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Issue 2 - Autumn Term

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Assemblies Next Week

'Belong' Assemblies - Pastoral Leaders

Important dates for this week and beyond

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	Early finish for students - 1.25pm
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 - Thurs 24 th Sept	Year 7 CATS testing
Thurs 24 th Sept	Year 11 Whiteley Geography trip
Thurs 24 th Sept	Hampshire Schools Swimming Gala - Yrs 8,9,10
Mon 28 th Sept	Careers Fair - Sports Hall, 5.30 - 7pm (SEN session 5 - 5.30pm)

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Headteacher's Letter

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Dear parents and carers,

I continue to be impressed with how well students have started this academic year. Year7, I must say, have been exemplary. They are well presented, polite, friendly and appear to be enjoying being part of the Wyvern family. Their teachers are delighted with them and feel they could not have made a better start. It has been heart-warming to see so many of the older students offering to help them find their classrooms and show them kindness. Staff are reporting that across all year groups there has been high standards of behaviour so it is a great start. I know that you have been instrumental in supporting our policies on uniform and behaviour expectations too. Thank you so much for ensuring your children are wearing the correct uniform, looking smart and have the correct equipment for learning.

Although term has only just started, we do have a shortened week for students next week. We have our annual open evening on Thursday 17th September which means the college will close early at 1.25pm. We then have our INSET day on Friday 18th. Each school is entitled to 5 INSET days per year and we tend to front load ours.

We have begun the academic year with a new, restructured senior leadership team as a result of Mr Stocks, my Senior Deputy head, retiring last term. I would like to share with you which members of the team are leading on different responsibilities and overseeing the different year groups. Although I do meet with lots of parents every week and enjoy doing so, it is not possible for me to see everyone who would like to address issues with me. I hope that in sharing the names and responsibilities of the senior team, you are able to contact the senior leader who is best placed to answer any questions or concerns you might have in the first instance:

Mr Emeny is the Deputy Head teacher. He leads on raising achievement across the school, with a particular focus on exam results and destinations for our students. He oversees assessment, target-setting and data tracking, as well as supporting Year 11 students through intervention, revision and examinations. He also leads on whole-college attendance and works closely with staff to ensure students are supported to achieve their best academically.

Mrs Foster is the Assistant Head teacher who oversees the pastoral support for Year 10 and plays a key role in ensuring students are well supported in their learning and personal development. She oversees KS3 assessment, reporting and data tracking, including interventions, and leads on the tutor time curriculum and the planning of the overall curriculum in years 7 and 8. She also supports staff development through performance management and plays an important role in coordinating curriculum resources across the school.

Mrs Goss is the Assistant Head teacher who leads on pastoral care and wellbeing across the school, with a particular focus on supporting students through Years 7–9 and ensuring a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. As Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Teacher for Children Looked After, she provides additional support for some of our most vulnerable students, while also overseeing the Pupil Premium strategy, whole-college behaviour and pastoral systems.

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Mr Langdon is the assistant head teacher who leads on teaching and learning across the school, supporting colleagues through professional development, coaching, learning walks and subject reviews. He also leads on home learning and super-curricular opportunities, ensuring students are encouraged to develop their learning beyond the classroom. In addition, he supports the House system and plays an important role in gathering student voice to help shape teaching and learning.

Mr Westlake is the Business Manager who leads financial planning and budgeting. He oversees the development of the college site, facilities, infrastructure, health & safety and IT. He leads the community enterprise aspect of the college's work which is our business arm, offering sporting and leisure activities, facilities hire and our nursery. He is the events and trips co-ordinator, ensuring that off-site activities are well planned and effectively risk assessed. He is therefore also part of the safeguarding team.

Miss Parker is Wyvern's designated safeguarding lead. She therefore leads the safeguarding team which works with social services, the police and other agencies to ensure that students are safe and that any threats to their safety are dealt with effectively. She has a medical background and as such line manages the welfare team and has responsibility for health care plans and medical needs. She is also the timetabler, constructing the college timetable for staff and students.

Mrs Kennedy leads our Behaviour Support Team, helping students overcome barriers to learning and providing targeted support through behaviour interventions, on-call and internal isolation. She also oversees alternative and reduced-hours provision, including referrals and off-site direction, while supporting students who are educated at home. As Forge Progress Leader, Mrs Kennedy will also play a key role in our new inclusion space, The Forge, which is opening soon to provide specialist support for students whose social, emotional and mental needs require more intensive support.

Mr Daly leads on strengthening behaviour across the college, working closely with staff to build confidence, consistency and effectiveness in applying our behaviour policy. He supports colleagues with specific classes and students, while leading initiatives to reduce disruption, improve engagement and promote positive behaviour. He also coordinates structured lunchtime activities, helping students make the most of their unstructured time in a positive and purposeful way.

