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Thursday 17th Sept 2026

Issue 3 - Autumn Term

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Important dates for this week and beyond

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 (Day 1)
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)
Tues 29 th Sept	Year 11 Whiteley Geography trip (Day 2)
Thurs 1 st Oct	Production rehearsals - 3pm
Thurs 1 st Oct	D of E - New cohort parent information evening, 5.30 - 6.30pm
Thurs 1 st Oct	D of E Celebration Evening - 7.00 - 8.00pm

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Headteacher's Letter

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Dear parents and carers,

Our extra-curricular events programme is in full swing and I would urge you to encourage your child to get involved in at least one of the enrichment opportunities we offer. Extra-curricular clubs include clubs linked to taught subjects such as Art, History, IT, Music Tech, Modern Languages and Science; clubs set up by students to share personal interests, such as chess, Dungeons & Dragons and Pokémon; sports activities which can lead to competitions; performing arts opportunities in drama, dance, and music which can lead to public performances. Getting your child involved in extra-curricular activities – whether it is inside school or outside - gives them confidence, a sense of self-worth, a sense of achievement, positive friendships across ages built on common interests; it gets them positive attention from those who share their interests and all these things enables them to resist – to protect themselves - from negative peer pressure. The “Grow” part of the Wyvern motto of Think, Grow Care, is all about personal development and helping students expand their interests and friendships because we know this is central to them living lives that are happy and enjoyable. You can now find the full list of the autumn term’s enrichment programme on our website here: [Extra Curricular - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#). Students do not need to book themselves onto the sessions, they just need to turn up!

Super-curricular

In addition to our extra-curricular activities, there is also our super-curricular programme of academic enrichment. These enable students to extend or deepen their understanding of the topics that are being covered in class: listening to podcasts, viewing websites, reading articles, watching documentaries; visiting sites. The super-curriculum tasks can be found by subject in the curriculum handbook for each subject: [Curriculum Overview - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

Safeguarding

We need to empower young people to develop positive body image as a key to personal wellbeing. One of the reasons we do not permit students to use phones during the college day is because too much time online, particularly in social media, affects their mental health. Selfies can become a comparison tool; students who see a constant stream of perfect bodies can put unrealistic expectations on themselves to look a certain way and to hate the way their body does not conform to this narrow view of beauty. Wanting to be accepted by others who do conform to this view of beauty can pressure young people into posting the perfect selfie as a way to improve their social standing. They may place too high a value on how others see them; getting less likes than others or getting a negative comment posted online can be quite destructive to those who seek their self-worth through social media. So, we need to work together on this issue of selfies, self-esteem and body image. There are many things you can do to ensure your child maintains a healthy body image and high self esteem when using their devices. Help them think critically about the images they see, understanding that the images they see of others on line are idealised and photoshopped images that are not real, typical or normal; that a really attractive selfie is probably the 100th selfie that person has taken of themselves. Encourage them to be selective about who they follow and the images they see. They can think perfection is normal if they are bombarded by images of people with certain body shapes and sizes. Empower them not to put all their self-esteem eggs in the same basket; that they are more than what they see in the mirror; encourage them to find value in the range of different personal qualities and talents they have. Talk positively about your own body image, being mindful that the language you use when talking about your own body will affect how they perceive theirs.

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



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	Miss Yick

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. Drummers only need to bring drum sticks to their lesson. Pianists only need to bring their sheet music.

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.

Once lessons have begun, instrumental/ vocal teachers will contact you directly regarding progress and attendance. Do feel free to contact teachers directly via their emails which you will receive in due course.

We understand there is a lot to digest at the start of term, if you have any questions about lessons please email me or tell your child to come and see me at a break time in the music department.

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



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.

Reminder for parents of children turning 4 before 1st Sept 2026

Hampshire County Council have asked us to remind any of our current parents who may have younger children turning 4 before 1st September 2027 that you they can start school in September 2027.

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2026.

The national closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2027** - don't miss it!

For more information, go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

School Events

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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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BE A PART OF HELPING NATURE & PEOPLE CONNECT



BAT/NATURE WALK



THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
6.45PM TO 8.45PM

SIGN UP HERE TO JOIN US:
WWW.FAIROAK-PC.GOV.UK/EVENTS/ (PLACES ARE LIMITED)
STARTING POINT: [HTTPS://W3W.CO/SULK.PLAYERPAGES](https://w3w.co/sulk.playerpages)

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.



