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Important dates for this week and beyond

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
Mon 5 th Oct	Parents' Work Experience Evening - Main Hall, 6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues 6 th Oct	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Tues 6 th Oct	NEA Days for Yr 11 Group A Food Investigation Day
Tues 6 th Oct	Year 11 Parents' Evening (virtual)
Weds 7 th Oct	Year 11 NEA Group A Food Investigation Day
Thurs 8 th Oct	Year 11 NEA Group A Food Investigation Day
Thurs 8 th Oct	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Fri 9 th Oct	Year 11 NEA (EFH) Group A Food Investigation Day
Mon 12 th Oct	Year 11 English Spoken Language Endorsement
Tues 13 th Oct	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Weds 14 th Oct	Year 11 Revision Information Evening - 6.00 - 8.00pm

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Headteacher's Letter

Thursday 1st October 2026



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all the families who attended Monday's Careers Fair. The event brings students and parents together with organisations offering a wide range of high-quality post-16 opportunities. I hope students left feeling inspired by the possibilities ahead, better informed about their options and more confident about their next steps. The year 7 students completed their CAT tests with great maturity and impressed the exams invigilators with their politeness and respectful approach - they really have made a tremendous start!

This week, we have provided Year 11 students with their Maths and Science knowledge organisers. Written by our staff with GCSE exam board requirements and mark schemes in mind, these documents bring together the essential knowledge students need for their exams and will be a key resource for revision throughout the year. Mr Emeny has sent Year 11 parents a link to a short video explaining how students should use them. Please take a few minutes to watch it with your child: understanding how to use these resources effectively is one of the most valuable ways you can support their preparation for GCSEs. You can find the video and further guidance on our [Exams and Revision page](#).

A key date for all Year 11 parents and carers is **14 October**, when we will share practical guidance on how to support your child's revision between now and their GCSE exams in June. Please make a note of the date: your support and encouragement can make a real difference to their preparation and confidence.

It has been an absolute pleasure to lead tours of the college for Year 6 students and their parents this week. There is always so much to share, and visitors have once again commented on our high standards of behaviour and uniform, the calm atmosphere around the college, and the enthusiasm and warmth of our staff. It is particularly pleasing to hear that families recognise these qualities as they see Wyvern during a normal working day. It is also encouraging to see an increasing number of families from beyond our catchment area seeking a Wyvern education for their child.

It seems the winter bugs have arrived early this year, with a noticeable increase in illness among students over the past fortnight. Our attendance was significantly above the national average in the first two weeks of term, but has fallen below it over the last two weeks. We appreciate that it can be difficult to judge whether your child is well enough to attend college. We have had some students arrive feeling very unwell who have needed to go home, while others have stayed at home with a mild cold despite being well enough to attend.

The NHS offers clear advice on [whether your child is too ill for school](#). I have included a useful chart on the next page for quick reference. Children with a mild cough or cold can usually attend if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Children with a high temperature should stay at home until it has gone. Please use this guidance to help you make these decisions. Minor discomfort first thing in the morning does not always mean a child needs a full day away from learning. If your child is otherwise well enough to attend, please let us know about any symptoms so we can support them and contact you if they become too unwell to remain in college. Above all, we want to work with you to understand and address any difficulties behind repeated absence or poor punctuality. A consistent message from home and college, alongside the right support, can help students attend regularly and confidently. If your child is finding it difficult to attend or arrive on time, please get in touch so we can agree a way forward together.

With best wishes

Mr Rule



Is My Child Too Ill For School?

