



Thursday 17th October 2024

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DIARY DATES

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Friday 25 th October | | Hampshire Music Choir Conference |
| Monday 4 th November | | Last day of half term First day back after half term Year 8 Rugby Festival |
| Tuesday 5 th November | | Year 11 Revision Evening for Parents & students |
| Friday 8 th November | | Non-uniform day for Glow Group |
| 22 nd & 28 th November | | Nasal flu vaccinations. |

Dear parents and carers,

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This week has yet again given me reason to be extremely proud of our students. We have been honoured to show a huge number of families around the college during the school day to help families and Year 6 pupils to make their final decision about school preference for next September. Walking around the college it is impressive to see how our students not only engage in but also contribute to lessons, conduct themselves in an exemplary way on the corridors and demonstrate what courteous and pleasant people they are.

Action for Children is an organisation which offers free, down-to-earth advice for parents across the UK. You can browse the articles on the most common parenting questions, written by experts. Or you can talk 1:1 via live chat with a qualified parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. They will connect you with a parenting coach for judgment-free advice and emotional support. The parenting coaches have seen and solved it all! They're qualified and experienced support workers, childminders, play practitioners, and teachers. They're parents and carers. It's all free and no topic is too big, small or embarrassing. They're on hand to support you when you need it. Visit: [Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

This week, we have really noticed the dark and cold mornings and evenings. Please do check your child's bike if they are cycling to college to ensure it has lights and that they are wearing a helmet.

Please do ensure your child has a coat to wear to and from college when it is cold and wet. We do not permit hoodies to be worn in college; we have kept a high standard on uniform because we know it can be very divisive when some students wear fashionable variations of inform items or expensive branded or logoed items. This creates fashion trends which others are pressured into following and it puts on public display for all to see those who are wealthy and those who are not.

Social media has already made many students feel they are not good enough and we need to ensure that fashion wear in college does not reinforce this feeling. We also know that the colder weather brings more illness.

I am concerned that for the first time in 4 years Wyvern students' attendance is below the national average for attendance. Since we are now in the part of the year when people are most likely to be ill from cold, flu and other illnesses. I thought I would clarify the expectations around when students are expected to be in college.

Every young person experiences common illnesses from time to time; most of these do not need time away from college.

Students should only stay away from college due to illness if:

1. They have an infectious illness which could spread to other people.

2. They are so unwell that they could not cope in lessons

The guidance from the NHS is summarised here:

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| Chickenpox | Keep your child at home until all the spots have crusted over. |
| Common cold | Keep your child at home if they also have a fever. |
| Conjunctivitis | Get advice from a pharmacist about how to manage. |
| Cough | |
| Ear Infection | If severe <u>of</u> with a high temperature, keep your child at home. |
| Hand, foot, mouth disease | |
| High temperature or fever | |
| Impetigo | Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can go to college 48 hours after treatment starts. |
| Ringworm | See a pharmacist unless it's on their scalp – see a GP. Can come to college once they've started their treatment. |
| Scarlet Fever | Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can come to college 24 hours after starting anti-biotics. |
| Sore throat | If they have a high temperature with it, then keep at home. |
| Threadworms | Get advice from a pharmacist. |
| Vomiting and diarrhoea | Only come back to college after 48 hours since the last episode of vomit or diarrhoea, |

I hope that you will find this useful.

Best wishes

Ben Rule
Headteacher

COLLEGE VACANCIES

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Starting school in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2025, they can start school in September 2025.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2024

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025
DON'T MISS IT!

Hampshire County Council
hants.gov.uk

• **Schools Admissions** It is approaching the time of year where the School Admissions opens for Early Years children who start school in September 2025 (for those children born between 01 September 2020 and 31 August 2021). The important dates are:

- Applications open: Friday 1 November 2024
- Applications close: Wednesday 15 January 2025 www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

• **Together We Make Eastleigh**

You may have spotted the 'Together We Make Eastleigh' posters around Eastleigh or over social media channels. If you haven't already completed the survey, there's still time. It closes next week!



