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Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 6 th June	7pm	Wyvern Variety Show – tickets on sale now
Fri 7 th - Sat 8 th June		DofE Practice camp
Sun 9 th – Mon 10 th June		DofE Practice camp
11 th & 13 th June		Year9 Portsmouth Geography trip
Wednesday 12 th June		Year9 Parliament Trip
Wednesday 12 th June		MFL Year7 Parent info evening – more info to follow
Tuesday 18 th June		Year7 Black Country History Trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 th June		Info evening for Battlefields trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 th June		Year8 Comedy workshop
Monday 24 th June		School Athletics Event
Tuesday 25 th June		Year10 Peter Symonds taster day
Thursday 27 th June	8.30am	Year11 only Leavers Assembly – leave site for 10.30am
Thursday 27 th June	10.45am	Late start for Years7,8,9 & 10
Thursday 27 th June		Year11 PROM
Friday 28 th June		College INSET Day – college closed to students

Initial Key dates for 24/25

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

Once again there has been a great deal of extra-curricular activity taking place this week: Year 10 Geographers have undertaken field work at Sandbanks in Dorset; the History Club has visited the Fountains Cafe to receive its trophy and award for winning local History competition; the first ever Wyvern Variety Show will be performed this evening; the Duke of Edinburgh practice camps are about to take place and our athletes are competing in the district championships. Year 10 students have begun their revision work for the upcoming exams and of course year 11 continue to site their GCSE exams.

It has not been so busy though that we have forgotten to commemorate D-Day. Today is the 80th anniversary of this momentous event which was a significant turning point in the Second World War. In my assemblies I have reminded students what happened on D-Day, shared with them veterans' personal testimonies and reflected on what we can learn from the men who fought on the Normandy beaches. Every time we do some form of remembrance work with the students, I am impressed with how appropriately they respond: with a keen interest in learning about what happened, a deep reverence for those who served our country with such courage and conviction and a willingness to learn the lessons we can from these events and experiences.

A key message is that people can achieve extraordinary things if they can endure hardship, show courage, be bold as well as resilient, believe in themselves and stick together. I have talked to students about the true meaning of bravery: not the absence of fear but on the contrary, the facing and overcoming of fear.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

College Vacancies

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



easyfundraising – donate for free as you shop!

Friends of Wyvern are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. We are currently fundraising to purchase new seating and canopies, new class sets of laptops and new food technology equipment. Watch this short video for an explanation of how easyfundraising works:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bE7kp4sl_A

Lots of well-known businesses will make donations to us, including:

- Asda & Sainsburys- 50p donation for every online shop
- Amazon- 0.5% of spend
- Very- up to 7% of spend
- Just Eat/ Uber Eats- up to £1.50 per order
- Go Compare- up to £19 when purchasing a new insurance policy

Please sign up for a free account and start raising funds for us at our easyfundraising page here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-wyvern-wyvern-college-fair-oak-hants>. [Or click here for a QR code.](#)

Cake Sale for FOW

Thank you to 8L1 that held a cake sale on the first Monday back after half term and raised over £40 for the FOW.

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 or call us on 023 80 692678

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 (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 (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.

General College Notices

- **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.](#)
- **Registering for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme** – For this summer, children entitled to benefit-related free school meals (FSM) will need to register with the council ahead of booking with one of the many providers delivering schemes. [Please click here to find out more.](#)

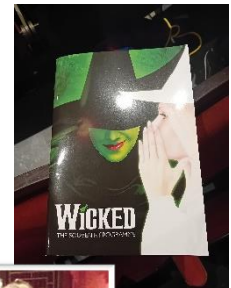
SCHOOL GATES – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

A Wicked Trip

Year 9 Performing Arts Elective Students went to see Wicked the musical at the Mayflower Theatre on Thursday before the half term. It was a brilliant show, and students expressed how much they enjoyed all aspects including singing, music, dance, stage, costume and acting. The stage came to life with the characters, and the theatre was filled with the incredible sound of the band and superb singing from the characters. These Year 9 students are completing their Arts Award and this forms the 'be the audience' element of the award. They have since written a review of the show and recorded interviews with each other reflecting on the performance.



