 31 March @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)



### **Making iconic brands: product innovation or creative advertising?**

**Virtual** Have you thought about what makes brands like Apple and Nike the icons they are? Most people think it comes down to product innovation. Join Dr. Tim Hill, Director of Studies for Business at the University of Bath, as he explores why this might not be the case. Discover why the route to becoming an iconic brand doesn't always lie in good research or radical ideas, but in creative advertising. Perfect for students interested in business, marketing, or

entrepreneurship!

Tuesday 1 April @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

## **YEAR 7 NOTICES**

Spring is definitely here and at last we are beginning to actually enjoy being outside in the fresh air and sunshine during the lunch breaks. It is lovely to wander around the site during these times and to see the pupils sitting together and animatedly chatting away with each other, laughing and joking and generally just enjoying being in each other's company. Whilst on duty it is encouraging and heartwarming to see how polite and well mannered the pupils in Year 7 are. There are always plenty of smiles, pupils wanting to say hi and to ask how my day has been and wanting to talk about their weekend. They really are a bunch of good eggs.....

Which does lead me onto my weekly plea of 'please can we keep the Easter Egg donations coming in'?! The Year Office is filled with the smell of chocolate - which is testing mine and Mrs Munday's resolve. However, we do still need more - a Cadbury's creme egg is sufficient and every little helps towards building up a stock of eggs ready for our tombola next week. Thank you so much to anyone who has already donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As the end of term is in sight, we do sometimes see an understandable wobble in concentration and focus and it is easy to sometimes let our own personal standards slip. I would like to congratulate the following pupils who have achieved the highest points score for 'staying work focused' this term. Well done and keep it up to Freya (7D2), Rosa (7H1) and Tayson (7G1).

Next week we will be holding our end of term praise assembly where there will be fun, games, prizes and lots of acknowledging of achievements and awarding success. I will endeavour to take a few photos to share with you all in the next newsletter.

Year 7 Pastoral Team

## **YEAR 8 NOTICES**

Here we are at the end of the penultimate week of another term. As we approach the final week, our young people, just like us as staff, will be tired and ready for the break. I find in the year office that this last week is when there can be fallings out and situations that the children would usually manage well suddenly escalate out of nowhere. You may experience some increased emotional responses at home as well – all normal!

I am sure that you will already be aware of the amazing fundraising efforts last week for Simon Says – a real Wyvern team effort – well done to the staff and students who supported this event. I am really proud that, given the aforementioned, Year 8s have behaved well in the assessments that they have had.

I am really proud of both of my classes for French and I know other colleagues have commented to me how well they have conducted themselves.

This is my final plea for any chocolate donations please – I would need them by midday on Monday at the latest – a huge thank you to those of you who have sent something in already. It is greatly appreciated.

In praise news this week, firstly our top tutor groups for P1s with 8D2 in first place with 515 P1s, 8C1 in second place with 429 and 8D1 in third with 423. Well done! Our top students last week were Ellie from 8D2 in first position with 98 points (well done with that P3 from Geography Ellie), in second place we have Katie from D1 with 50 P1s and in third place we have Will from P2 with 41 P1s. Fantastic!

Mrs Howard  
Pastoral Leader Year 8

## YEAR 9 NOTICES

**REMINDER:** 01<sup>st</sup> April and for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters.

## YEAR 10 NOTICES

**REMINDER:** 01<sup>st</sup> April and for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters  
No notices this week.

Dear Year 10

There are still spaces available for the **College Taster Days** so please email Mrs Allen at [j.allen@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.allen@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.

- Eastleigh Taster Day on the 9th July 2025
- Barton Peveril Taster Day on the 9th July 2025.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Gough

## YEAR 11 NOTICES

**REMINDER:** 01<sup>st</sup> April and for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters

## LOOKING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

There are still some Year 11 who are looking for apprenticeships especially in construction and Engineering. So if you are an employer and would consider taking on a student then [please have a look at this poster](#) and get in touch with citb or myself Mrs Gough at [j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk).

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all Parents who attended the Year 11 Parents Evening this Wednesday. I hope this provided you with lots of information to help support your child in the run up to the GCSE's. Please do continue to liaise with staff if you have any questions or need direction of how to help your child. Period 6 sessions are continuing after school in the run up to the exams, please do encourage your child to attend these free sessions to build on their progress and use the valuable support offered by staff.

Your child will have received a wealth of feedback and targets for them to improve. Please could you remind them of this and direct them to their teachers if they need any guidance, help or support.

It is a really exciting time of the year for Year 11, with lots to look forward to. Year books, hoodies, proms are being planned, but we completely understand that this is a lot for families to manage. Please reach out to us if you need any help and support covering expenses. We will do our best to help.

Thanks  
Mr T Merriman  
Pastoral Leader Year 11