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EASTLEIGH

TogetherWeMakeEastleigh.co.uk

Don't miss your chance to share your thoughts and help shape the future of Eastleigh town centre. The survey is for any Residents, Students, Visitors, or Local business owners. Please complete by 20th October Survey link: www.togetherwemakeeastleigh.co.uk. An accessible version of the survey is available upon request - email UKSPF@eastleigh.gov.uk

COLLEGE CULTURE NEWS

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE – AS OF 17/10/24

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GENERAL COLLEGE NOTICES

Bought Items for Collection

If you have made a purchase through ParentMail (for example revision guides, stationery items) these items are available for collection from the Finance Office.

Please let your child know if you place any orders on their behalf.

Charity Prom Dress

There is one week to go before the sale to raise funds for St Wilfred's Hospice. [Click here for more details.](#)

Hampshire Music Service - Music Production Enrichment Day



MUSIC PRODUCTION
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
DJ & iPad Production Workshop
9am-3:30pm
Suitable for children in year 5,6,7 and 8
The Kings School, Fair Oak

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

REGISTER NOW!

WWW.HANTSMUSICHUB.ORG.UK/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.
The workshop is suitable for children in years 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Below is a video about Music Production.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZwgHiGrls>

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link: [Music Production Enrichment Day - 31 October 2024](#)

For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicub.org.uk\)](#) Cost: £35

CAREERS NEWS

Marine Careers Evening – 7th November at Lymington Sailing Club

[Click here for more details of this exciting evening for Year 9 upward.](#)

NHS SOUTHEAST ENGLAND – Nursing and Health Professionals – Online Insight Events.

28th October and 14th November – [Click here for more details of the nursing event](#) and more for the [health professional](#) events.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Another successful week for Year 7. Pupils are well and truly into the full swing of life at secondary school. Uniform is looking great, attendance remains good, and behaviour is impressive.

The transition from junior school is a tricky one and when pupils are tired, and tempers are short we have seen a few frustrated children not knowing how to regulate their emotions. We have spent some time this week talking about the dangers of play fighting, keeping our hands to ourselves, and making sure that we all act in a mature and thoughtful manner. Please can I ask that these messages are reiterated at home so that the children can see that home and school are working together and 'singing from the same hymn sheet'.

This week I have been looking not at total number of behaviour points, but instead those pupils who have received recognition for their determination, perseverance and resilience. I would like to say a huge well done to Freddie (7P1), Ashleigh (7P2) and Grace (7C1) for not giving up and for always trying their very best!

Mrs Taylor-Watson
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 8 NOTICES

No notices for this week

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Firstly, we want to say how great that we have so many Year 9 students doing numeracy and literacy ambassador roles.

Our top tutor group for this week is 10C2 with 315 Praise Points so far, our top tutor group year to date is also 10C2 with a HUGE 3039 House points – Well done Mrs Robert and her tutees! We would like to recognise our top 5 students Year to Date for Praise points – Mia – Top of the year with a huge 214 Praise Points, Olivia – 195, Freddie – 181, Elle – 178 and Mollie – 167. Well done all of you!

Year 10 Pastoral Team

YEAR 11 NOTICES

Year 11 Trial Exam Parent & Student Revision Evening'

Following on for the Year 11 Parents evening (8th Oct) and the Year 11 Parent Information Evening (15th October – all the presentations are now available on the college website: [Exams and Revision - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#) under the YEAR 11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING drop down.

I would now like to flag up an event which we will be hosting on Tuesday 5th November entitled '*Year 11 Trial Exam Parent & Student Revision Evening*'.

This is a new event for this year building on feedback received from previous Year 11 cohorts.

On the evening, we are offering several revision workshops, covering the core GCSE subjects and some of our larger option courses, which will model revision techniques and approaches which can be done at home.

We intend to offer around five or six workshops and you will be able to attend four sessions across the evening which will run from 6.00-8.00pm.

Next week I will share the details of all the workshops on offer.

Our aims are:

- students actively engage in a range of revision methods / techniques.
- both parents and students are aware of support materials which can be utilised.
- parents understand what revision should look like and how they can support.

I am hoping to set up all sessions on EduLink so that you can book your place on the workshops you would like to attend in advance.

Mr Stocks
Senior Deputy Headteacher