



Thursday 11th July 2024

Issue 38

## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Battlefields Trip
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Duke of Edinburgh final camp
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Sports Day
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		College Closes Last day of term for all students Condensed Day
Monday September 2nd		INSET DAY
Tuesday September 3rd		Year 7 Students only start college
Wednesday September 4th		Years 8 – 11 students start college

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to have so much positive feedback about Wyvern students this week: staff who took the Year 7 students to Germany and France said they their behaviour was the best we have ever had on continental travel; the residents and care workers at Sunnybank praised our musicians for entertaining them; the maturity of our students on Duke of Edinburgh camps. We currently have students visiting the battlefields in France and we have had students competing in the field events for the inter-house athletics. It is great to see students so near to the end of term getting so involved in the opportunities they have here.

I would like to update you on staffing changes for September. Ms Ashdown, our Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages is retiring after 34 years of devoted service at Wyvern. Miss Sinnett, our Curriculum Leader for Design and Technology and Mr Francis, our Art teacher are both leaving to relocate to different parts of the country. Ms Pancott in Modern Foreign languages takes up a promoted post at the Kings' School and Mr Park in ICT takes up a promoted post at Upper Shirley High School. Three other teachers are also leaving: Mr Nuttall in English, Miss Hawnt in English and Mrs Mellor in Modern Foreign Languages. We will miss their expertise and the work they have done with our students but wish them all the very best for the next stages of life. Once again, we have recruited well for September and are fortunate that the college attracts experienced teachers from other schools.

The college's leadership team has been re-structured, and I am pleased to be able to confirm the following colleagues will be working with me to lead and manage the college from September in these roles:

- **Mr Stocks:** Senior Deputy Head teacher who will be leading the KS4 curriculum, options, exam preparation, careers, and the link senior member of staff for the Year 11 pastoral team.
- **Mr Emeny:** Deputy Head teacher who will be leading the college's work on attendance, behaviour management and pastoral care, including the new house system and the link senior member of staff for the Year 9 pastoral team.
- **Mrs Foster:** Assistant Head teacher who will be leading the college's teaching and learning strategy, teacher training, assessment and data for key stage 3 and our tutor time curriculum.
- **Mrs Goss:** Assistant Head teacher who will be leading and managing pastoral care in Years 7 and 8, as well as transition from junior school. She will be leading our support for children in care and for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Mr Langdon:** Lead Practitioner who will be working with teachers to share the best practice we have in the college and ensure we can improve all departments to be as good as the best.
- **Mr Westlake:** Business Manager who will be responsible for financial planning, the budget, traded services, oversight of the nursery, the college site and educational visits/trips.

- **Miss Parker:** Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) to lead our safeguarding, medical and welfare teams; the senior member of staff for Year 10; production of the college timetable.

I can confirm the pastoral structure of next year too:

- **Year 7:** We welcome Mrs Taylor-Watson to Wyvern as our Pastoral Leader working with Mrs Munday as pastoral assistant.
- **Year 8:** Mrs Howard (pastoral leader) and Miss Chapman (pastoral assistant) will continue to support the current Year 7 as they move into year 8.
- **Year 9:** Mr Street (pastoral leader) and Mrs Gilbert (pastoral assistant) will continue to support the current Year 8 as they move to Year 9. Mrs Gilbert will also be doing some Family Support Work across year groups.
- **Year 10:** Mr White (pastoral leader) and Mrs Emeny (pastoral assistant) will continue to support the current Year 9 into Year 10.
- **Year 11:** Mr Merriman (pastoral leader) and Miss Stedman (pastoral assistant) will continue to support the current Year 10 into Year 11.

Since February we have benefited from having Mr Daly working with us to fill a short-term gap in pastoral leadership. I am pleased that he will be staying on next term to support us again, this time with teaching in Humanities.

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

### **ON SITE DRIVING**

Please can all drivers note the GIVE WAY signs and road markings at the far end of our bus lane. We have had some near misses with drivers failing to stop at the sign and nearly colliding with the cars with right of way proceeding to and from the staff car park.

### **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.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost Property will be available from week beginning 8th July 2024 in the main reception at the end of the school day until 4pm. It will take place every afternoon that week 8th - 17th July 2024. Any items not claimed by the 17th July will be disposed of. This is open for students and parents to view the items.

### **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICE**

We have improved the way we manage School Transport enquiries to help us answer these more quickly and effectively.

Previously people have contacted us by email or phone. Moving forward, anyone with a School Transport enquiry will now first be asked to complete a simple form. Based on the information provided, the enquiry will be directed to the right team to investigate and respond. The form will also signpost to existing information that may answer the enquiry without needing to speak to a member of staff.

After submission of an enquiry, we will provide an acknowledgement of receipt and a reference number.

Why have we made these changes?

Use of a contact form will ensure that enquiries are directed to the right people and will give us all the information we need to be able to help most effectively. Previous and existing enquiries will be linked together, enabling our team members to provide more comprehensive support.