It can be difficult to know whether your child should attend school when they have a mild illness. We hope you will find the following quick reference table helpful in making these decisions:

Government Guidance: Is my Child too Ill for School?	Stay at home	Attend college	Further Guidance
Chickenpox	✓		Keep your child at home until all the spots have crusted over.
Common cold		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a fever.
Conjunctivitis		✓	Get advice from a pharmacist about how to manage.
Cough		✓	Send your child to college
Covid	✓	✓	Send to college if they have mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough. If they feel really unwell or have a temperature stay at home. .
Ear Infection		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a high temperature or a severe pain.
Flu			
Hand, foot, mouth disease		✓	Send to college
Head lice or nits		✓	Treat the lice or nits at home
High temperature or fever	✓		Keep your child at home
Impetigo	✓		Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can go to college 48 hours after treatment starts.
Ringworm	✓		See a pharmacist unless it's on their scalp – see a GP. Can come to college once they've started their treatment.
Scarlet Fever	✓		Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can come to college 24 hours after starting anti-biotics.
Sore throat		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a high temperature
Threadworms		✓	Get advice from a pharmacist.
Vomiting	✓	✓	Send to college if vomiting is due to anxiety, gag reflex or a reaction to something they <u>have seen</u> , tasted or smelt. Keep at home if they also have diarrhoea due to a stomach bug – send in 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhoea.

Gas Network Upgrade - Fair Oak Road Bishopstoke

Gas main replacement works on Fair Oak Road, Bishopstoke, are underway and are expected to continue until Friday 11 December, subject to conditions.

Works between Alan Drayton Way and Haig Road will involve a rolling road closure, with resident access maintained and signed diversions for through traffic. The Haig Road junction will also be temporarily closed during part of the works.

SGN thanks residents, businesses and road users for their patience. For enquiries, call 0800 912 1700 or speak to the team on site.



Recruitment Opportunities at Hatchlings Childcare

Are you or someone you know looking for opportunities to work in childcare?

Hatchlings Childcare are recruiting qualified early years practitioners (Levels 2 and 3) for full and part time positions. Apprenticeship opportunities may also be available.

More information is available on the Hatchlings website below:

[Hatchlings Recruitment Page](#)

To find out more or arrange an informal chat, email nursery@hatchlings-childcare.co.uk or call 02380 603221.

JOIN OUR DRAGON TEAM AT

HATCHLINGS CHILD CARE

We're looking for qualified early years practitioners for full and part time roles in our independent day nursery

Join a team where you can:

- Make a difference
- Support little learners
- Grow your career

Apply today and be part of something **ROARSOME!**

02380 603221
www.hatchlings-childcare.co.uk

CAMHS Parent Workshop: Supporting Your Child With Anxiety

We wanted to share a reminder of our upcoming Online Parent Workshop; 'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' for primary and secondary aged children. This workshop is running next Thursday, 8th October 10am-11:30 and is accessed via the zoom link below.

Topic: Supporting your Child with Anxiety

Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools

Date: Oct 8, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038532980?pwd=6WG3Ma0qalLhP8TCbgXaqvn1PmAggD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3853 2980

Passcode: 231178

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

If you have a child who turns 4 before 1 September 2027, applications for a school place open on 1 November 2026 for Hampshire residents.

The closing date is Friday 15 January 2027 — don't miss it!

For more information, visit www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

News & Notices

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Online Music Production Lessons - Years 7 & 8

No experience needed! Students learn to create beats, arrange and mix tracks, and explore different genres, working towards the HMS Beginner Stage Music Production Certificate. Weekly classes:

Tuesday 4:30–5:30pm | Wednesday 4–5pm | Thursday 4:30–5:30pm
Cost: £240 for 30 lessons (£80 per term).

Students need a Windows/Mac computer or Chromebook with Teams and Chrome. To sign up: Visit SpeedAdmin → Courses → Online Music Production Year 1. Places are limited and allocated first come, first served.

Questions? Email music.service@hants.gov.uk.

Music Equipment For Sale

The Music Department has had a fantastic upgrade this summer, including new carpets, furniture and keyboards/headphones. We're now offering some of our older equipment for sale, including several Yamaha 61-key keyboards and an acoustic drum kit.