With best wishes

Mr Rule



Urgent - Gas Network Upgrade - Fairoak Road Bishopstoke

Please see below update from SGN regarding gas works on Fairoak Road, Bishopstoke:

Following an assessment of the gas main along Fairoak Road, we have taken the decision to replace the existing ageing metal pipe with a new, durable plastic main. The current gas main was installed almost 100 years ago and now requires renewal to ensure the continued safe and reliable delivery of gas to local homes and businesses.

The work will involve replacing the gas main between the junctions of B3037 Alan Drayton Way and Haig Road. As part of the project, we will also replace any ageing metal service pipes serving adjacent properties where required.

Work is scheduled to begin on Monday 21 September and is expected to take approximately 12 weeks, with completion anticipated by Friday 11 December, subject to weather and operational conditions.

For the safety of our workforce and the public, Fairoak Road will be closed within the active work area. Resident access will be maintained at all times, and a clearly signed diversion route will be in place for through traffic. The closure will operate as a rolling closure, moving progressively along the road as each section of pipe replacement is completed.

Phase 1 - We will begin work at the junction with B3037 Alan Drayton Way, progressing towards Haig Road. This phase of the project is expected to take approximately four weeks.

Phase 2 - Once works reach the junction with Haig Road, the junction will also need to be temporarily closed. During this phase, we will replace the gas main at the junction and connect the new pipework to the existing gas network. We expect this phase to take approximately five weeks.

Phase 3 - Following completion of the junction works, both roads will reopen and we will move into the final phase of the project. This will involve replacing sections of gas main within the footpath between 230 and 270 Fairoak Road.

We appreciate that these essential works and temporary traffic restrictions may cause some inconvenience and would like to thank residents, businesses and road users for their patience and understanding.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact our customer team on 0800 912 1700, speak to the team on site, or visit [adfas](https://www.adfas.co.uk) for other ways to get in touch.
SGN Project Team



ParentMail Technical Issues

We have had some reports from parents this week that they are unable to access their ParentMail accounts. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

We have been in touch with ParentMail to resolve these issues. Please see their update below:

The ParentMail app is currently supported on the following operating systems:

- Android 15 and above
- iOS 18 and above

Unfortunately, this means that devices which are unable to upgrade to these operating system versions due to manufacturer limitations may no longer be fully compatible with the ParentMail app. We recommend that users ensure their devices are updated to the latest available operating system version. Users with older or unsupported devices may need to access ParentMail via the web version, using the Google Chrome app on their device.

An update has also been released for Android users. If you have an Android device and are experiencing issues with ParentMail, please update your app to the new version and try again.

If you continue to experience issues, please contact the school office.

College Visits and Trip Guidelines for Parents and Students

Student participation in educational visits and trips forms an integral part of a student's experience of the taught curriculum and opportunities to enhance cultural, sporting and educational activities during their time at Wyvern.

Please take a moment to look at the document linked below, which outlines our behavioural expectations, selection process, and proposed trips for the year ahead:

[Proposed and Potential Trips 2026-27](#)

News & Notices

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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: 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

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!





Online Music Production Lessons - bookings now open



Online Music Production Lessons

For Years 7 - 8 | No previous experience required

Does your child love music, technology or creating their own tracks? Our online lessons teach students to create beats, basslines and chord progressions, mix and arrange songs, explore different genres, and develop their skills through a structured curriculum towards the HMS Beginner Stage Music Production Certificate.



Weekly Classes

- Tuesday: 4:30–5:30pm
- Wednesday: 4:00–5:00pm
- Thursday: 4:30–5:30pm

30 lessons across the academic year | £240 (£80 per term / £8 per week)



You'll need:

Windows/Mac computer, laptop or Google Chromebook, plus Microsoft Teams and Google Chrome. Not compatible with tablets, phones or gaming consoles.



To Sign Up

Visit [SpeedAdmin](#), select Courses → Online Music Production Year 1, choose your preferred class and complete checkout. Existing HMS customers can use their existing SpeedAdmin account.

Places are limited and allocated first come, first served. Further sign-ups will be added to a waiting list.

For questions, please get in touch with the Hampshire Music Service Online Music Production Team - music.service@hants.gov.uk.

School Photos - Years 7, 9 and 11

Our school photographers will be in on Friday 11th of September to take individual photos of students in year 7, 9 and 11.

There will also be an opportunity for students missing photographs in Year 8 and 10 to have their photographs taken.



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Open Evening - Thursday 17th September

Several important notices regarding Open Evening next Thursday:

EARLY FINISH

To allow staff and cleaners to prepare the rooms for our Open Evening displays, the school day will end for students at **1.25pm**.