Spooktacular Family Concert - 17th October

Come along for an afternoon of spooktacular music at Central Hall Southampton on Saturday 17th October, featuring music from Harry Potter, Ghostbusters, Wicked and more.

Shows at 11am and 2pm.

Visit www.csorchestra.org to book tickets!



Year 10 & 11 College Information Sessions

We have several upcoming college information sessions available for Year 10 and 11 students. To book your place on one of these sessions, please go to the **Clubs** icon in Edulink and search for the sessions below. You can select the session/s you require, and register your name.

Name ↕	Location ↕	Capacity ↕	Next Session ↕
Sparsholt College Y11/ Y10	Dance Studio	0/30	8:30 am Tuesday, 6 October
CEMAST and South Hants College Group	Dance Studio	5/30	8:30 am Tuesday, 20 October
SETA YR 11/ YR10 Assembly	Dance Studio	4/30	8:30 am Tuesday, 13 October

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](#)



Bitterne Park Sixth Form College Open Evening

Wednesday 14th October

16:00 - 18:00

This is a great opportunity to meet staff and students and explore our fantastic facilities. Parking is available on site or on the nearby roads. Please contact the college if you require accessible parking.

[Click here to book your tickets](#)



Bitterne Park Sixth Form Dance Academy Taster Morning

Saturday 17th October

10:00 - 12:00

[Click here to book](#)



College Open Evenings - Years 9, 10 & 11



South Hampshire College Group Open Events

[Click here](#) for more information

All events are from 17:00 - 19:00

Eastleigh College

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 11th November

All events are from 17:00 - 19:00

Fareham College

Thursday 15th October

Tuesday 17th November

Southampton College

Wednesday 21st October

Thursday 19th November

CEMAST & CETC

Tuesday 10th November

Referrals open for Itchen's new 16-24 programme

Itchen College has a new Step Forward programme, designed to support 16–24-year-olds who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and living within the HEWEB area of Eastleigh Borough, including Hedge End, West End and Botley.

The programme is designed to help young people build confidence, develop practical life and employability skills, gain qualifications and, most importantly, identify a clear and realistic pathway towards their next step.

The programme starts Tuesday 29 September, with sessions taking place Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10.00am–2.30pm, with Thursday drop-ins available.

If you are interested, call 073533 126426 or email courses@itchen.acuk





Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

Let's talk about university! Benefits, concerns, and real answers



Thinking about going to a UK university? We're breaking it down to basics! Join us to explore why people choose university, what you'll get out of it, and how to navigate common worries like finances, moving away, and making friends. Plus, hear from a current student about what studying at university is really like and get your questions answered live.

Mon 21 Sept
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

Earn while you learn: the ultimate guide to apprenticeships



Want to earn while you learn, but not sure how apprenticeships actually work? We've got you covered! Discover the different types of apprenticeships available, the major perks, and how to tackle common concerns and misconceptions. You'll also hear directly from a current apprentice about their real-world experiences and daily life on the job.

Tue 22 Sept
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

NEW: Unifrog Course Spotlight

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

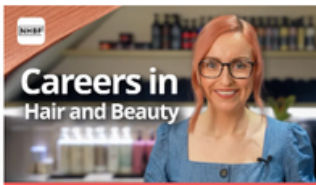


Careers in ART
(modern work experience)
Norwich University of the Arts Starter

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

570 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

2,202 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

2,340 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

Here we are at the end of our second week already! Thank you in advance to the many Y10 students who are helping at our Open Evening which is one of the most important events in the college calendar. Mr Rule delivered assembly this morning where the events of 9/11 were remembered and students reflected on examples of “kindness”. Mr Rule also reminded students about the legal changes for schools around mobile phones. He explained that schools now need to ensure that students do not have access to their mobile device during the college day. This means that phones must be in bags and out of sight and not hanging out of pockets or visible in any way which means they have access to their phone. This is not much of a shift from our rule on mobile phones previously. As always, most students know this and will do as we’re asking. 10H1 has the highest number of achievement points since the start of term with 1090 – well done! In terms of individual students Steph R & Ben S have achieved the highest number of P1s so far, this academic year! Well done Y10!

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](#).