



## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		School Athletics Event
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 10 Peter Symonds Taster Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am	Year 11 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		Year 11 PROM
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 10 Barton Peveril Taster Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		College INSET Day – college closed to students
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Duke of Edinburgh Practice Camp
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
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Battlefields Trip Year 9 & 10
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		Eastleigh College Taster Day Year 10
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
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August		Results Day

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Mental health workshop for parents

We work closely with the local Mental Health Support Team which is offering an online parental workshop on low mood and depression. The MHST invite you to take part and say this about the session: "the workshop will be mostly informative, with some optional opportunities for discussion, input, and questions via the digital chat function. You will not need to have your video-camera or microphone on for the workshop. The workshop aims to upskill parents and carers to understand low mood and depression, the signs, and symptoms of this in young people, and provide some simple skills and strategies for you to take away and use to support your young person who may be struggling with their mood. This terms workshop will take place on the 13th August 2024 (5.30pm until 7.00pm) and the Zoom details are as follows:

MHST South-East is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Understanding and Supporting your Child with Low Mood Parent/Carer Workshop**

Time: Aug 13, 2024 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/98756118458?pwd=IzKu0M5A3cpSy6bdOMQuu93481zWjJ.1>

Meeting ID: 987 5611 8458

Passcode: 858627

### Safeguarding

Globally there has been an increase in reports of children and young people being victims of financially motivated sexual extortion, often referred to in the media as 'sextortion'. The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education have issued an alert in education settings across the UK in response to this threat.

The alert will help professionals/carers to:

- > Recognise and understand financially motivated sexual extortion
- > Raise awareness and help seeking behaviours amongst children and young people

- > Give suitable messaging and support to parents and carers
- > Support victims of financially motivated sexual extortion

Financially motivated sexual extortion involves children and young people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after an offender has threatened to release nudes or semi-nudes of them. It is a type of online blackmail and also a form of child sexual abuse. Financially motivated sexual extortion is usually carried out by organised crime groups based overseas who are typically motivated by money. These groups target all ages and genders however, a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18.

It is really important that we work together to give students the message that sending nudes to other people online can lead to sextortion (as well as revenge porn), even if they think the person they are sending them to is someone they love and trust in a relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Nude pictures do get distributed more widely and can fall into the hands of people who will use them for sextortion.

If you would like further information about sextortion then please do use this link from the national crime agency

[nca financially motivated sexual extortion alert education eng.pdf \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/nca-financially-motivated-sexual-extortion-alert-education-eng.pdf)

This link here provides useful information on how to have a conversation about this issue with your child and what the signs are to look out for

[Safeguarding Alert: Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion - Ineeq Safeguarding Group](#)

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

## College Vacancies

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

## Community Notices

### • **FREE - OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE**

Come along to our FREE Open Choir Rehearsal and Performance on Wed 26 June in the Main School Hall at 7.30pm. Why not try it out and enjoy and experience for yourself how the choir works. [Click here to see the poster for more information.](#)

### • **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** – they will go on general sale from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college)
- **CAMHS 2024 PACE Events**  
Free health & wellbeing events for all parents, carers & professionals who support or work with young people. Click on the links below for more details
  - [All workshops for 2024](#)
  - [Winchester Event 19<sup>th</sup> July](#)
- 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



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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS FOR FOW FUNDS

We are still looking for uniform items with a view to re-use for families in need and to sell at the upcoming Transition Evening for our new Year 7 families, raising funds for the Friends of Wyvern.

We would greatly appreciate any items that are in good condition.

## ROAD SAFETY ALERT

We have received a report that a Wyvern student walked out in front of moving traffic at the crossroad traffic lights in Fair Oak. The female student was completely oblivious as they stepped out, head down looking at the floor and was wearing over ear headphones, at no point did they look up or appear to notice the vehicle having to stop.

Please can we remind you to have a conversation with your young people about Road Safety.

Discuss the importance of not using a mobile phone or texting while crossing the road. Remind your child/young person that they cannot hear traffic if listening to music through earphones or see it properly if wearing a large hood, and to use the pedestrian crossings even if it involves having to walk a few more yards, waiting for the traffic to stop completely.

## Year 7 Notices

- No notices this week

## Year 8 Notices

- Year 8 Comedy Workshop

**Warning! Writers at Work!** On Wednesday a group of Year 8 pupils took part in a writing workshop with a professional writer and broadcaster, Dave Smith. ([www.wordsmith-features.com](http://www.wordsmith-features.com)). The pupils enjoyed hearing about Dave's life and writing career, from jobbing stand-up touring the clubs of the UK with the likes of Michael McIntyre and Sean Lock, to writing travel blogs and radio broadcasts. Dave explained his writing process, and then challenged the pupils to write for a Radio Solent broadcast – 'The Best things...'. Pupils worked through the thinking and planning processes, and then generated their own comedic and observational texts, sharing them aloud with each other at the end of the day in an 'open-mike' session. Topics covered dads, football, being alone in the house on your own, mum's and dinner time, and pets, to name a few!