BUS TIMETABLE

Due to the early finish, the bus timetable that afternoon is as follows:

Wyvern: 13.25

Upham: 13.35

Durley Sawmills: 13.40

Durley School: 13.50

Boorley Green Village Hall: 14.00

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The next day, Friday 18th September, is an INSET day. The school will be closed to all students.

STUDENT HELPERS

What would Open Evening be without student volunteers?

Some students will already have been asked by department staff to assist in their classrooms with displays and demonstrations. We also need volunteers to act as general tour guides and helpers.

A ParentMail letter and form have been sent out today. If your child has been asked to help in a department, or if they would like to volunteer as a general helper, please complete this consent form as soon as possible. **Forms must be completed by lunchtime on Tuesday 15th September at the latest.**

If we have a high number of responses we may not need to use all of our volunteers, but we will acknowledge everyone who applies. Students will be notified via email whether they are required to help or not.

If your child does not wish to volunteer, you do not need to complete the form.



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Year 11 Careers Fair - Monday 28th September, 5.30 - 7pm

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Careers Fair, which will be held in the Sports Hall on 28 September from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

SEN SESSION: 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

New Club: Debate Club - Wednesdays, Break 1, RE1

Ever wanted to speak with confidence, argue your point, or learn how to win a debate? Our new Debate Club is open to students of all ages and abilities, starting with the basics and building skills step by step.

Students will learn how to build strong arguments, think critically, speak confidently, listen to different viewpoints and take part in lively debates on a range of interesting topics.

Come along on to RE1 during Wednesday Break 1 to give it a go!



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.



Year 10 Work Experience

In the previous term's newsletter, we informed that the Year 10 Work Experience will take place from 19 April 2027 for one week.

Further information will be emailed to students and parents/carers in the coming weeks, including details about the placement process and key deadlines.

Students will also attend an assembly delivered by EBP, which will provide guidance on work experience, explain the procedures involved, and outline what is expected of them before, during, and after their placement.

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to develop employability skills, gain an insight into the world of work, and explore potential career pathways

College Open Evenings - Years 9, 10 & 11

Open evenings at local colleges will begin from 23 September 2026. Please take some time to look at the attached college calendar and check whether you are available to attend with your child. These events are open to Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 students and provide an excellent opportunity to explore the courses, facilities, and support available at each college. We encourage all families to attend where possible to help students make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways.

[Careers Site - click here for local college open event calendars and more](#)

Barton Peveril Open Evening:

Tickets have 'sold out' due to overwhelming interest - students who didn't get a ticket are welcome to come but WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK ON SITE.

St Hilda's College Outreach Opportunities

Use the links below to explore online opportunities with St Hilda's College Outreach:

[Preparing for Medical School Webinar Series](#) (7-11 September 2026) for students interested in Medicine.

[Crescendo Programme](#) (September-November 2026) for Year 10-13 students interested in studying Music at university.

[Oxford Online Maths Club](#) weekly livestream, open to any student with an interest in Maths.

[Centre for Personalised Medicine Art Competition](#) for Years 7-9, with a submission deadline of 29 January 2026



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!



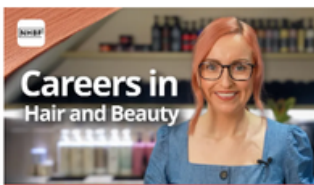
Careers in art (modern work experience)

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

Year Group Notices

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Year 7 Notices

No notices this week

Year 8 Notices

No notices this week

Year 9 Notices

No notices this week

Year 10 Notices

I would just like to thank all Y10 parents who ensured that their child returned to Wyvern with the correct uniform and those who worked cooperatively with us to resolve any issues swiftly. I understand that buying uniform with a teenager can be exhausting and time-consuming. I know that some retailers do not make it easy for parents to distinguish between what a school will accept and the branded footwear that a young person would prefer. Whilst uniform can be expensive we regularly offer support via our second-hand uniform supply so please do let us know if you need access to this. Overall, it has been lovely to welcome back Y10 this week and I am so happy that I have two Y10 French groups this year plus another shared group. In my assembly this week I talked about new beginnings, the reality of GCSEs, Y10 not being treated as a year to "coast", commitment and character and the habits of effective teenagers. I also shared the dates for some local college Open Evenings - it really is worth going in Y10 if you're able to support your child with this. There are courses of all kinds available so try to have a look online and book tickets for those that require them. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Year 11 Notices

Please could you make your Year 11 students aware that registrations are now open for Sparsholt College's next open event on Saturday 3 October 2026, 9.30am – 2pm (depending on tour times booked). To attend, your students will need to register for the event and book tours of the subject areas that they wish to see as soon as possible by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#).