



Thursday 2nd May 2024

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Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday – College closed
Tuesday 7 th & 8 th May		Yr7 Rivers Trip
Thursday 9 th May		GCSE exams start
Thursday 9 th May 18 th & 19 th May		College day switches to 2:1:2 day DofE walks – Group A & B
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May		Half Term
Monday 3 rd June		College back open from Half Term break

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update for the week

It has been another busy week in college. Year 10 Art and photography students have visited Harry Potter Studios and were shown set design as part of their education tour. Triple Scientists were visited by the National Space Agency. We had our final parents evening of the year for Yr7 and the first of our SEN drop-ins for parents of children with additional needs, to discuss Classplans.

This week in assembly, we have been teaching students about the importance of emotional intelligence; that while good grades and academic success are very important to their future success in life, so too are their abilities to:

1. Understand what they are feeling and why
2. Being able to regulate their emotions and express these positively and appropriately.
3. Recognising how others are feeling and why
4. Being able to respond appropriately to others when they are feeling different emotions.

As you know, our college motto is Think, Grow, Care. The Think part is all about academic accomplishment, the grow part encompasses students finding personal fulfilment by developing friendships, interests, confidence, conscience and individuality; the care part is about helping others through kindness, team work, leadership and service.

In my assembly this week, I gave students examples of people recognising how others feel and responding appropriately: appreciating that new students to the college might feel apprehensive so introducing themselves and welcoming them; noticing students standing by themselves and inviting them to join in; becoming aware of students who are struggling with their work and offering to help them.

I also used as an example, recognising when their parents had had a long and stressful day, so making them a cuppa and doing some things around the house to help. So if your child has been behaving strangely positively this week, this might be why!

We will continue to talk to students about these social skills and emotional intelligences and it would be great if you could carry on these conversations at home. I remember thinking during the pandemic that one of the legacies of Covid might be that we have a more caring and empathetic society where people think more about others. Actually, at times it seems that people have become angrier and more confrontational.

Wellbeing

I would like to signpost you to KOOTH. This is a free, anonymous online counselling and emotional well-being service which is available to young people aged 11-25 in Hampshire. There are no waiting lists and you can

access counselling from qualified therapists up to 10pm 365 days of the year. KOOTH also provides an online interactive magazine, peer support and live forums. The website is: www.kooth.com

With best wishes
Mr Rule

College Vacancies

- Our website is updated regularly with current vacancies within Wyvern: Cover Team, Cleaners our Nursery & the After-School Club [Click here to find out more.](#)

Community Notices

• Opportunity to join The Point Youth Dance Company!

- The Point Theatre - Eastleigh
- Wednesdays, 5.00pm - 6.15pm
- Ages 8 - 14

The classes provide the perfect mix of developing skill and creativity with making new friends and having a fantastic time. Each year the company will have the opportunity to perform at local shows and festivals.

- Everyone is welcome
- There is no need to audition
- No previous dance experience necessary

For more information and how to sign up, please click the link below.

<https://www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk/events/point-youth-dance-company-12-15-years-summer-2024-apr-2024/>

Friends of Wyvern Update

I am delighted to share with you that Matt Charters, a Wyvern parent, and Chair/Coach at Wyvern FC is undertaking a fundraising challenge to raise funds for the Friends of Wyvern seating and canopies project.



Friends
of
Wyvern

Matt will be attempting 7 marathons across 7 days- that is 182 miles as a way to celebrate reaching a significant birthday milestone!

Both Matt and Friends of Wyvern would be very grateful if you would consider sponsoring him. Please see his Go Fund Me page for more details:

<https://gofund.me/0c0724c9>

Please also see our Friends of Wyvern website for further information about our work, including our fundraising projects and how to set up a regular donation:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwyvern/>

Sending you, our best wishes for your challenge, Matt!

Treats from Wyvern – After College

From this Friday, Friends of Wyvern will be selling ice creams from the Pod in the quad, at the end of the college day. Students will be able to buy a ticket in advance from student services, during Friday Breaks 1 & 2, which they will then be able to exchange for an ice cream at the end of the day. Please see poster at the end of this newsletter.