The keyboards are in working order and include stands and power supplies. Having a keyboard at home can help students practise and develop their skills outside the classroom, supporting their learning and GCSE Music preparation.

Interested? Please contact Miss Wood at s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.



Instrumental Lessons 2026-2027 - places still available

It's not too late to sign up for lessons! We offer a wide range of instruments and singing, with free taster lessons available.

Parents can sign up via ParentMail or contact Miss Wood at s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.

If your child is already having lessons, please check the timetable in the Music corridor and make sure they bring their instrument (or sheet music/drumsticks) to each lesson.



NHS Annual Flu Vaccination

Dear Parent/carer,

This following is sent on behalf of the NHS School Age Immunisation Service. Please direct any queries you may have regarding the vaccination directly to the immunisation team by calling 02382 318 318 or emailing hiowh.swimms@nhs.net.

Your child's annual Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. The vaccine will help your child to build up immunity which means your child will be better able to fight off flu.

If you have already submitted a form, please ignore this message.

Follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session. If you miss the deadline for completing the electronic form, it will reopen after the school session. You will then be able to submit your response and make arrangements for your child to receive their vaccination at an alternative location.

Session date: 15th October 2026

Year Group: All

Link to form: <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH138184>

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/> and www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

To choose YES or NO please complete the form to record your decision. Regular reminders will be sent to those that have not completed a form to ensure children do not miss their opportunity for vaccination.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

School Events

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European Day of Languages Bake Off - House Competition

Get creative and bake something that celebrates a European country, its culture or language!

Your baked creations could include:

- A European flag design
- Famous landmarks or symbols
- Traditional recipes
- Or anything that represents European culture!



Please bring your baked creations to the MFL office by Monday 5th October, labelled with your name and house. Be as creative as you can - we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Year 11 French Students - October Challenge

THE OCTOBER CHALLENGE · STARTS 1 OCTOBER

30 STEPS TO A GRADE 9

GCSE FRENCH

- 01** A new step every morning, all through October
- 02** Five sentences to translate, marked instantly, out of 15
- 03** Ten minutes a day. Thirty structures by the 31st.



SCAN TO TAKE PART

It's free.

jmumfordteachertraining.com/30steps

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DESIGNED FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Prom Fayre Update

We recently shared our plans for the Fair Oak Prom Fayre. Unfortunately, due to a lack of exhibitor interest and a tight time frame, this will not be going ahead this year. However, we would just like to thank everyone who shared this with friends and business contacts - your support means a lot to us!

Community Events

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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.

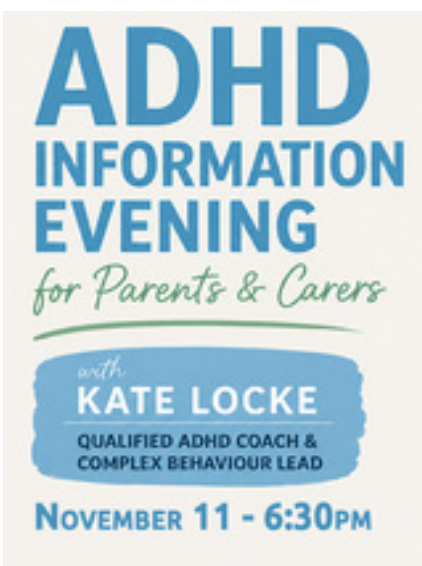


Spooktacular Family Concert - 17th October

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!



Understanding the ADHD Brain - Parent Information Evening

Join us for an informative evening with Kate Locke, an experienced educator, qualified ADHD coach, and Complex Behaviour Lead at a large school.

Whether your child has a formal ADHD diagnosis, is on a waiting list, or you simply have questions about ADHD, this evening is for you.

[Click here to book](#)



Work Experience Information Evening - 5th October

Parents/carers are invited to our Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening on **Monday 5th October, 6.30–7.30pm**, presented by EBP South.

