



## DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	<b>INSET day – college closed to all students</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	18.30	CATS - Students in teaching groups 7 L Year 7 Pastoral Information Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September		CATS - students in teaching groups 7 R
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	17.00	Careers Fair in Sports Hall
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	TBC	Year 9 Information Evening
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Year 11 Parents Evening

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for accommodating the college's early closure today to enable us to get ready for this evening's open evening. This is an important event for the college as it helps the families of Year 6 children decide whether Wyvern is the right school for them and helps the Year 6 students themselves get ready for secondary school. I was impressed that almost 250 Wyvern students volunteered to help us out with this event. That is almost 20% or one in every five students at the college. It is a shame we cannot have them all with us tonight, but I'm pleased so many wanted to help the staff and the Year 6 students and I hope those who could not will get the chance to do so next year.

## Community Surveys

Today, Eastleigh Borough Council is launching *Together We Make Eastleigh*, a new project in partnership with Hemingway Design to shape the future of Eastleigh town centre. As part of this initiative, they invite you to take part in an online survey where you can share your thoughts on what you love, dislike, and what improvements you'd like to see in our local town. Your feedback is crucial in shaping Eastleigh's future. Please do take a few minutes to give your views on the link here by Sunday, 20th October <https://togetherwemakeeastleigh.co.uk/>.



Bloor Homes, which is bringing forward proposals for a new housing scheme on land off Mortimer's Lane, Fair Oak, are also after your views. Their development will include up to 250 new homes, as well as a potential multi-functional space, creating sustainable places for both people and nature. In response to feedback received during the public consultation, they are collecting insights from young people in the area, to inform how they design and provide places to play and socialise. They are therefore inviting young people aged 12-18 years old and any parents or carers to fill out the short survey: [Youth recreation spaces \(freeonlinesurveys.com\)](https://freeonlinesurveys.com)

## Safeguarding

The safeguarding team has been very busy this week. The safeguarding team is made up of 12 members of staff who have specialist training in how to manage and respond to a wide range of safeguarding issues. Students can talk to a preferred trusted adult in college about any of their problems – it does not have to be a member of the safeguarding team. However, these staff will pass onto the safeguarding team things students have disclosed to them and we will then follow up.

The safeguarding team is led by Miss Parker who is our Designated Safeguarding lead and there are several deputy leads: Mrs Emeny, Mr Emeny, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Goss, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Merriman, Mrs Munday, Miss Stedman, Mrs Strand, Mrs Taylor-Watson, Mr Westlake and me.

The safeguarding team has been very busy over the last two weeks and what we are seeing is, once again, problems caused by unregulated access to social media and the internet, with children accessing age-inappropriate content. There is not a “type” of student who does this and many parents have been surprised when we have contacted them to tell them about safeguarding issues as their child is not “the type” to be involved in these. Every child with unregulated access to social media forums and the internet is at risk of the following safeguarding issues: sexting, sextortion, grooming, predators, pornography, extreme pornography, trolling, cyber-bullying, phishing, hazing, fake news, hate speech, self-harm glorification, suicide promotion, identity theft, prejudicial influencers, dark web, exploitation and radicalisation. This list may sound alarmist but actually we know these things can happen in our community because they do happen in it and the safeguarding team deal with these issues.

We can and do teach students about these issues and our mobile phone restrictions at college prevent students from encountering these during college hours. However, we cannot police what students do at home on their screens and that is not our role either. We do need you to do this please. In the weekly newsletter I often give safeguarding advice around different issues and topics but if I could give only one piece of advice it would be to regularly check what your child is doing online, especially in social media forums which have age restrictions of 16 precisely because users can be victim to the issues I have just listed AND to also put controls onto your child’s phones to restrict their access to inappropriate content. See below for more details.

Regards  
Mr Rule  
Headteacher

## ONLINE SAFETY CONTROLS

The best advice is from the NSPCC website, which tells you how to set up controls (or where to get this information) and what is available to set up:

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Advice to parents is to talk to your child about why you are setting up these limits and how they will change as they get older, do not give in to pressure from your child because “everyone else is allowed to”

Social media and age limits:

### **Instagram:**

Need to be 13 to sign up.

To report a problem: [How to Report Things | Instagram Help Center](#)

### **Facebook:**

Need to be 13 to sign up

To report a problem: [Reporting Abuse | Facebook Help Centre](#)

### **TikTok:**

Need to be 13 to sign up

To report a problem: [Report a problem | TikTok Help Center](#)

### **Snapchat:**

Need to be 13 to sign up

To report a problem: [Safety Reporting - How To Report A Snap | Snapchat Safety](#)

### **Youtube:**

Need to be 13 to sign up

To report a problem: [Report inappropriate videos, channels, and other content on YouTube - Computer - YouTube Help \(google.com\)](#)

### X (formally known as Twitter):

Need to be 13 to sign up

To report a problem: [How to report abusive behavior on X | X Help](#)

### WhatsApp:

Need to be 16 to sign up






### COLLEGE VACANCIES

- FINANCE ASSISTANT – we have a new vacancy for a Finance Assistant. For more information – [see our website advert.](#)
- Our website is updated regularly with current vacancies within Wyvern: [Click here to find out more.](#)

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Bioblitz Event** – Twyford Park – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. [Click here for more details.](#)
- **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 20/09/24				
				
9133	9607	8373	9379	8703

### OPEN EVENING STUDENT HELPERS – A BIG THANK YOU

We were overwhelmed with the responses to our call for helpers at our Open Evening last night. We were so sorry to have to say no to some of the volunteers, but it would have been wrong to have so many helpers that some students would have had little to do. All volunteers will get points for their house.

