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Important dates for this week and beyond

Fri 23 rd Oct	Year 11 NEA A Food & Nutrition Investigation hand in
Fri 23 rd Oct	College finishes for half term (normal finish time - 2:55pm)
Tues 27 th Oct	Prom Shop open in Wyvern Reception, 10am - 12pm.
Mon 2 nd Nov	Autumn 2 term begins - Attendance reports issued, all years
Tues 3 rd Nov	Romsey Abbey Concert with Barton Peveril - 6.30 - 8.00pm
Weds 4 th - Weds 18 th Nov	MFL Trial Oral Exams
Thurs 5 th Nov	Health & Social Care - Coursework Support, guide dog visit
Thurs 5 th Nov	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Tues 10 th Nov	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Weds 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Weds 11 th Nov	Young Carers Meeting - Main Hall, 11.25am - 1.25pm
Thurs 12 th Nov	BrightSparks music trip
Thurs 12 th Nov	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th Nov	NEA Days for Yr 11 GCSE Design Technology Students
Tues 17 th Nov	Production rehearsals - 3.00 - 4.30pm
Weds 18 th Nov	Year 11 Ensemble Recording NEA Performance/Assessment
Thurs 19 th Nov	Year 9 Parents Evening (Virtual - online booking)

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Headteacher's Letter

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents and carers who were able to join us for our Subject Information Evening last night. It was a pleasure to welcome you into the college and hear from our leaders of English, Maths and Science about how we support learning and achievement in these subjects, as well as how you can support your child's learning at home. As we approach the half-term holiday, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued hard work, encouragement and support throughout this half term.

This week, we welcomed applicants to the college for teaching interviews, and they were genuinely impressed by the students they met. Whether in lessons, around the playground or during their tour of the college, our students were consistently described as polite, friendly and welcoming. They commented on how high our uniform standards were compared with other schools they had worked in, and how unusual and refreshing it was to have students voluntarily thank them at the end of lessons.

We are incredibly proud of our students, and we know that these positive attitudes and high standards are a reflection of the support, encouragement and expectations you have at home too. Thank you for working in partnership with us and for supporting our commitment to establishing and maintaining high standards across the college. It really does make a difference.

It has also been a pleasure for our leaders to spend time talking with students this week to learn more about their experiences of life at Wyvern. We have been particularly pleased to hear so many students say that they are happy here and feel that staff generally understand them and meet their needs well. These conversations are an important opportunity for us to celebrate what is working well while also identifying where we can continue to improve. Two common themes emerged where students were less positive.

The first was that some students lack the confidence to approach staff and share a concern or ask for help. However, when a teacher proactively checks in with them, asks how they are and gives them the opportunity to talk, they are often very willing to open up. In lessons, teachers work hard to check students' understanding and identify when they are struggling, rather than relying on them to ask for help themselves. Our student voice work has highlighted that the same proactive approach is equally important when it comes to pastoral concerns and safeguarding. We need to ensure that students feel safe, supported and confident that they can talk to an adult, while recognising that some may need us to take the first step and ask if everything is okay.

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The second theme was around participation in clubs and extracurricular activities. We found that some students are reluctant to try activities unless their friends are also attending. Often, their friends have different interests and may not want to take part, meaning that students miss out on opportunities to explore something new. This is a real shame, as clubs and activities offer a wonderful opportunity to discover new interests, develop skills and, importantly, build friendships with others who share similar passions. Once students take that first step and get involved, they are very likely to meet new people and develop friendships beyond their existing friendship groups. We would really encourage parents and carers to support their children in being brave enough to try something new, even if their friends are not going along too. They may discover a new interest, a new friendship group or an activity that becomes a highlight of their week.

We will reflect carefully on this feedback and consider how we can continue to improve students' experiences, ensuring that Wyvern remains a place where every young person feels supported, valued and able to achieve their best.

Thank you once again for your continued support this half term. I hope all our families enjoy a restful and well-deserved half-term break.

Kind regards,
Mr Rule

Updated Information on Cycling to School

We actively encourage students to cycle to college and are pleased that many choose to do so. Cycling is a great way for students to build exercise into their day and arrive at college active and ready to learn. Secure bike sheds are available on site and are locked throughout the college day. To help keep all of our students safe, we do insist that any student cycling to college has a **roadworthy bike** with **working brakes and lights**, and wears a **properly fitted helmet** on their head—not on the handlebars.

