



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Issue 36

## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Duke of Edinburgh Practice Camp
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Inset Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		New Intake Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 7 French & German Trips
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 10 Itchen College Taster Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Battlefields Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Summer Concert
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Summer Concert
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Last day of term for all students

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter starts with a very fond farewell to our Year 11 students whose final day was today (27<sup>th</sup> June). Mrs Goss and Mrs Munday put together a spectacular send off. The Year 11 leavers assembly was emotional to say the least. Students looked back over their five years with us via some photos that had not been seen for a long time and staff then said their goodbyes through the leavers video which it is fair to say made everyone smile. Staff then lined the route out of the hall to applaud and wave goodbye before releasing confetti canons over the students in the quad. Every single student was impeccably respectful and well behaved and I would like to wish each of them the very best of luck for the future and we look forward to seeing the rewards of their hard work on results day in August. Tonight, though, they have their prom at the Botleigh Grange Hotel which many have spent months preparing for. We will miss Year 11. In our Ofsted report from earlier this year, the lead inspector quotes, a parent who had written in to say, 'My daughter has flourished due to the positive role models and encouraging culture at this school.' Year 11 have been those role models.

It has also been a busy week for Year 10. They have now finished their exams. The feedback from all of the staff who have supported them through these is that they have been impressed with their maturity and focus. The end of the examination period means that we have reverted to the 2-2-1 pattern of the day (with only one lesson for students after break 2.) Year 10 students have also been busy with the taster days to Peter Symonds College and Barton Peveril College. They are now our new Year 11.

A reminder that tomorrow college is closed to students as it is an Inset day. The June staff training day is an important day for us to plan for September, with new staff joining us for their induction, curriculum plans being updated and classing decisions made. We have changed the way we group students from September, which will mean much greater flexibility for curriculum leaders to prevent poor combinations of students being classed together and to move students quickly when poor combinations form. We are also receiving training on how to better meet the needs of children with autistic spectrum conditions (ASC).

Next week, the temperatures are set to return the very low 20s. Students will therefore need to wear their normal college uniform from Monday: shirt, tie, either blazer or jumper and then either skirt or trousers. Thank you for all your help this week in getting students prepared for the hot weather: as a result, there has been no fuss or distraction from the core business of teaching and learning, even in some of our hotter classrooms.






With best wishes  
Mr Rule

## CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Please could all parental contacts ensure that their contact details are up to date – including home address, mobile phone number and email addresses. Details can be updated through edulink using the update information icon.

## Launch of a new House System for 2024 / 2025

In assemblies last week Ms Read and Mrs Wiseman (our new House Leaders) introduced students to the new House Names which will be introduced next year, following a year of planning and consultation. The names were selected by students following a survey and tutor groups will be re-named / branded from September as follows:

<b>Phoenix (Red)</b>	<b>Hippogriff (Blue)</b>	<b>Centaur (Yellow)</b>	<b>Dragon (Purple)</b>	<b>Gryphon (Green)</b>
A1 = P1 A2 = P2	L1 = H1 L2 = H2	W1 = C1 W2 = C2	N1 = D1 N2 = D2	A3 = G1 N3 = G2
				

Our first competition launched in the assembly was to design a house logo for each of the five houses. The winning entries will then be used around the college and on all branding linked to the house names. Deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Next year we are hoping to introduce a wide range of house competitions with an event approximately every fortnight.

We have consulted students on the kind of events they would like and we hope there will be something for everyone. Ideas for events include:

- Sports
- Debating
- Maths Challenge
- Spelling Bee
- Bake Off
- Coding
- Wyvern's Got Talent
- Dance
- Taskmaster
- Gaming
- Chess
- University (House) Challenge
- Christmas Card Design

We look forward to updating you on these exciting events through the Week@Wyvern and via our website.

## **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

- **The Wedding Singer@ Barton**

The Barton Peveril cast and crew of The Wedding Singer are buzzing with excitement as we enter the final weeks of rehearsals, with only two weeks left until opening night.

Countless hours of hard work have gone into producing this hilarious and fast-paced production, which promises to deliver a thrilling mix of drama, humour, breath-taking dance numbers, and a stunning ensemble. With a live orchestra providing the musical backdrop, the final performance promises to be a truly unforgettable experience. We are deeply grateful for the support and dedication of everyone involved in bringing this musical to life.

Please join us and support the show. Tickets are available [here](#).

- **Family Fun Days at Itchen Valley Country Park**

Free Family Fun Days are primarily targeted at families with children aged 4-11 years and in receipt of free school meals. They include a two-course hot meal, activities, and free transport to and from the venue is also on offer.