William Emeny
Assistant Headteacher
Chair- Friends of Wyvern

Careers News

- **NHS Career Day** – for 15 to 16-year olds thinking of a career in the NHS. [Click here for more info and a QR code to register.](#)
- **Introduction to Allied Health Professional Carers** – 12th June. [Click here for more info and a QR code to register.](#)
- **Barton Peveril Sixth Form College Open Event** – the college extends a warm invitation for you to attend their special event. Their upcoming Open Event is open to all year 10 (& 11) students. [Click here for more info and how to register.](#)
- **Southampton City Council and the Southern Universities Network** invite parents, carers and young people (year 9 upwards) to the Your Future 2024 event hosted by Solent University.

The free event will take place on Wednesday 5th June 2024 (15:30-19:30) and will provide parents, carers and young people with information on education and career opportunities after year 11.

There will be the opportunity to speak to colleges, 6th forms, universities, apprenticeship providers, employers, training providers and personal development partners, as well as talks and the opportunity to experience the Solent University campus. To join us please register your details below.

Sign up link: [Your Future - 5th June 2024 | Solent University \(geckoform.com\)](#)

For more details click here. [Your Future 2024](#)

General College Notices

- **Free School Meals – could your family be eligible?** We would encourage all of our parents to check eligibility for free school meals. This is a quick application form found [Free school meals for pupils up to 16 years old | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#). If you prefer we can process the application for you. Please contact the finance office with your National Insurance Number and your date of birth.

We strongly suggest all families apply even if you may think you are not eligible. We have often found that families who don't believe they are entitled to receive FSM's actually come back as eligible.

Even if the application is not successful, your information will stay on the government portal. This means that if your circumstances change in the future, your application status will update automatically.

If your application is successful, your child will start to receive free school meals immediately. This will include £2.80 discreetly added onto their lunch account each day, free stationary and revision guides supplied by the finance office, 50% reduction in the cost of educational school trips. For more information please follow [this link](#) to our website.

Finance Office

- **Wyvern Variety Show** – 6th June - tickets will be available from Friday 3rd May on [Ticketsource](#). See the poster at the bottom of this newsletter.
- **Online Safety Newsletter** – [click here for the latest edition of our online safety newsletter.](#)
- **Railway Safety Information for Parents.** Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness by educating students about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. They want to get three simple messages across:
 - Being on the railway tracks is extremely dangerous
 - Trains can run at any time of day or night, even when not shown in the timetable, or on station information displays, or online.
 - On the Wessex and South Western Railway network trains are powered by a 'third rail' which carries 750v of electricity. This is always live, even when there are no trains running.

They have asked us to share the relevant safety videos with parents who can watch it at home. The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.

[Please click here to view the safety video.](#) Over 19 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of incidents in their area through watching the safety videos.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Magical Visit



Year 10 Art and Photography as well as a handful of Year 9 artists enjoyed an

exciting day out to Harry Potter studios in Watford. The students took part in a class in which they were taught the process of set design from an industry expert. This included looking at concept art and technical drawings to model making, props and lighting.

Having been given this insight into the film industry the students then made their way through the tour. They were able to see the behind the scenes sets, special effects and visual effects. This amazing insight provided the students with a valuable understanding of the vast array of jobs needed in the film industry as well as providing inspiration to their future projects.



Space Day

Our Year 10 triple science students were treated to a space masterclass from Robin Mobbs – from the National Space Academy. They literally took part in rocket science! A few lucky students got to experience wearing a spacesuit.



Year 7 Notices

- No Notices this week
Yr7 Pastoral Team

Year 8 Notices

Options 2024 Update

Your son/daughter may have mentioned that I visited their Year 8 in assembly on Wednesday morning to give them an update as phase 1 of the options process is now almost complete.

For those students that we have been unable to run their selected course due to low numbers, we have now interviewed and parents spoken to / contacted. As we explained earlier in the options' process, we cannot run courses that attract insufficient students, as they need to be financially viable.

The next stage of the process is for us to decide how many classes of each course we have the staffing to run and to then place each class into one of 4 option blocks to build a 'best fit' timetable.

