



Thursday 18th July 2024

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## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Summer Concert
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	12.30	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 a good week at Wyvern. We have had feedback that the students who went on the battlefields trip stood out amongst other schools for their exemplary behaviour and courtesy at the sites and on the boat home.

On Tuesday, we were finally able to schedule in Sports Day; we had some rain just as we got started and then some more after we had finished and the students back inside. It was wonderful to have years 7, 8 and 9 all out together on the track side to witness some great performances. Students had also competed in the longer distances and field events earlier in the week. There were three groups of students who impressed me. Firstly, those who, given the chance to shine in front of their peers, did so with remarkable physical performances, winning events and house points. Secondly, those students who took part because their house needed someone to and although they would have preferred not to, did it anyway for their house. Thirdly, the spectators who encourages, clapped, cheered, and supported the performances. It was an inclusive sports day with students of all aptitudes taking part and it was so humbling and heart-warming to see the spectators cheering the loudest for those whose needs make sport so much more difficult than for others. With our motto of "think grow, care," we have been working with students to develop empathy and support for each other and I was so proud to see this on display on sports day.

We have had our summer concerts taken place this week, yesterday and tonight. I would like to congratulate the students who entertained parents and friends of Wyvern with their performances. It is also heart-warming to see students from different year groups coming together to support each other.

To help you keep children safe over the summer holidays [please click here](#) for the NHS's mental health and wellbeing toolkit which is a one-page summary of where you can get help for a whole range of issues that your child may need support for over the next six weeks.

In the last three weeks we have seen a deterioration in uniform, and this is especially the case with footwear. Recognising that it would be unreasonable to expect parents to buy new footwear so near the end of term, we have taken a relaxed stance on this. However, from September we will be expected students to be wearing black shoes (and not black trainers). We benefit from great parental support for our high standards of uniform and really appreciate the efforts you make in getting students appropriately dressed for college. Please do let us know if you have any difficulty in doing this for September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support of the college and its staff and processes this year. I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you and your children again next year.

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.](#)

## thisTerm@Wyvern

Our termly news round up is now available on our website. Some of the news has featured in previous editions of thisWeek@Wyvern but we have been able to include more photos and details. There are also lots of other articles we hope you will enjoy.

[Click here to read thisTerm@Wyvern Summer 2024.](#)

## Community Notices

- **SPORTS/FITNESS & COMMUNITY COURSE AND OFFERS.**

Please see the following information about the upcoming activities and offers from our Community Enterprise.

- [Summer Gym Membership Offer](#)
- [Our Autumn Course Brochure](#) – with a 5% discount if you book before the end of August.
- Details of how to book Badminton Courts.



- **ICON SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS** are now booking. [Click here for more details](#) and here for [the details of their Autumn programme](#)
- **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>.
- **SUMMER ACTIVITIES – YMCA** The YMCA site in Botley is part of the YMCA Fairthorne Group. Since 2002, YMCA Fairthorne Group has grown to support 40,000 children, young people, and families every year across Hampshire and Isle of Wight to ensure everyone has the opportunities they need to lead happy healthy lives.  
As a part of our community programme every Summer we're running various holiday clubs throughout the entire holidays, as always. We offer fun and engaging clubs for all school years, with food, transport and wrap-around care options available. [Click here for details of this summer's activities.](#)

## GENERAL NOTICES

- **Have you lost a towbar?** We have had a towbar handed into reception, but it has remained unclaimed for a couple of weeks now. A witness said it came off a grey Zafira with an 'H' in the number plate when the driver went over a speed bump on 21.6.24. Enquiries to go to [enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)



## LIGHTING THE WAY

The Lighthouse that college students worked on in the Year 7 and 8 Art club has finally been placed on the Light the Way trail in Southampton. Many more of the lighthouse - large and small - have been dotted around Southampton city centre and the Isle of Wight this summer for families to find.

Our lighthouse 'Looking out for our oceans' has been placed in the window of Howden Insurance (next door to HMV on the High Street).

[If you want a lighthouse trail map and to find out more about the event, click here.](#)

## Normandy Battlefields Trip

80 Year 9 and Year 10 students visited the Battlefields of Normandy last week to learn about the events of D-Day. Coming just after the 80th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy by Allied forces in June 1944, this was a particularly poignant time to visit.

Students visited locations such as the American Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Église, the sites of British beach landings at Gold beach and German, American and British cemeteries for those who lost their lives in the Battle of Normandy. This culminated in a ceremony of remembrance and a wreath laying at Ranville Military Cemetery.

Students were an absolute credit to Wyvern and their behaviour was exemplary. They were interested, enthusiastic and engaged in the history but also cheered very loudly when England defeated the Netherlands in the Euros Semi-Final (let's gloss over Sunday's result).