The evening will explain the work experience process, including finding a placement, expectations, preparation and the roles of students, parents/carers and school.

Work experience is an important part of our careers programme, helping students develop employability skills and explore future education and career pathways.

We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend and find out how you can support your child in securing and making the most of their placement.

Key information and a confirmation form will be shared with parents/carers via Edulink after the event.

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](#)



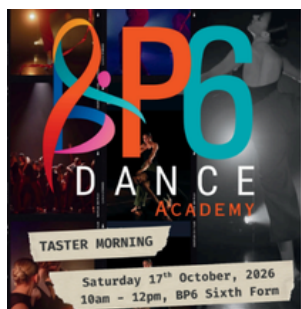
Bitterne Park Sixth Form College Open Evening

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

Southampton College

Wednesday 21st October

Thursday 19th November

Fareham College

Thursday 15th October

Tuesday 17th November

CEMAST & CETC

Tuesday 10th November

UTC Portsmouth

Wednesday 30th Sept, 4:45 - 7:30pm

Saturday 7th Nov, 9:00 - 10:30am

[Click here to book](#)

Itchen College

Thursday 8th Oct, 5:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday 10th Oct, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Peter Symonds - Hampshire Specialist Music Course Open Evening

Mon 28th Sept, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Email music@psc.ac.uk to book your place

Careers in Speech and Language Therapy - UHS

Interested in a career in Speech and Language Therapy?

Join us for the afternoon to learn more about speech and language therapy with talks, Q&A and an opportunity to meet some of the team.

Location: UHS Well Being Hub Function Room, Southampton General Hospital, SO16 67D

Date/time: Wednesday 28th October, 13:30 - 14:45pm

For more details, contact

SLTworkexperience@uhs.nhs.uk





Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

On the frontline: unlocking your career in healthcare



Thinking about a rewarding career in healthcare? Join us to explore what a career in nursing really looks like. Professionals will share their personal journeys into the field, break down an average day on the job, explain what it's like to study nursing at university, and share their top pieces of advice.

Mon 5 Oct
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

Turn your passion for the planet into a career



Want to turn your passion for the environment into a green career? Discover the diverse roles within nature and sustainability! Hear directly from working and university professionals about how they got into the field, what their day-to-day work looks like, and their top recommendations for starting your journey.

Mon 5 Oct
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

Unfortunately, the Year 7 Information Evening scheduled for 24th September has been postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will share a new date with families as soon as it has been arranged.

Finally, if students or parents need to contact the school regarding any concerns, queries, or support, please do so through your child's form tutor in the first instance. Tutors are best placed to provide guidance and direct enquiries to the appropriate member of staff where necessary.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing Year 7 continue to flourish throughout the year. Keep up the excellent work!

Year 8 Notices

No notices this week

Year 9 Notices

No notices this week

Year 10 Notices

Year 10 had an assembly from EBP last week about work experience which is coordinated by Mrs Gough, our Careers Advisor. **There is also an information evening for parents from 6.30-7.30pm on Monday 5th October.** If you have any other queries, please direct them to Mrs Gough as she will be best placed to respond to them. This week there will be an anti-bullying assembly delivered by Mrs Emeny which will serve as a useful reminder about how students / parents can report bullying, the difference between bullying, conflict and meanness and how we tackle all behaviours designed to make someone feel uncomfortable, unhappy or upset. The MFL department have also launched a European Day of Languages bake-off. There is more about this elsewhere in the newsletter and the deadline is Monday 5th October. 10C1 & 10H2 both had the highest number of achievement points last week with 581 – well done! In terms of individual students Amelia R, Tom S & Austin S achieved the highest number of P1s over the week!

Year 11 Notices

Year 11 Parents Evening is coming up on Tuesday 6th October. The online appointment booking system is open. For more information about the booking system, please [click here to view the Parent's Evening page on our website](#).

If you are having any issues booking appointments, please email enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk