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## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		College back open from Half Term break
4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year10 Geography trip to Swanage
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Wyvern Variety Show – tickets on sale now
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June		DofE Practice camp
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June		DofE Practice camp
11 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year9 Portsmouth Geography trip
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year9 Parliament Trip
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June		MFL Year7 Parent info evening – more info to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Year7 Black Country History Trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Info evening for Battlefields trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Year8 Comedy workshop
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		School Athletics Event
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Year10 Peter Symonds taster day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am	Year11 only Leavers Assembly – leave site for 10.30am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Year11 PROM
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		College INSET Day – college closed to students

## Initial Key dates for 24/25

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	College INSET day – closed to students
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.25am - Yr7 students only
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.25am – All year groups return
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	1.25pm – College closes early for all year groups
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	College INSET day – closed to students
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	College Inset day – closed to students
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	12.30pm – College closes early for all year groups
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	College INSET day – school closed to students
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Late start for Yrs7,8,9 & 10 - TBC
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	College INSET day-closed to students
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	College INSET day-closed to students
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	College INSET day-closed to students

Our Key Dates document will be available in due course including our other dates for 24/25

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Roundup

This week, students have been involved in New Forest walks for the Duke of Edinburgh award, Performing Arts trip to see Wicked in Southampton and a trip to Oxford University's St Hilda's College. The focus of assemblies has been on House Games with students deciding which events they will enter for the inter-house athletics competitions which culminate in annual Sports Day on July 9th. Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that a General Election and it will be interesting to see what the different parties say in their manifestos about their plans for schools, the curriculum, education and child health provision, as well as the levels of funding they will commit to.

### Attendance

I am very pleased with the latest attendance data which shows that Wyvern students' attendance is well above local, regional and national averages. You will know from my previous newsletter items that improving

attendance has been a priority, getting "more students in more lessons". Years 8 and 11 have the highest lead over the national average and year 10 has made the biggest improvement, but in all five year groups, absence and in particular, persistent absence, is much lower than average.

Thank you for all your hard work as parents and carers in securing these successes. We are still some way off the pre-pandemic attendance rates which we aim to match. It is important in the second half of the summer term that we keep these efforts up: lots of important assessments and learning occur in the final few weeks of the year, as we consider the most appropriate classes, courses and interventions for next term.

### Uniform Donations

In the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of children coming to school with incomplete uniform due to financial pressures facing their parents. Families have not been able to replace old, broken or outgrown uniform items. We do keep a stock of good quality second hand uniform in college so that students do not stand out as different but, sadly, there is a need for even more. As year 11 enter their last few weeks with us, we would be grateful for any donations of uniform in a good condition, including shoes.

We have tried to keep uniform costs down: the compulsory white shirt can be bought in supermarkets, there is the jumper alternative to the blazer and the grey trousers can also be bought in supermarkets. The school skirt is more expensive but it's durable and does not need to be replaced very often. I would be very grateful if you could donate uniform items to help other families - they can be brought into reception and will make a very real difference to the day to day experience of students at school.

### Safeguarding in Sports Clubs

This week's safeguarding guidance is linked to this topic of Sport in Community Clubs. Every week millions of young people play sport, many of whom do so with organised clubs and organisations. Participating in sports should be - and overwhelmingly is - a positive experience, thanks to the volunteers who give up their valuable time to lead it.

In the last 12 months there have been allegations of historic child abuse in the academies of famous football clubs but safeguarding should be seen in its broadest sense: emotional abuse can be in the form of repeated criticism or the undue pressure to perform at unrealistically high standards. Physical abuse can include making a child perform when they are injured, encouraging them to use harmful substances to enhance their performance or making them train at a level they are not physically ready for. Every club should have a safeguarding or wellbeing officer who you can report concerns too or raise any questions.

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

- **YEAR R AFTER SCHOOL** Wyvern Childcare is expanding the wraparound care provision for Year R children from Fair Oak Infant School from September. [Click here for more details](#). If you would like a place in the After-School Club (Year R only), or more information - please contact The Community Enterprise Office - [community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) or call us on 023 80 692678
- **PHOTO COMPETITION** - Bishops Waltham Photographic Society are holding a Junior Photo Competition. [To find out more click here](#).
- **GOVERNOR NEEDED** Fair Oak Infant School are 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@fair oak-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@fair oak-inf.hants.sch.uk). There is also information available for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>.

## General College Notices

- **Eastleigh Policing Update** – [click here to read the latest newsletter.](#)
- **Second hand uniform donations** -We are in the process of collecting used second hand uniform with a view to re-use. Over the next few weeks, if you have any items of uniform you are able to donate, we would be most grateful. Please drop your items into reception. If reception is closed please leave your items by the reception window. Thank you.
- **Wyvern Variety Show – 6th June** - tickets will be available now on [Ticketsource](#) See the poster at the bottom of this newsletter.
- **Do you have any young musicians at home?** Eastleigh Area Schools' Orchestras, based at Thornden School, are looking for new members. All woodwind, brass, strings, percussion and guitar are catered for from a very basic level upwards. Please could you forward/print out the attached flyer to parents. On 10th June there is an open rehearsal where musicians can try out or just listen to the groups. Parents/carers are very welcome too and can chat to some parents of current members to find out more. [Click here for more details of when and where the groups rehearse are.](#)

## SCHOOL GATES – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are now entering the final phase of the front security and safeguarding scheme for Wyvern College and Fair Oak Junior School.