Here is a small sample of the work shared – more to come later: What an amazing afternoon, and such talent emerging in our younger years!!

*"The moment when that wonderful dinner smell finally reaches your bedroom has to be the best smell in the world! After that smell arrives there's only one thing to do: to shout "Mum! How long until dinner?" The time from then until dinner has to be the slowest that time has ever gone. With a few minutes remaining and the smell stronger than ever, I feel like I'm on a gameshow called "Guess the food!". Finally mum shouts "Dinner's ready!". The race is on. I run to the stairs, descending 3 at a time. At the bottom, the final stretch appears: me, my sister and the cat all racing for food. We reach the kitchen only to find dinner still in pots and pans. A wave of disappointment knocks through us. Groans are released from the 3 of us as we realise that we have to lay the table. 10 minutes later, there is no more dinner; and the cat is a little bit ...bigger."*  
Zach

*"I love my cat. She hates everyone in the family but me; and if Kitty is in my room, my little sister refused to come in since my cat will attack her. Although I love her, she is really, really, morbidly obese. When I am on my bed and she is on the other side, she tilts it to one side and its hard to lay down. It's even worse when she decides to sit on my lap because her weight is so large it makes me so I am unable to move at all. SO if I urgently need to do something or my mum calls me, I have to try and lead her away from me using treats. The problem with that is after the first treat she instantly wants more and she chases me around the house meowing at me until I give in! She is even worse on nights when we have a roast dinner because my mum makes a mini pet version for her. She finished it in 5 minutes the (because she is a fatty who doesn't stop eating) then tries to steal mine..."*  
Grace

*"Watching football with my dad is one of the funniest things I've ever witnessed: he jumps up and down nearly breaking the sofa! He CAN'T stop himself! It's the last 10 minutes but everyone knows England will score to win it. Suddenly something hits: he looks at me and says "I need to go to the loo!" I'm sitting there laughing knowing England will score to win it. He decides to go out. Surprisingly nothing happens, but then my mum calls me upstairs to try some clothes on or something. I go, and then my phone pings to tell me England have scored. I think "Why isn't my dad screaming?" I run downstairs; I suddenly looked at the TV and the WiFi has shut down because the builders outside were trying to upgrade it. Me and my dad looked at each other, knowing it was an absolute banger – and we'd missed it!"*  
Ollie

## Year 9 Notices

- No notices this week

## Year 10 Notices

- This week brings the end of the Year 10 Mocks. The feedback from the Exams team and Invigilators has been that Year 10 have done a fantastic job. Well done! They have been focussed, polite and shown a real desire to do well and succeed. We have had lots of students taking the time to find staff and ask questions and enquire about results. This was their first effort at mocks, and has identified students who may need some extra help and support next year. We will address any issues prior to the next round of mocks in November.

Well done Year 10!

## Year 11 Notices

And just like that GCSE exams were done!!!!

The last exam was Wednesday this week and for some students it will seem like it was a long time coming, once they finally started they seem to have whizzed by to the Year 11 team. Mrs Munday and I would like to extend a huge thank you to parents, carers and wider families that have been such a gigantic support network to help Year 11 through the last few months. We are so unbelievably proud of how they have handled the pressure with grace and good humour, invigilators continue to wax lyrical about how conscientious and polite they have been-they are an absolute credit to you.

I look forward to welcoming students back next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June for Leavers Assembly at 8.25am and if they are attending, Prom from 6pm at Botleigh Grange. [Please do take a moment to read further information on both events here.](#)

Beyond that I look forward to welcoming you and students to Wyvern on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to collect results from 10am. Please don't let them put you off attending with them, parents are invited, you have definitely helped encourage and sometimes drag them through, and staff welcome the chance to celebrate with you. I have arranged a special treat and an Ice Cream Van will be on site for a free ice cream on Wyvern for all students to say well done.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers, I was parachuted in to oversee the year group in Year 9 as Pastoral Leader, quickly trying to get to know all 268 students whilst continuing to be Curriculum Lead for Geography and latterly Assistant Headteacher. Thank you for your patience while I found my feet and your support of the college throughout the last 5 years. It has been an absolute privilege to work with Mrs Munday and help students and yourselves navigate through the best and worst times. I wish the students every success in the future whatever path they may choose.

With thanks,

Mrs Goss



# 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)