For more information about School Transport, visit the [County Council 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

- **GOVERNOR NEEDED** Fair Oak Infant School are still looking to recruit a co-opted governor to join the governing body. A co-opted governor is an individual from the local community who has specific skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The school are especially interested in anyone working in, or with experience of, accounting and finance. If this is something which might interest you, or you know someone who would be interested, and you'd like to know more you can contact the school office at [adminoffice@fairoak-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@fairoak-inf.hants.sch.uk) and/or go to [Governors | Fair Oak Junior School](#). There is also information available for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>.

- **PARISH COUNCIL LETTER - NOTICE OF CEMETERY PATH IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

We are writing to inform you of the upcoming improvement works to the cemetery access path at Botley Road, Fair Oak. These works are essential to enhance the safety and accessibility of the pathway.

We anticipate that works to the pathway will start on Monday, 5 August 2024 for a period of up to three weeks. The works will be carried out by the Council's appointed contractor STC Southern Ltd.

Construction will take place on Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm & Saturday 8am – 12 noon.

During this period, it will be necessary, for safety, to close the path to both foot and vehicular traffic. To ensure minimal disruption, we have scheduled the works to take place during the school summer holidays.

While the path is closed, access to the cemetery will be available via Elland Close. Signage will be posted at various locations to guide visitors to the alternative access route. We intend to post flyers around various community venues, social media platforms, local news platforms and noticeboards to ensure wider information coverage of these temporary arrangements.

The resurfacing works involve the use of hoggin bound path material, chosen for its durability and permeability. This material will protect the longevity of the trees along the path and reduce the risk of flooding by allowing rainwater to seep into the ground. Once completed, the improved path will offer a safer and more accessible route, free of current trip hazards, fulfilling our obligation to maintain the public right of way to a suitable standard.

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. All necessary measures are being taken to ensure the works are completed swiftly and efficiently. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we undertake these necessary improvements to the cemetery path.

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- **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

- **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 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.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=-tsAZxDmI9E>

[Click here for the sign-up form](#)

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

## General College Notices

- **SUMMER CONCERT TICKETS NOW ON SALE** – [Wyvern College event tickets from TicketSource.](#)
- **Student Mental Health Toolkit** – [click here](#) to read about the help available for immediate help with mental health, which has been placed in the [Your Wellbeing](#) area of our website.



## COMING NEXT WEEK

Next week will see Issue 2 of **thisTerm@Wyvern** published. In it we will have a round up of lots of news stories from this term including our Year 7 French and German trips, History and Geography trips, sporting news and much more. A link will be included in next week's issue of **thisWeek@Wyvern**

## FRIENDS OF WYVERN



### Follow our new Facebook page

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Friends of Wyvern Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561556424561>.

Follow us to keep up to date with the latest FOW news. We would really appreciate if you could promote our page and share its posts as we are trying to grow the FOW community, including reaching our ex-students who are interested in the latest news from their secondary school.

### Summer Concert bar

Friends of Wyvern can confirm that we will be running a bar at the Wyvern Summer Concert on both evenings, Wed 17<sup>th</sup> and Thu 18<sup>th</sup> July. Relax on a summer evening with our refreshments and let our performers bring the school year to its finale with a musical extravaganza! Enjoy a pre-show Pimms! Tickets on sale via the school website now.

### Year 7 Notices

The students who went to France and Germany last week had a wonderful time! I was delighted to hear from my language's colleagues what a delight both groups of students were to take away! This is fantastic and having spoken to some students, I know that they had a great time. We have one week left and please remember it is a 12:30pm finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The following students achieved the highest number of achievement points last week Samantha, Honie-Bell, Harry and Bailey – well done! The tutor group with the highest number of achievement points last week was 7N3 – fantastic effort! We have our Success Assembly on Monday so students need to go to their tutor bases for 8.30am to register and their tutor will bring them to the hall. Here is a link to some information that some of you might be useful for the holidays [Places Kids Eat Free in the Summer Holidays 2024](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk) ([moneysavingcentral.co.uk](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk))

Mrs D.Howard  
Pastoral Leader Year 7

### Year 8 Notices

- No notices this week

### Year 9 Notices

- No notices this week

### Year 10 Notices

With Year 10 undertaking work experience next week this is their last week in school.

This year they have shown great progress and they have come on leaps and bounds. We have seen massive improvements in behaviour, punctuality and attendance from the start of the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to spend more time getting to know them all, their sense of humour, dry wit and funny faces make our days that much better.

On Friday we finished our year with the Success Assembly, which gave us the opportunity to have a bit of fun, reward their successes and tell them all the fantastic feedback staff have for them. It was a lovely morning and lots of laughs, sweets and party games were had, the perfect way to sign off our first year together.

I hope they have a lovely week on work experience next week and they learn some valuable skills and experiences. Miss Stedman and I look forward to visiting as many of them as possible next week.

Mr Merriman  
Pastoral Leader Year 10

### **Year 11 Notices**

- No notices this week



# Summer Concert

**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)