Please be aware that after we return from half term in November, sanctions will be set for students arriving on bikes without appropriate safety equipment. Please ensure that any necessary equipment is obtained and fitted over half term. This is especially important as we head into the winter months when students are more likely to be cycling in dim lighting conditions.

We do not allow students to ride E-Scooters as it is illegal for privately owned e-scooters to be ridden on pavements or roads. Further guidance on these is available here:

[Riding an electric scooter: the rules - GOV.UK](#)

We appreciate parents and carers supporting us in reinforcing these simple but important safety expectations.





Year 9 & 10 Battlefields Trip

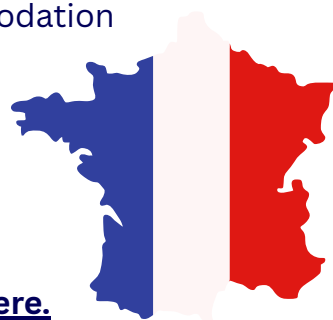
The History Department is pleased to announce the GCSE Trip to Normandy in 2027 for Year 9 and Year 10 History students.

We will be visiting Ypres, the Somme and other key First World War battlefield sites and museums. The trip will run from **7th – 9th July, 2027**. Students will be staying in a hotel based around Ypres. The trip will be beneficial for students studying GCSE History as they will be able to examine the significance of the First World War and developments in battlefield medicine. The trip will also allow students to put one of the twentieth century's most important events into historical context as well as give them a chance to take part in a poignant moment of reflection at the Menin Gate.

The estimated cost of the trip is £510, which includes full board accommodation and excursions. **There has been a slight change to the deposit date for this trip.** If your child wishes to go, please make a deposit payment of £50 on ParentMail by **9.00am, Monday 9th November 2026**.

If demand for the trip exceeds capacity, names will be drawn from a hat. The full amount must be paid by **Friday 7th May 2027**.

For full information on this exciting opportunity, [please read the letter here.](#)



Enterprise & Marketing Christmas Fayre - 4th Dec

The Enterprise and Marketing GCSE students have been working hard this term on starting their own small businesses - generating ideas, conducting market research, completing costings, generating break even data and preparing to start production of their products.



To showcase their wares, the students will be holding an Enterprise Christmas Fayre after school on **Friday 4th of December** where they will be selling their products to other students, staff, parents and friends in the community.

Team Romania will also be at the Fayre, selling snacks and drinks as part of their fundraising efforts.

Please put this date in your diaries and come along to support them!

Please note: Parents of Enterprise and Marketing GCSE students will shortly receive an email from Mr Bowry with further details regarding the funding of their products.





Upcoming Changes to Parent Payment System

We are writing to inform you of some upcoming changes to the way parents and carers make payments for school trips, shop items and cashless catering.

We will shortly be introducing **iPayimpact** as our new parental payment system, replacing ParentMail.

From **Friday 23 October 2026**, ParentMail cashless catering accounts will no longer be available for making top-ups. From this date, all cashless catering top-ups will need to be made through iPayimpact. From **Monday, 26th October** you should receive details on how to set up your iPayimpact account and the registration codes required to add each child. We will initially be sending these to the Priority 1 contacts.

If you already use iPayimpact with another school, you do not need to set up another account, you will just add the child using the provided reference key.

We are also planning to move all other parental payments, including trips and shop items, to iPayimpact shortly afterwards. We will provide further information and guidance on this in due course.

To help prepare for the change, we recommend that you download the iPayimpact app in advance. We also suggest that you top up your child's cashless catering account before **Friday 23 October**, with enough credit to cover the start of the next half term.

Please be assured that any existing balance on your child's account will remain unchanged. This is simply a change to the way payments and top-ups are made; the catering account and till system will remain the same.

For more information : [Welcome to iPayimpact](#)

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we make this transition.

Local Rugby Club Opportunity - Year 8

Eastleigh Pirates rugby club in Bishopstoke is looking for Year 8 students keen to join their Under 13s team.

