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Assemblies Next Week

'Grow' Assemblies - Pastoral Leaders

Important dates for this week and beyond

Thurs 3 rd Sept	New Year 7 students return
Fri 4 th Sept	All years return
Tues 8 th Sept	Production rehearsals - 3pm
Weds 9 th Sept	Y7 Clubs Fair - Sports Hall, 3.15 - 4pm
Thurs 10 th Sept	Production rehearsals - 3pm
Fri 11 th Sept	School photos for years 7, 9 and 11
Tues 15 th Sept	Production rehearsals - 3pm
Thurs 17 th Sept	Open Evening - 6 - 8.30pm
Fri 18 th Sept	INSET day
Tues 22 nd Sept	Production rehearsals - 3pm
Weds 23 rd Sept	Year 7 CATS testing
Thurs 24 th Sept	Year 11 Whiteley Geography trip

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Headteacher's Letter

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Dear parents and carers,

Summary of the week

Welcome back to all our returning Wyvern families and welcome to those joining us for the first time this year. It is lovely to have you join our community. This week, we have been working hard to ensure a strong start to the year. Staff undertook their statutory safeguarding training, as well as allergy and anaphylaxis training; they spent time looking at information about the students they will be teaching this year. The new year 7 students have started today and we are very pleased the first impressions they have made, coming across as friendly, respectful and keen to do well. Year 11 prefects supported them with maturity and kindness. Tomorrow we welcome back year 8-11 students. It will be good to see them again and find out what they have been up to over the summer.

Uniform

Thank you for all your hard work in supporting our very high standards at Wyvern. We maintain strict uniform standards because uniform should be a social equaliser. Allowing expensive jewellery, footwear or fashionable variations would make differences in family income and access to fashion more visible. Some young people already know far too much about feeling inadequate or believing that they are not good enough. College should not reinforce those feelings by turning clothing and appearance into measures of wealth, popularity or status. Fashion competition also creates pressure to fit in and provides another basis on which students can compare, judge or exclude one another. It can lead students to believe that they need particular items because “everyone else is wearing them,” creating unnecessary pressure and expense for families. Our uniform prohibits false eyelashes or artificial nails, nose studs or facial piercings, leggings, hoodies, trainers, visibly branded footwear or hair dyed in unnatural colours. Last term we also gave several reminders to parents that skin-tight or stretchy-fabric trousers will not be permitted from this term. We are very grateful for the support that you give us on uniform. Thank you for holding the line with your child.

I would like to thank those of you who kindly donated uniform items to the college that you no longer needed. Because of your generosity, over the summer break we were able to give high quality second hand uniform to many families in need of it. We do still have many items of uniform. If you need assistance, please do contact the college.

GCSE Exam Results 2026

We are very proud of last year's year 11 students who received their exam results in August. Across all subjects, we saw increases in the proportion of students gaining good grades (-4),

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strong grades (9-5) and top grades (9-7) in a year when nationally there was hardly any change in results. Students achieved particularly strong results in English and Mathematics, with 80% and 79% securing grades 9–4 respectively; 63% achieved grades 9–5 in each. In both subjects, just under 25% of students achieved the top grades of 9–7. At every level, students' results were above national averages. This success was also evident across the school's academic subjects. Twice the national average of students achieved good

and strong passes across the full suite of EBacc subjects — English, Mathematics, two Sciences, a humanities subject and a modern foreign language. These results mean that students are well placed to progress to high-quality sixth-form and further education provision. Students performed equally strongly in the creative subjects, with impressive results in Art, Drama and Music. The proportion achieving top grades (9–7) was 30% in Art, 41% in Drama and an outstanding 58% in Music. We are very proud of the students and recognise that success have been achieved because of supportive parents doing their bit at home too (often re-living their own GCSE experiences/trauma in the process!) We wish our leavers of 2026 all the very best as they move on to the next stage of their life and education. What an exciting time it will be for them.

Attendance

The most significant trend in this year's exam results was the link between attendance rates and grades. Each half term, we send you absence reports for your child and these contain a graph that shows how absence rates affect academic performance: Once again these statistics were supported by our results this year. Every lesson missed is a learning gap created, which affects students' ability to understand the content of subsequent lessons which build on it. This is equally true of year 7 as it is year 11. Let us, then work together to maximise attendance in the year ahead.

With best wishes,
Mr Rule



Upcoming Road Resurfacing Works – Botley Road Junction, Fair Oak

Please see the information below from Hampshire County Council:

I am writing to inform you that Hampshire County Council has appointed M Group Ltd, to carry out resurfacing works at the Botley Road Junction in Fair Oak, including the Fratton Way and Eastville Road bellmouths.

The works are scheduled to take place from Tuesday 1 September to Friday 4 September, during night-time hours between 8pm to 6am.

To ensure the safety of both the public and our workforce, the works will be undertaken under a full road closure. During this period, traffic will be unable to access Botley Road Junction and will be required to follow the signed diversion route.

