



DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Monday 30 th September	17.30	Careers Fair in Sports Hall
Tuesday 1 st October		Year 11 Geography Trip to Whitely
Tuesday 8 th October		Year 11 Parents Evening – bookings to open soon (see below)
Friday 11 th October		Year 11 Apprenticeship presentation
Monday 14 th October		Year 9 Rugby Festival
Tuesday 15 th October		Hampshire Book Awards Presentation
Friday 25 th October		Last day of half term

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

Tomorrow is National Teaching Assistants' Day, a day when we show our appreciation for the work that TAs do in support of students and teachers. We are very fortunate to have TAs at Wyvern who are highly skilled and very dedicated. If you would like to thank a TA who has supported your child, then please do email this to them. You can do this by using the enquiries email address with **For Attention Of the TA** as your title.

Extra-Curricular

Our extra-curricular events programme is in full swing, and I would urge you to encourage your child to get involved in at least one of the enrichment opportunities we offer. Extra-curricular clubs include clubs linked to taught subjects such as History, IT, Music Tech and STEM (Science and engineering); clubs set up by students to share personal interests, such as chess, dungeons & dragons, Pokémon, colouring and Yu-gi-oh; sports activities which can lead to competitions; performing arts opportunities in drama, dance, and music which can lead to public performances. Getting your child involved in extra-curricular activities – whether it is inside school or outside - gives them confidence, a sense of self-worth, sense of achievement, positive friendships across ages built on common interests; it gets them positive attention from those who share their interests, and all these things enables them to resist – to protect themselves- from negative peer pressure. The “Grow” part of the Wyvern motto of Think, Grow Care, is all about personal development and helping students expand their interests and friendships because we know this is central to them living lives that are happy and enjoyable.

You can now find the [full list of the autumn term's enrichment programme on our website here](#). Students do not need to book themselves onto the sessions, they just need to turn up!

Super-curricular

In addition to our extra-curricular activities, there is also our super-curricular programme of academic enrichment. These enable students to extend or deepen their understanding of the topics that are being covered in class: listening to podcasts, viewing websites, reading articles, watching documentaries; visiting sites. The super-curriculum tasks can be found by subject in the curriculum handbook for each subject: Curriculum Overview - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care

Extra-curricular	Super-curricular
Activities outside the remit of the regular, taught curriculum.	Activities linked to and extending the regular, taught curriculum.
Complementary activities, widening experience of the subject. Adds breadth.	Supplementary activities, deepening experience of the subject. Adds depth.
Tends to be more recreational and experiential: clubs, teams, trips, visits and competitions.	Tends to be more academically focused, demanding scholarship.
Not compulsory but voluntary.	Not compulsory but voluntary.
Activities that are above and beyond class work.	Activities that are above and beyond class work.
Not a substitute for homework.	Not a substitute for homework.

Safeguarding – Body Image and Self Esteem

We need to empower young people to develop positive body image as a key to personal wellbeing. One of the reasons we do not permit students to use phones during the college day is because too much time online, particularly in social media, affects their mental health.

Selfies can become a comparison tool; students who see a constant stream of perfect bodies can put unrealistic expectations on themselves to look a certain way and to hate the way their body does not conform to this narrow view of beauty.

Wanting to be accepted by others who do conform to this view of beauty can pressure young people into posting the perfect selfie to improve their social standing. They may place too high a value on how others see them; getting less likes than others or getting a negative comment posted online can be quite destructive to those who seek their self-worth through social media.

We need to work together on this issue of selfies, self-esteem, and body image. There are many things you can do to ensure your child maintains a healthy body image and high self-esteem when using their devices. Help them think critically about the images they see, understanding that the images they look of others online are idealised and photoshopped images that are not real, typical, or normally; that an attractive selfie is probably the 100th selfie that person has taken of themselves.

Encourage them to be selective about who they follow and the images they see. They can think perfection is normal if they are bombarded by images of people with certain body shapes and sizes. Empower them not to put all self-esteem eggs in the same basket; that they are more than what they see in the mirror; encourage them to find value in the range of different personal qualities and talents they have. Talk positively about your own body image, being mindful that the language you use when talking about your own body will affect how they perceive theirs.