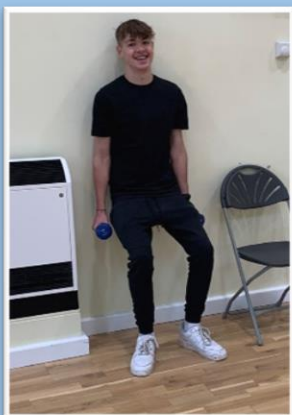
Well done, Historians!

## Friends of Wyvern

For a summary of all the news from this term – [Click here.](#)  
Thank you for all your support.



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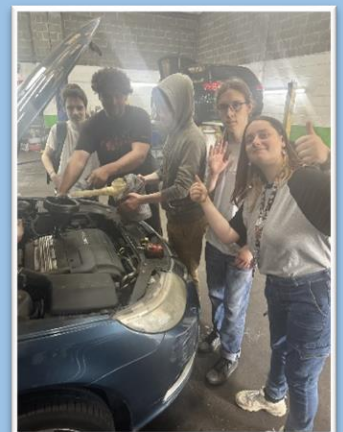
## Year 10 Goes to Work!

Our first work experience in 15 years took off on Monday.

We had an array of students going into different industries such as Southampton University, Arriva Trains, Roundtable Post Production, 12CP Barristers, St Marys Stadium and so many other interesting placements.

Teachers started to visit students on Tuesday and the feedback has been fantastic. It is always a daunting experience on the first day for students,

but so far they are getting involved and are learning some great skills and experiences.



## **Year 7 Notices**

I can't quite believe we're at the end of Year 7 already!

This year has gone so quickly. It was fantastic celebrating Sports Day this week and all the competitors were a credit to the college and to themselves. The Year 7 spectators were also so well behaved and supportive - well done and thank you! I was very proud of each of you. In addition, we had our Success Assembly on Monday during period 1 where students who have received certificates in individual subject areas and also from their tutors had their names displayed.

Other successes included the six leaders of the mountain challenge - Ayush, Lily, Anna, Flo, Sam & Sara as well as the seven students who have achieved one or fewer behaviour points - Tulisa, Juci, Anna-Rose, Megan-Rose, Poppy, Theo and Freddie - absolutely fantastic!

We enjoyed performances from some Year 7/8 singers and solo performances from Ella and Kieran - you were all wonderful! We had various raffles for categories such as zero behaviour points all year (121 Year 7s were entered into this raffle and 15 prizes were one), 97% + attendance (177 Y7s were in this category and six prizes were won - well done), Reef and Karina won prizes for having the highest number of achievement points over the year.

I thanked my Assembly Assistants for their service every Monday in recent months and gave them a gift (Bobby, Violet, Jack, Seb, Jessie and Holly). Ten people won prizes in the random raffle in which every member of the year group was entered. 7A3, 7L2, 7W1 and 7N1 each won a tutor group prize for a different category – congratulations. Finally, we said goodbye to four of our tutors – Mr Francis, who is relocating, Mr Park, who is becoming Curriculum Leader at another school, Mrs Mellor who is leaving teaching to pursue a new career and finally Mrs Pancott who is also taking a Curriculum Leader role in another school – we wish them every success!

So, lots of things to finish the term positively which is wonderful. Wishing all Year 7s a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing them in Y8.

Mrs Howard  
Year 7 Pastoral Leader.

## **Year 8 Notices**

Year 8 – have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you all Year 9 in Autumn when you will be starting your option courses.

## **Year 9 Notices**

Wishing all you Year 9 students and families a very restful holiday – we look forward to seeing you back in Year 10 at the beginning of September.

## **Year 10 Notices**

We have had the pleasure of going to visit and call so many of our students on work experience this week. The feedback from employers has blown me away! The way they have conducted themselves, the dedication and the work output they have displayed has been incredible. In all the visits I have managed to do the sense of achievement, enjoyment and work ethic has been clear to see. So many have chosen sectors they want to work in in the future and have gained invaluable insight into how their future could look. So much so that there has even been job offers to some of our students for part time work.

What a fantastic way for them to finish their year, we are all very proud of them. I hope it spurs them and helps to motivate them to achieve the incredible grades I know they are all capable of.

Miss Steadman and I wish you all the happiest of holidays, we hope you can rest up, recharge and relax over the 6 weeks ready to tackle year 11. From me, I just wanted to say what an absolute pleasure it has been to be your Pastoral Leader this year. Each and every one of you has made my first year as Pastoral Leader a joy, and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know so much more about you all.

Roll on next year, have a lovely break and I will see you all in September

Mr Merriman  
Year 10 Pastoral Leader

#### Year 11 Notices

- No notices this week



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