[www.eastleigh.gov.uk/familyfundays](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/familyfundays) (book from Thursday 11 July, an eligibility code is required in advance and this registration is open now)

- **Eastleigh Active**

Concessions are available for Eastleigh Active Sessions of £1 per person for those receiving Housing Benefit. Sessions take place across August and range from golf, archery, sailing and fishing. There are also free-swimming sessions available across the Borough, requiring pre-registration, and a SkateJam!

[www.eastleigh.gov.uk/eastleighactive](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/eastleighactive) (staggered booking/registrations from 1 July)

While places on each event are limited, we are keen to encourage as many eligible families as possible to get involved and would be grateful if you would help us spread the message

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## General College Notices

- **SUMMER CONCERT TICKETS NOW ON SALE – [Wyvern College event tickets from TicketSource](#).**

- Music Production Holiday Workshops – [click here to find out how to apply for the Hampshire Music workshops this summer](#).

- **Hampshire Summer Teen Project.**

Personal Best is delivering the **Hampshire Teen Project** in partnership with Hampshire County Council (Connect4Communities) during the Summer holidays for students **aged 11-16** who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals at their current school or for families here from the Ukraine.

Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis as we have a limited capacity.

### What to expect?

Teens will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops each day. Previous workshops have included activities such as: Laser Tag, Cooking, Pottery, Circus Skills, DJing, Climbing, Archery, Canoeing, Trampolining and many more!

**Please note, activities will take place at an external venue on Thursday 15th August and Thursday 22nd August, travel will not be provided and details will be found on the Parent Portal.**

### Food?

All attendees eligible for free school meals will be provided with a free hot lunch.

**Times: 10:00 - 15:00**

### Project Dates:

Monday 29th July - Thursday 1st August 2024

- Monday 5th August - Thursday 8th August 2024
- Monday 12th August - Thursday 15th August 2024
- Monday 19th August - Thursday 22nd August 2024

[Hampshire Summer 2024 Teen Project - Personal Best Education \(jotform.com\)](#)

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

- **Summer Holiday Activities form Hampshire Music Service.**

Are you looking for activities for your children over the Summer Holidays?

Hampshire Music Service are running a three-day course where attendees learn to compose, produce, record, and mix their own recordings. These recordings can be original songs, or a cover of an existing

song of their choosing. Each day runs from 9.15am to 4.30pm and is split into four group sessions lasting 90 minutes each. By the end of the course, each group will have a recording that they have produced themselves, from start to finish.

Below is a video about Music Production.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tsAZxDml9E>

Sign-up form

[Hampshire Music Service Recording and Production Enrichment - 19, 20 and 21 August 2024](#)

- **Music Mayhem** – Hampshire Music are also running an event with three days of music and fun this summer! With opportunities to try new instruments and learn new skills and working with others to create songs and even form a rock band! [Click here to find out more.](#)
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## FRIENDS OF WYVERN



### Appeal for Business Sponsorship

Friends of Wyvern are pleased to announce Business Sponsorship Packages. These offer a range of opportunities for businesses to promote themselves through our website including adverts and placements in our sponsor pages and business directory. [Please click here to see our Packages](#) start from as little as

£50 per year for an entry in our business directory and rise to £400 per year to be a FOW primary sponsor.

Perhaps you know or own a business which would be interested in raising their profile within our local community and/or are keen to be supporting our fundraising projects which will directly benefit Wyvern students? We would greatly appreciate if our parent body could have a think about whether they know any businesses who might be interested in sponsorship.

Full details of how businesses can purchase a sponsorship package are in the attached pack, or please email [FOW@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:FOW@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) if you prefer.

### easyfundraising Update

Doing an Amazon order, a Sainsburys delivery, a Just Eat order or any other shop online?

Our easyfundraising page has already just passed £40 in donations made just by Wyvern staff and parents shopping online. Remember every time you shop online easyfundraising will make a donation to us on your behalf at no cost to yourself. Over 7000+ online brands will make a donation to us, including:

Sainsburys & Asda	50p per online shop	O2	Up to £42.50
Tesco	£1 on a £50+ spend	Very	Up to 7% of spend
Amazon	0.5% of spend	Nike	Up to 2% of spend
Apple	2% of spend	Pandora	Up to 3% of spend
Go Compare	Up to £19	Uber Eats	Up to £1.50

We have 23 people contributing so far and would like to grow this significantly. It doesn't take a minute to register for a free account and to get going with donations next time you shop online: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-wyvern-wyvern-college-fair-oak-hants/>. Thank you for your support.

For more info about Friends of Wyvern check out our website and sign up to our mailing list: [www.friendsofwyvern.org.uk](http://www.friendsofwyvern.org.uk)

## MUSIC NEWS

Year 9 performing arts students led a workshop with Fair Oak Year 5 pupils on Friday. The students demonstrated excellent leadership skills and have progressed so much in confidence, team work and creativity over the last year. The workshop was led by the students and involved ice-breaker tasks, practical warm-ups in drama, singing and movement.