Please note that:

- Traffic on Fratton Way and Eastville Road will have no access to Eastleigh Road for the duration of these works. As both roads are cul-de-sac with no alternative route, access and egress will be restricted while the junction is closed. Residents are advised to plan journeys accordingly during the working hours.
- Advance warning signs and parking restrictions will be installed prior to the commencement of works.
- Resident access to properties will be maintained wherever reasonably possible.
- All works are weather-dependent and may be subject to change at short notice.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.

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Please visit [Causeway one.network](https://www.causewayone.network) to view the suggested diversion route.

Please visit the scheme web page for a comprehensive overview of the scheme, including phasing, working hours, and indicative timelines;
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/mortimers-lane-fair-oak-improvements>.



Instrumental Lessons 2026-2027 - places still available

It is not too late to sign up for instrumental/ singing lessons for this school year, and lots of you already have! We offer lessons in: Piano, Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Violin, Cello, Bass, Guitar, Drums and Singing. If you would like to sign your child up for a free taster lesson on any of these instruments, please email Miss Wood in the music department for more information. The sign-up form for parents to complete for instrumental lessons is on Parentmail.

If you have already signed up for instrumental lessons: lessons will begin next week, w/c 7th September. The timetables will be up in the noticeboard in the Music department corridor, and the schedule for lessons is below:

Monday	Cello	Mr Hanchett
	Brass	Mr Smith
	Saxophone & Clarinet	Mr Adams
Tuesday	Drums	Mr Hayward
Wednesday	Strings	Mrs Sanders
	Singing	Mrs Musgrave
Thursday	Flute	Mrs Smith
Friday	Guitar	Mr Newton
	Piano	Mr Ching

Please make sure your child has checked the timetable for their lesson time, and brings their instrument with them on the day of their lesson. Instruments are stored in the morning in the music corridor instrument store. Please ensure your instrument is clearly labelled with your name, and ensure they take instruments home at the end of the school day.

When students attend their music lesson, they will need to inform their class teacher and leave lessons 5mins before lesson begins, and go to Student Services to Sign out on the music lesson form on the clipboard- they will then go straight to the music department for their lesson.

If you have any questions about music lessons please contact Miss Wood:
s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

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Year 7 Clubs Fair - Wednesday 9th September, 3.15pm

On Wednesday 9th September, from 3.15pm we will be holding our first Clubs Fair in the Sports Hall for all our new Year 7 students and their families. This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce students to the wide range of clubs and enrichment activities available at our school and encourage them to get involved and increase their sense of belonging at Wyvern from the very start of the year.

Year 11 Careers Fair - Monday 28th September, 5 - 7pm

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Careers Fair, which will be held in the Sports Hall on 28 September from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

To provide a quieter and more comfortable environment, Year 11 students with SEN and their parents/carers are invited to attend an exclusive session from 5.00pm to 5.30pm. This will allow additional time and space to speak with exhibitors before the main event begins.

A wide range of local colleges, training providers, employers, and businesses will be attending to offer advice and guidance on post-16 pathways, career opportunities, apprenticeships, and further education options.

This is an excellent opportunity for students and families to gather information, ask questions, and explore the next steps available after Year 11.

We are also looking for local employers who would be willing to attend and share information about their career pathways, industry, or organisation.

If you, a family member, or a colleague would be interested in hosting a stand or speaking to students about career opportunities in the local area, please get in touch with me.

We would love to showcase a wide range of industries and professions to help our students explore the exciting career pathways available to them and gain a better understanding of the world of work.

Your support could make a real difference in inspiring and informing our students as they prepare for their next steps.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event!

Mrs Gough

Art and Craft Club - Supplies Needed!

With our Art and Craft Club getting ready to start again this term, we would greatly appreciate any donations of crafty supplies! If you have any spare paint, pencils, glue, stickers, beads, ribbon, glitter, pipe cleaners, fabric, wool, candles or anything else we could use, please let Mrs Vaissieres-Brien know!



Community Events

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Fair Oak Community Library 5th Anniversary

Come along to the Fair Oak Community Library's 5th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday 12th September.

The event runs from 2-4pm and features live music, pony rides, children's crafts, refreshments and more.

Entry is free and all are welcome!



Bat and Nature Walk - 17th September

Are you interested in learning more about our local wildlife? Why not sign up for Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council's upcoming Bat and Nature walk, from 6.45 to 8.45pm on Thursday 17th September. Spaces are limited, so book soon to avoid disappointment!



Bishopstoke Skatepark Opening Jam - 3rd October

Bishopstoke Skatepark is celebrating its official opening with a skate jam, featuring music, rider demos, competitions and prizes!

All wheels are welcome, from 12 to 4pm on Saturday 3rd October.



Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

The mathematics behind the world: from Taylor Swift to facial recognition



Thu 10 Sept
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

What do a Taylor Swift song, a photograph, and facial-recognition technology have in common? Join IE University for this interactive masterclass, where you'll discover how linear algebra helps us describe and understand the world around us. Through clear examples and hands-on activities, you'll explore vectors, dimensions, coordinate systems, projections and eigenfaces, seeing how abstract mathematical ideas are used in music, data analysis, and artificial intelligence.

Natural sciences taster: why one science isn't always enough



Mon 14 Sept
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

Some of the world's biggest challenges can't be solved by just one science alone. Join the University of Birmingham to discover how biology, chemistry, physics, and more combine to solve real-world challenges. You'll explore why employers value graduates with broad scientific knowledge and how studying interdisciplinary science can open up a wide range of exciting careers.

NEW: Unifrog Course Spotlight

Click below to visit the new Unifrog Courses directory and take short courses in a variety of careers!



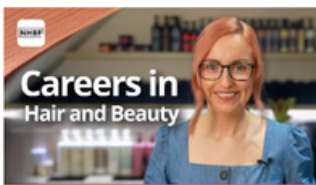
Careers in art (modern work experience)

Norwich University of the Arts Starter

Unleash your creativity and uncover the vibrant world of careers in art!

4,790 students are taking this course.

[Course page >](#) ☆ not joined yet



Careers in hair and beauty (modern work experience)

National Hair & Beauty Federation Starter

Find out what it takes to build a career in hair and beauty

2,302 students are taking this course.

[Course page >](#) ☆ not joined yet



Careers in healthcare sciences (modern work experience)

UCL (University College London) Starter

Explore the science careers that make modern healthcare possible

2,440 students are taking this course.

[Course page >](#) ☆ not joined yet

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Year 7 Notices

Welcome to Wyvern - we hope you've enjoyed your first day with us!

Year 8 Notices

Welcome back Year 8, I hope you have had a lovely break. I can't wait to hear stories of all the wonderful things you have been up to. I can't believe it has been a year already since you walked through the doors - well, until I see how tall some of you have got!

We have made the decision this year to mix the bands up quite considerably - this will give you the opportunity to make new friends, form strong relationships with new staff and hopefully allow your lessons to be enjoyable and a fun place to learn. If you find yourself in a class with people you don't know take the opportunity to introduce yourself, say hello and get to know someone new. You never know, they may become your new best friend.

Wyvern is a wonderful place with lots of opportunities so please make the most of it, look at joining new clubs, challenge yourself to try new things and keep an open mind about all of your subjects and teachers. We will soon be looking at options for next year, so give all of your subjects your best, you might find a new passion or talent for something you hadn't considered before.

See you on Friday, I look forward to seeing you all!

Mr Merriman

Year 9 Notices

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a fabulous summer and took advantage of the stunning weather, spent some quality time with family and friends and had fun making precious memories.

As always the 6 weeks were over as soon as they started and here we are again.... It is hard to believe that we are entering into our third year at Wyvern and that the pupils are embarking on their GCSE studies. I hope the pupils are excited at the prospect of starting a curriculum in which they have had a significant say in the subjects that they wish to continue studying. I will be sharing an assembly with the year group on how important it is to start this year with a positive mindset, a 'can do' approach and with a desire to embrace the challenges coming their way. There is no doubt that for some they will need a period of adjustment as workload increases, expectations are raised and the reality of GCSE studies hits home. We are here to support both you and them through this tricky transition period - so please reach out (to your child's tutor initially) and feel free to ask questions (no matter how ridiculous they may sound) or relay any worries or concerns. For me the key is being organised and getting the basics right so that we are setting each and every pupil up for a perfect and seamless start. I know that I go on about this in every newsletter but.....please make sure that your child has all of the equipment that they need including a bag big enough to house an A4 folder and a water bottle.

Both Mrs Munday and I are looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday and are excited and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

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Year 10 Notices

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful break in what has undoubtedly been a very sunny holiday! I'm really looking forward to welcoming back the year group as Year 10s (eek! Y10 already! Where has the time gone?) We have an important year ahead as the year group move ever-closer to their final year at Wyvern. The start of term will offer the usual important reminders concerning safeguarding, bullying, PRIDE expectations including uniform amongst other things and teaching and learning will begin swiftly. Please do make sure that your child is in the correct uniform (see all previous communications about this) and has the right equipment as this is the best way to ensure a positive and smooth transition into the new academic year. There will be some important trial examinations at the end of Year 10, just as the current Year 11 are finishing. More to follow on that nearer the time. Tutors will be speaking to Y10s in tutor time and launching applications for Tutor Reps and I will be announcing the prefect application process later this term in assembly and also the Head Prefect and Senior Prefect process which runs alongside. Once again, I look forward to working with you all to support your child's academic progress, overall well-being and personal growth.

Year 11 Notices

Welcome back to your final year at Wyvern!