We know that the students that help will do a wonderful job – as usual they provided the best advert for the college.

Thanks to our families for supporting the evening by allowing their children to help and making sure they got to and from college.

### GENERAL COLLEGE NOTICES

#### • 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.](#)

## CAREERS NEWS

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

### BARTON PEVRIL COLLEGE

**Our applications opened on Monday 16th September 2024 and closes on Friday 14th February 2025.**

More information with regards to our 2025/26 applications can be found [here](#). **Please note all information and entry requirements are subject to change**, therefore we advise all to check our website regularly for updates.

Below is the link to our Title video, 'This is Barton Peveril'. Please do share any of the following links with your students and parents. This is a great taster video to interest students, parents and guardians, who are researching to study at Barton Peveril.

<https://youtu.be/EMVHnzvrAIE?si=5Y5cUXgVsjAdnKjN>

Additionally, below is the link for insight videos on each of the subjects. These videos were made to provide a variety of information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1UpakXScWQ&list=PL4qeDVOtMCz-jBavo9DrOWN9uWTEGDyLn&pp=gAQBiAQB>

Furthermore students can find information on our further enrichment opportunities below, known as Q-XTRA.

<https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/college-life-introduction/enrichment-clubs-and-societies/>

Our subject courses can also be found in the link below.

<https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/courses/introduction/>

### Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of September

Below is our September Open Evening event which we are hosting on the 25th and 26th of September for Year 10s and Year 11s.



 Barton Peveril  
Sixth Form College

# OPEN EVENT

For Year 10 & Year 11  
Weds 25th & Thurs 26th Sept  
16:30 - 20.30

**BOOKING REQUIRED**  
[barton-peveril.ac.uk/join-us/open-events/](https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/join-us/open-events/)

This event is a great opportunity for your students and their parents to explore the campus, learn more about the subjects we offer and meet with current students and teachers ahead of applying. The event allows for students as well as their parents to learn about their options after GCSEs, from our wide range of A Level and vocational Level 3 courses to our extensive Q-XTRA enrichment programme. During the event they can; tour the facilities, learn

more about the subjects and Q-XTRAs, experience the College's bright and energetic atmosphere as well as meet with current students and staff members.

To buy tickets for this event you can go to the teal 'Open Events' tab at the top of our website page, or follow the link below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college>

To find out more information about the event, please find it through the link below.

<https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/join-us/open-events/>

## **ITCHEN COLLEGE OPEN EVENT**

[Click her for details of this event.](#)

## **ST VINCENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN EVENT**

[Click here for details.](#)

Mrs Gough  
Careers Leader

## **YEAR 7 NOTICES**

### **YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING**

We are pleased to invite you to an information evening dedicated to discussing the successful start of the new term for our Year 7 students, this will be held on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30-7.30pm in the main hall**. This event will provide an opportunity for you to hear more about praise and reward at Wyvern, common concerns we are seeing in the Year group and how we can tackle these, as well as the super curriculum and reporting systems.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to ensure a positive and enriching experience for our students.

### **CATS Testing**

All Year 7 students will undertake a series of Cognitive Ability Tests, commonly referred to as CATs, next week. These will be delivered in the Sports Hall, over the course of three lessons and with a break in between. [Click here for more information.](#)

Mrs Taylor-Watson  
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

## **YEAR 8 NOTICES**

As we approach the end of our third week back at college, I feel that we're really into our stride now. Most students have enjoyed wonderful House Assemblies this week (the rest are taking place next week) so if you have not heard already, do ask them what they did.

I would like to congratulate H1 for earning the highest number of P1s last week (544) closely followed by H2 (533) and in third place P2 (522). The leaderboard for students looks like this Jyot H2 & Ella in first place with 36 P1s each, Amelia from D2 with 34 and in third place Steph from G1 with 32 - a fantastic effort and well done to you all! Uniform has looked good overall again this week and a big thank you to parents for supporting us with this.

Just another reminder about nose studs / retainers not being permitted - everything uniform related is on the pages mentioned in last week's article as well as on our website.

A large number of Y8 students will be helping in our annual Open Evening event this evening (I am writing this on Thursday morning) and having looked at the list of those involved it is wonderful to see so many of the year group willing and wanting to promote their school to the current Year 6s. A big thank you to all Year 8s involved - you really will have earned a lie-in on Friday. Have a great weekend!

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