Wyvern students introduced the musical 'School of Rock' and explained the song and scene that they were going to work on in the session. Fair Oak pupils were really responsive and so keen to take part in all the activities which was brilliant.

Our students were fantastic in leading the activities, demonstrations, modelling, as well as choreographing and directing. At the end of the 2-hour session Wyvern students led the year 5's in their performance of a scene from School of Rock followed by the song 'You're in the Band', fully choreographed by our students. Well done to these students- you were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Your Are, and Breaking the Law. The music brought in more and more students during break who were clapping and singing and along. It was brilliant to see our musicians performing to the school with confidence, and bringing our Wyvern students together to enjoy music.

## Democracy in Action



As the country prepares for a General Election, Year 8 students have been learning about democracy and British voting systems during their RPS lessons. At a time when many studies are showing a lack of enthusiasm amongst the younger generations when it comes to voting, the same cannot be said at Wyvern!

All students in Year 8 have had the opportunity to consider the issues that they would address if they were in power. The price of sweets, climate change, homework, taxes and NHS funding were some of the issues raised. This unit of work has involved discussions, research and writing manifestos.



They have been particularly keen to learn about the impact that the results on July 4th could have on their education. Some classes have also had the opportunity to form their own political parties, present their ideas and take part in a secret ballot. We have been immensely proud of their teamwork, confidence, creativity and critical thinking as they have evaluated the extent to which they may wish to participate in politics as they get older. Well done Year 8!



## **Schools Athletics Round Up**

Last Monday 21st saw Wyvern attending the schools athletics championships at Southampton Sports Centre. We were 1 of 15 schools from the district taking part and the sun shone as did our athletes. We fielded a team of 49 athletes across year 7, 8, 9 and 10. The day also acted as a district trial for year 7 and 8.

The behaviour and attitude of all of our students was a credit to Wyvern and we saw some outstanding performance across the team, from those who were there to make sure that Wyvern got team points to personal best performances as well as some outstanding individual talent.

A special mention to the following students who achieved a top 3 position:

### **Year 7 and 8**

Lara - 80m, Florence - 1000m, Theo - 80m and 200m, Jack -1000m breaking the school record with a time of 3.13 well done Jack. Erwan – Discus, Maya - 200m, Jasper - 800m, Emil – Javelin.

We are hopeful that several of these athletes will make selection for the district team at the county championships to be held on the 10th July, fingers crossed!!!

### **Year 9 and 10**

Una - 100m and 200m and breaking the school 200m record with a time of 26.14, beating the previous record of 26.46 held since 1999!! Well done Una. Aeryn - 1500m, Tilly – Discus, Riley - 200m, Seth - 400m, Angus - High Jump

A special mention to the combined year 9/10 boys team who came second overall as a team with a highlight in the 4x100m relay, where on the final change over Wyvern were in 4th position handing over to Riley, who ate up the field, finishing in clear 1st position in a time of 46.8 seconds, which is .8 off of the championship record, and smashing the school record of 49.8, which has been held since 1988. Well done George, Seth, Ashley and Riley.

Wyvern finished in 7th position overall narrowly missing out on 6th by 3 points. Fantastic effort all round.

### **Year 7 Notices**

No notices this week

### **Year 8 Notices**

#### **• Options 2024**

I can confirm that students were issued with their confirmation of options slip on Wednesday during their assembly.

They were asked to take them home to share with parents / carers and if there are any issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

If students do wish to consider a change they can come to see me in the next week or so.

From the start of September we always ask that students remain with their chosen option courses. However, we have a window for change up to the last day in September if they do not enjoy a certain course (subject to the availability of other courses).

I will endeavour to remind students of this arrangement in the new academic year.

Mr Stocks.

Yr8 Pastoral Team

### **Year 9 Notices**

No notices this week

## Year 10 Notices

- Year 10 have lots of College visits booked in over the next couple of weeks, starting with over 100 students visiting Barton Peveril this week. These taster days are to give them experience of what college is like and showcase them a view into what their future looks like. I hope this gives the students a drive to achieve and spurs them on to think about the GCSE's and beyond. They are really rewarding visits that give them an insight into how education changes as a young adult. I hope they all take a lot away from these visits and gives them ideas on what they see their future looking like.

A massive thank you to Mrs Gough for arranging all the trips and to all the staff who are going to support are students.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

## Year 11 Notices

- Goodbye and all the best to our Year 11 students.



**17th & 18th of July 2024**  
**6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)**  
**Main Hall, Wyvern College**  
Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college)

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