



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Issue 34

## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
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		Late start Years 7, 8, 9, 10 (see below for bus times)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Year11 PROM
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		College INSET Day – college closed to students
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
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,

Dear parents,

As the general election campaigns gather momentum, many different policies and issues have been debated. I thought it would be useful this week to summarise, in alphabetical order, what the parties have published about their plans for education. I have tried to do this impartially, by summarising what the parties themselves say. I do so with the aim of encouraging you to include education in your thinking about how to vote, rather than trying to influence your thinking on which party would be better for education.

### Conservative education policy

- Ban students from using mobile phones during the school day.
- Provide bonuses for teachers in subjects where there is a shortage of teachers.
- Require all students to do two hours of PE every week.
- Introduce the Advanced British Standard, a compulsory sixth form curriculum which requires all students to study at least 5 subjects, rather than the traditional three.
- Provide more special schools to educate children with SEND.
- Create a modern version of national service, made up of either a year-long placement in the armed forces or 25 weekend days of community service.
- Close university courses with the worst success rates.

### Green Party's education policy

- Increase school funding by £8bn, to include £2bn pay uplift for teachers.
- End university tuition fees and restore maintenance grant to university students.
- End "high-stakes testing" at primary and secondary schools.
- Abolish OFSTED.

### Labour education policy

- Recruit 6,500 more teachers and a mental health specialist in every school, paid for by charging VAT on private school fees.
- Introduce free breakfast clubs in every primary school

- Broaden the curriculum by ensuring vocational and creative subjects are included in school performance measures.
- Reform Ofsted, replacing one-word judgements on schools with a “report card” of information.
- Identify special education needs earlier.
- Focus on developing students’ speaking and listening skills.

#### Liberal Democrat education policy

- Place a specialist trained mental health professional in every school, funded by taxing social media companies.
- Increase school funding to above the rate of inflation.
- Provide every child from a disadvantaged background with a “tutoring guarantee.”
- Giving an extra free five hours of early years education to disadvantaged 3-4 year olds.
- Reinstate maintenance grants for university students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Give greater status to the arts and vocational courses.

#### Reform’s education policy

- Double the number of pupil referral units so disruptive students leave mainstream schools and get more support.
- Ban smart phones in schools
- Increase tax relief on private school fees.
- Restrict numbers studying at university
- Increase apprenticeships and technical courses
- Introduce life skills lessons including home economics and social media risk.
- Ban gender questioning and student choice of pronouns.

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

#### **College Vacancies**

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

#### **Community Notices**

##### • **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

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

## Late Start – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

For the already published late start for Years 7-10 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 we have been notified that the following 2 bus services will run at the following times to enable students to be at College for the start of the day at 10.45.

### 506

09:55 Mortimers Lane Farm  
10:08 Lower Upham bus stop  
10:11 Wintershill Sawmills  
10:14 Robin Hood Pub, Durley  
10:17 Village Hall Durley  
10:20 Denhams Corner roundabout  
10:23 Borley Park Roundabout  
10:30 Arrive Wyvern

### 502

10:00 Eastleigh Bus Station  
10:05 Riverside  
10:10 Stoke Park Road  
10:15 Underwood Road  
10:20 Stokewood Surgery  
10:30 Arrive Wyvern

## LATEST NEWS ARTICLES ON OUR WEBSITE



### History Club Award

On Thursday 6th June - the Wyvern History Club were invited to the Fountains Community Cafe to receive and celebrate their winning first place in the Hampshire Archives Trust Schools' History Award. The ceremony was coincided with the opening of the Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council D-Day Exhibition.

[For the full story click here for the Latest News article on our website.](#)



### Duke of Edinburgh Awards 2023-2024

We are delighted to share the wonderful experiences and achievements of our students during their recent Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) practice expedition in the picturesque South Downs.

Our students demonstrated remarkable resilience, teamwork, and skill throughout the journey. Here are some highlights from their memorable expedition.

[Click here to read the full round up on Latest News](#)

## Variety is the Spice!

The Variety Show took place at Wyvern on 6th June and was a spectacular display of talent from our wonderful students. We saw students from years 7-10 performing as singers, dancers, actors, musicians, as well as combined acts and ensembles.

The evening began with two pieces from concert band 'The Greatest Show', followed by 'Encanto' which was expertly conducted by our year 11 Music Prefect Theo Williams. Ollie, year 7, entertained the audience with some original jokes. We heard a vocal solo from Kieran, year 7, as well as a drama performance from year 9 students, a brass ensemble commemorating D-Day, Wyvern choir and a lively dance duet. Pianists Elle and Rebekah performed an intense piano 'battle' displaying their sophisticated playing skills. Act 1 ended with a powerful performance of One Day More from Les Miserables.

Act 2 began with a clever performance from Emily in year 8 who demonstrated her Rubrix skills. We heard Wyvern choir perform "Fix You", as well as a year 7/8 dance ensemble 'Wings'. Year 8 quartet performed the

song "Deeds Not" Words from the stage show 'Fantastically Great Women who Ruled the World' which was expertly choreographed.

Trumpet duo Tom and Arran performed 2 pieces alongside a comedy drama act featuring year 10 students Lennon and Jack. Year 7 and 8 singers performed "When I Grow Up from Matilda", and the evening finished with the Wyvern Staff band debut, and bringing our performers together for the finale 'Don't Stop Believing.' Well done to all our students involved and we look forward to seeing you again at the Summer concerts in July.



### 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](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.](#)

**Variety Show** – proceeds of refreshments at the Variety Show were donated to the FOW- over £200 on the night!

### **Year 7 Notices**

Yr7 Pastoral Team

### **Year 8 Notices**

- **Options Update**

On Wednesday this week I visited Year 8 assembly to update students on Options for next academic year. After a lot of work behind the scenes we have now finalised the timetable for next year ensuring that as many students as possible receive their option choices.

As is always the case there are a small number of students whose combination cannot work and I have started to hold individual meeting with those students and speak with parents.

In addition, there are two oversubscribed courses - Citizenship and Business & Enterprise. In the coming week I will see those who put these courses forward as their 4th or 3rd preference and agree a replacement subject (in most cases their reserve choice). In all cases I will liaise with parents before allocating another subject.

When this process has been completed I plan to issue a slip to every student confirming the 4 subjects they will be assigned next year. If there are any questions about options please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Simon Stocks

This week, students have been looking forward and planning for life in Year 9. In tutor time and in pastoral conversations, there have been discussions about options and the opportunity to tailor their timetables towards their chosen pathways. What has been very impressive is the general attitude of positivity towards subjects that the students are not going to be continuing into Year 9; making the most of the subjects without the pressure of needing to achieve improved grades, but learning just for the enjoyment of learning in that subject. This is absolutely the right attitude.

The new house system, which is ready to launch in September, has also brought planning for Year 9 into focus. The enthusiasm for new opportunities in a diverse range of activities was really evident in Mrs Read's assembly on Wednesday. Everyone seems pleased with the mythical beasts themed house names and their characteristics. There is currently a competition for students to design the logos for these houses, which is just the start.

Mr Street – Pastoral Head  
Year 8 Pastoral Team

### **Year 9 Notices**

- No notices this week

### **Year 10 Notices**

- No notices this week

### **Year 11 Notices**

- No notices this week



# Summer Concert

**17th & 18th of July 2024**  
**6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)**  
**Main Hall, Wyvern College**  
Ticket information coming soon