With best wishes
Mr Rule






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

- **Walktober** – registration closes tomorrow. [Click here for details.](#)

COLLEGE CULTURE NEWS

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE – AS OF 12:00 26/09/24				
				
14417	14671	13225	14499	13649

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTICES

IMPORTANT: ParentMail Consent Forms

When you receive a notification via ParentMail that you have a consent form to complete for a trip, please complete this form as soon as possible. This will save time for our Finance Team as there will be fewer incomplete consents to chase. Please can we also ask you to ensure you speak to your child before applying for a trip as sometimes students are not aware their parent/carer has signed them up for a trip.

If your child does not want to go on the trip, please can we ask you to add a comment of 'My child does not want to attend this trip' to the form so we are aware and do not chase unnecessarily.

Checking Daily Spend Limits

Please ensure you regularly check your child's lunch account balance on ParentMail and top up when necessary. Arranging overdrafts and chasing overdue money takes up a huge amount of time.

Unless you have previously requested, your child's daily spend limit is automatically set to £4 per day. Please let the finance office know if you would like this to be increased or decreased.

Instrument Taster Sessions

We still have availability for instrumental taster lessons on: Violin, Woodwind and Cello. Lessons are free for 3 weeks and you will be loaned an instrument to use which you can take home to practice on. Please email Miss Wood if you are interested s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.

Extra-Curricular Activities - CORRECTIONS

The timetable for this term's extracurricular activities had some incorrect information about the PE clubs and how now been corrected. Please see the new version on [Extra Curricular - Wyvern College](#).

Curriculum Booklets

We have just published details of all year group curriculums on our website. [Curriculum Overview - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

Contacting the Science Department

Should you have any questions for our Science Department, please use the following email sciencecurriculumleadershipteam@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Online Safety

The latest edition of our [Online Safety Newsletter is now on our website](#), along with a number of back issues.

LIBRARY NEWS



CAREERS NEWS

CAREERS FAIR MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER: 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. Open Evening 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. 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

Pupils have really settled in and are confidently navigating their way around the site, are working really hard in lessons, are following and adhering to our PRIDE expectations and are subsequently earning themselves masses of house points.

Year 7 currently hold the record for the highest number of achievement points for any year group - something I want them all to feel really proud of. I would like to congratulate 7D2 for earning the highest number of

points so far this term and to also say well done to Rhys from D2 for topping the leaderboard for individual students with a whopping 106 points. Hot on his heels is Sebastian from D2 and he is very closely followed by Jemima from C1. Well done everyone - keep it up! I also want to say a huge well done to Year 7 and the way that they have maturely conducted themselves this week throughout their CAT testing sessions. They demonstrated real determination and resilience and were an absolute credit to the year group.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the information evening this week. Thank you for all your questions and queries - both myself and Mrs Munday shall endeavour to respond to them all imminently. Please can I remind you that if you do have questions or concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing then please do contact their tutor in the first instance who will be more than willing to help.

Mrs Taylor-Watson
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 8 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 9 NOTICES

It was fantastic to see so many Year 9 students involved in Open Evening at the end of last week, both as tour guides and subject ambassadors; meeting Year 6 students and their parents, showing them the opportunities they will have at Wyvern and talking them through what life at Wyvern is like. We are so grateful to students who volunteer to help at events like this, as they represent great examples of our ethos. Well done to everyone who helped out and thank you again for your time and effort.

Year 9 Options: I am sure Year 9 students are now well settled in their option course choices and hopefully enjoying their lessons. May we remind parents/carers that we agreed to a 4-week window for any option changes and this deadline is therefore Friday 27th September. We have reminded students via the bulletin this week of the deadline and any option changes beyond this time will be under exceptional circumstances only. Thank you again for your support through the options process.

Mr Street
Year 9 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 11 NOTICES

Year 11 Open Evening

Booking for the online Open Evening on Tuesday October 8th will open soon. You will receive email notification with instructions of how to book your online appointments.