[Please click here for a letter](#) that summarises the times when the various gates will be accessible and when the automated timings will mean that access will be restricted, along with other important information.

## Translating into Success

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 11 who has been awarded a commendation from the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators for the South East. Amelia entered in April 2024 and had to work quickly on her entry as the deadline was close. Amelia and Mrs Gough came across the competition during a careers interview as Amelia wanted to know what outreach activities St Hilda's College Oxford were doing and the competition grabbed her attention. She applied straight away.

Over 16,000 students were involved in the prize in 2024 and they received over 3,600 entries to the competition. The judges all remarked on the high standard and wonderful creativity on display. The college will publish names of winning students on their webpage on 5 June 2024.

The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators competition was launched in 2020 by the Translation Exchange at The Queen's College, Oxford. The competition is inspired by the work of the translator Anthea Bell OBE (1936–2018), one of the finest and most influential literary translators of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The competition promotes language learning across the UK and inspire creativity in the classroom. By providing teachers with tools to bring translation to life, and introducing more authentic texts into the classroom, they hope to motivate more pupils to study modern foreign languages throughout their schooling and beyond. Students are encouraged to use visual and aural clues to interpret poems and produce their own creative translations by producing images or recreating sounds.

## Career News

- **Sparsholt Open Evening.** Registrations are open for Sparsholt College's next open event on Thursday 13 June 2024 (Slots between 5.30pm – 7pm).  
To attend, you will need to register for the event as soon as possible by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as our events do fill up quickly! At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.
- **Richard Taunton Sixth Form College Open Day** – [click here for details and a QR code for booking.](#)
- **Solent University "Your Future"** – [click here to find out more about this event for Year 10 & Year 11 students](#) – which includes a QR code for bookings.

## Charity News

### EASTLEIGH BASIC BANK APPEAL

We are year 10 students trying to collect food to give to the Eastleigh basics bank in order to help them. We are doing this as part of our GCSE citizenship campaign, your support is crucial in our campaign because we need all the help we can get!



Any donation will be greatly appreciated but the products they need the most are:

- Hygiene products (Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shower gel, Soap etc.)
- Long life milk
- Tinned food (Tinned ham, Potatoes, Vegetables etc.)
- Hot chocolate, Tea bags, Coffee
- Cereal, Porridge
- Dog/Cat food
- Soft drinks (Squash, Long life juice, Fizzy drinks etc.)
- Jam, Peanut butter, Marmalade, Honey etc.
- Pasta
- Washing up liquid, Toilet rolls.

If you could contribute please do, there will be a box labelled 'food bank donations' in reception. You can contribute up until **Tuesday the 4th of June** when we will take all the food we have collected and give it to Eastleigh basics bank. Any support we get will be greatly appreciated by us and the food bank.

Kind regards,  
Daisy, Emma, Zoe and Grace



### CAKE SALE

8L1 are holding a cake sale after at Break 2 and after school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Year 7 Notices

- Another half term completed for Year 7! Last week the following students are ranked on our top three for achievement points last week as follows Bailey (30), Jason (27), Avishi (27) & Reff (25) — fantastic effort from these students – well done & keep it up! 7N2 have took the lead position last week.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and Bank Holiday.

Mrs Howard  
Year 7 Pastoral Team

### Year 8 Notices

- No notices this week  
Year 8 Pastoral Team

### Year 9 Notices

- No notices this week  
Year 9 Pastoral Team

### Year 10 Notices

- **Trial Exams.** Year 10 students will begin their year 10 trial exams on Tuesday 11th June 2024 through to Thursday 20th June 2024. In a recent assembly (Friday 24th May) we shared the details of the exam period and the format they will take to ensure students are clear on the schedule and the way in which the examinations will be conducted. Students know that examinations begin as they enter the 'venue' and that no communication or disturbance can be permitted.

This year the exams will all be conducted in the Sports Hall or classrooms for students with access arrangements, so that they become familiarised with the venue in which they will sit their public examinations a year from now. These examinations will allow us to assess students' performance on full GCSE papers in full GCSE conditions, thereby helping us provide quality, up to date information regarding their current position and an up-to-date projected final grade for the end of Y11.

[For more information please click here for a copy of a letter that will be sent home this week to confirm all details.](#)

Mr Merriman  
Year 10 Pastoral Team

### Year 11 Notices

- Please could students be encouraged to **spend any remaining cashless catering balances** before they leave. If you would like a balance transferred to a sibling in the school please email [finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) with the details. **Locker keys can be handed in to the finance office** as soon as they are no longer required, if your child is sharing their locker please let the finance office know, and ask your child to ensure their locker is empty before they hand their key in.
- Year 11 timetable arrangements and Leavers Assembly. [Click here for the parent/carer letter](#) regarding arrangements for our Year 11 students culminating in their last day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.



# Wyvern Variety Show



Thursday 6th June

7.00pm

Doors open 6.30pm

Wyvern Main Hall

Tickets available on [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)