We will do this so that the largest number of students can have all their preferred options. It might mean that some students' combinations of courses are not possible and this is most likely to be the case where they have chosen one or more courses where there is only one class and can therefore only be in one option block.

Inevitably there will be some students whose combination does not work and again those individuals will be seen in person.

It is probable that a couple of courses are going to be oversubscribed. Some courses are limited to a certain number of classes due to the number of specialist teachers available, specialist teaching classrooms available etc.

Where this occurs, we reduce the number of students in a course using the preference system, starting with students who selected a course as their 4th choice and so on.

Any student affected we will meet with and parents made aware.

I will endeavour to keep you updated.

Mr Stocks
Deputy Headteacher

Year 9 Notices

- Good Afternoon and I hope you have all had a good week. As we close in on the end of week 3 in the summer term it has seen a continuation to positive starts in the Year 9 summer term.

On Wednesday this week I managed to observe a range of lessons and have to say I was impressed with the engagement of our students in year 9. I saw a number of really positive interactions with students able to produce some excellent work as well as feeling mistakes could be made openly in order to learn. It really was a pleasure and I hope to see more as we move towards year 10.

I would like to highlight the next group of success stories in Year 9. Firstly, achievement points see 9N2 gain the highest last week with 161 (112 up from last week), move from 2nd to 1st this week, with 9W2 and 9W1 scoring 156 and 130 respectfully. In terms of individuals we saw Caitlin G and Alfie S score highest with 13 a piece last week (joint highest score of the term still) so it is now down to someone to push on and gain 14.

It continues to remain a strong start and long may this continue. I hope you all take a moment to enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Yr9 Pastoral Team

Year 10 Notices

- This week we are preparing the Senior Prefects and Prefects to begin to take over duties from the Year 11 students leaving us soon. This includes organising them into Year teams to support each Year Group in the school. They will be undertaking tasks such as leading tutor time activities, lunch duties to support staff and supporting intervention groups.

These responsibilities will give them some ownership of leading the school and contributing positively to the school community. I am really excited for them to step up and make a positive contribution to our school as they are fantastic.

Thank you for all your support on Work Experience, please continue to ask questions so we can support any issues. The deadline was before Easter but please do ask for help if you need it.

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As a reminder, trainers and leggings are not part of the school uniform. Please could you help support your child by checking they are not wearing any of these before they leave in the morning, so that their first interaction with staff isn't a negative one.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

- Here we are in the final days before the GCSEs get underway in earnest, starting next week.
- Please remind Y11s to sign up for any Period 6s and Saturday School sessions if they plan to come. These are all available through Parent Mail to sign up.
- A big thank you to everyone who has purchased their prom ticket. The deadline for this has now passed and we are delighted that around 240 students are coming.

Just a reminder about arrangements for Leavers Day which is the same day as Prom, Thursday 27th June. The college is closed to all other year groups until 10:30am, but Year 11 are invited on site from 8.25am, so that we can say a proper goodbye to them.

Year 11s should arrive and go directly to their tutor base where they will spend ten minutes with their tutor and the rest of their tutor group for one last time and say goodbye.

They will then come to the hall, as they have done for the past five years, and enjoy (hopefully) their final assembly at Wyvern with all of the staff who work here – tutors and teachers, pastoral support staff, learning support colleagues, administrative staff, site team, technicians and canteen staff (I hope I have not forgotten anyone).

This will allow plenty of time for the assembly, the final hoorah & a photo on the quad (weather permitting) before Year 11s leave the site by 10.20am to get ready for prom and / or start the longest holiday of their academic lives so far!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11s the best of luck in their exams.

Mrs Goss and Mrs Munday

Yr11 Pastoral team



Treats from Wyvern
Pod in the Quad
Friday 3rd May 2:55pm
Judes Icecream pot £2
Vegan Salted Caramel /
Strawberries and Cream
Very Vanilla / Vegan Chocolate

Visit student services break 1 and 2 on Friday to purchase a ticket which will be exchanged for ice cream at 2:55pm

Card and cash
payments accepted.

Mystery flavour to be revealed on Friday!!



Wyvern Variety Show

Thursday 6th June
7.00pm
Doors open 6.30pm

Wyvern Main Hall

Tickets available on Ticketsource