Career News

- **Junior Chef Programme – Eastleigh College.** The programme will help develop confidence, communication and cookery skills as well as encouraging them to use their creative flair. On completion of the course your son/daughter will receive a College Attendance Certificate at a ceremony where they will prepare a two-course meal. We have had lots of success for students who have taken this course at Eastleigh – it's not just for the Food Preparation and Nutrition students – but it is encouraged for them as it does give extra skills for their GCSE cooks. [Click here to find out how to apply.](#)
- **Barton Peveril Tour Events:** We are excited to announce our upcoming Open Events for Year 10 and Year 11 students, taking place on Wednesday 25th September 2024, and Thursday 26th September 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents/guardians to:
 - Tour our campus: Experience the environment where they might spend their post-16 years.

- Explore various subjects: Get insights into the subjects offered and their potential pathways.
- Interact with current students and teachers: Ask questions, gain first-hand insights, and receive guidance.

To stay updated and be the first to book tickets once they are available, please register your interest via this form. Important Note: Registering your interest through this form does not secure a place at the Autumn event. You will still need to book a place once the events become bookable.

- **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](#).
- **NHS Careers Insight Day.** We are excited to share with you that we will be hosting our first 'NHS Careers Insight Day' for students aged 15/16. We appreciate this is an important time for students in deciding their post 16 options and we hope this day will inspire them and raise awareness of careers in the NHS. We are looking for enthusiastic young people interested in careers in the NHS to take part in our NHS careers day. The NHS Careers day will take place on 21st August at University Hospital Southampton 21st August 2024 9am-3pm.

This programme is open to all students aged 15 & 16 studying/living in Hampshire, however there are places set aside for students who meet 2 widening participation criteria. The criteria are:

- Parents, guardian or self in receipt of a means tested benefit
- Young people looked after by a Local Authority or you have been in care or looked after for three months or more
- In receipt of 16-19 bursary or similar grant
- Resident in an area with a postcode which falls within the lowest 20% of the IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation), or a member of a travelling family.
- In receipt of free school meals at any time during (normally for a minimum period of at least one school term/2 months.)
- Participation in a recognised outreach or widening participation programme

We only have 20 places available for this day. So, if your students would like to participate in NHS careers day please ask them to complete the form below by midday on Friday 19th June. Ensure you fill all sections in correctly as we will use the details you submit to contact you about any successful placement. <https://forms.office.com/e/Vzqn3y5vTa>



Treat for Teachers

The Recipe Swap Club celebrated their last meeting of the year by inviting teachers along to sample some of their super baked goods.



Award for our History Club

Our Year 7,8 & 9 History Club have won the Hampshire Archives Trust Schools' Prize. The award ceremony took place on Thursday 6th June at Fountains Community Café – coinciding with the opening of the Fair Oak and Horton Heath D-Day Exhibition.

Full report will be included in next week's newsletter.

Year 7 Notices

No notices this week

Year 8 Notices

No notices this week

Year 9 Notices

No notices this week

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 to confirm all details.](#)

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 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.

From Monday there are just 10 GCSE exams remaining!!! This feels staggeringly fast for Mrs Munday and myself, however we suspect this is feeling much longer for students and parents! We remain really impressed that the majority of students continue to be so dedicated to their studies working hard both in college and at home.

As a reminder, students no longer need to attend tutor time but should be in college for all lessons in which they still have upcoming exams as well as for the exams themselves.

For those that prefer to revise in college or who are unable to get home, supervised study rooms are available for students to use throughout the day for periods when they have a subject in which all their exams are completed. The list of these rooms is published daily at student services and has been communicated on EduLink.

Mrs Goss

Year 11 Pastoral Head