 **Training times:** Thurs 6.30-7.30pm and Sun 10.30am - 12.00pm

 **Location:** The Hub, Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh, SO50 6LA

Rugby is for everyone, no matter your size, speed or experience level.
We're more than a team - we're a crew!

If you're interested in joining, please email nikkisibbons@hotmail.com





Year 11 & Year 10 Trial Exam Timetables 2026/27

Trial examination timetables for the 2026/27 academic year are now available on the College website ([Exams and Revision - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)). We are sharing all three timetables now so that students and families can plan ahead:

- [Year 11 Trial Exams: November/December 2026](#)
- [Year 11 Trial Exams: February 2027](#)
- [Year 10 Trial Exams: May/June 2027](#)

Trial examinations are an important part of students' preparation for GCSEs. They provide an opportunity to practise examination techniques under formal conditions, using exam-board materials and past papers. The feedback students receive afterwards helps them identify their strengths and focus their revision on the areas where improvement is needed.

Year 11: November/December trials

From Tuesday 24 November to Friday 4 December, students must attend their normal Period 1–4 lessons whenever they are not sitting an examination. They may go home or use a supervised study room after their afternoon examination, or at the end of Period 4 if they do not have an afternoon examination.

Year 11: February trials

Students will attend normal lessons on Monday 22 February. From Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 February, they will be off their normal timetable to sit examinations in English, Mathematics and Science. After their second examination each day, students may go home or remain in a supervised study room to revise. They are not expected to attend Period 5.

Personalised examination timetables will be available through EduLink nearer to each examination period. We will also share further information and reminders ahead of each set of trials.

Essential information for students and parents

Both students and parents must read all of the Important Exam Information for Students and Parents section on the College website, under Curriculum → Exams and Revision ([Exams and Revision - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)). Please do this well before the examinations, rather than simply checking the timetable. This information sets out the examination requirements and procedures that students need to understand and follow.

We ask students to take their trial examinations seriously and begin preparing early. Parents can support this by helping their child plan regular revision and arrive ready for each examination. Thank you for your support in helping students make the most of this opportunity.



Remembrance Poppies For Sale



In honour of Remembrance Day, paper poppies and enamel pins will be available from Reception from Monday 2nd November in exchange for a donation to the Royal British Legion collection box.

Recruitment Opportunities at Hatchlings Childcare

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



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- Support little learners
- Grow your career

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

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www.hatchlings-childcare.co.uk

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:

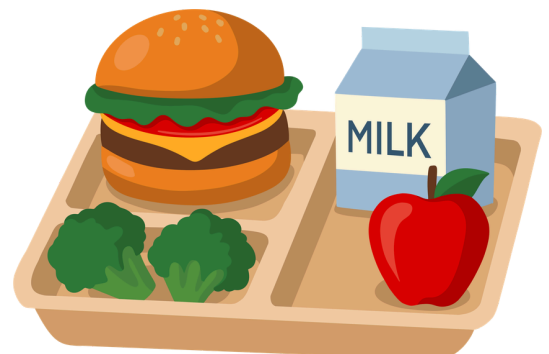
[Hatchlings Recruitment Page](#)

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

Lunch Money Spending Limits

Our lunch money system automatically restricts student spending to **£4 a day**.

If you would like to increase your child's spending limit, simply email finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk to request an increase to the amount of your choice.



School Events

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Dress Down Day - Nov 20th

Friday 20th November will be a Dress Down Day in aid of Eastleigh Youth Counselling, marking the end of Anti-Bullying Week 2026.



KIND PEOPLE ★ BRIGHTER FUTURES

Come to college in your own clothes and help us raise money for a local mental health charity!

£1 donation to be paid via ParentMail

PLEASE NOTE: If you previously paid for the cancelled dress down day last year, your payment has been rolled over. You do not need to pay again.

Prom Shop - Oct 27th



**Tues 27th October
Wyvern Reception
From 10:00 to 12:00**

Find your perfect prom look!

A selection of good quality pre-loved dresses and suits will be available at the Wyvern Prom Shop in the main Reception area from 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday 27th October.

**Cash donations welcome
but not expected.**

We are also accepting donations of pre-loved dresses and suits - if you have any items you'd love to give a new lease of life, please let Mrs Emeny know!



Young Writers Writing Competition - Ghost Stories 2026



Everyone loves a ghost story! A bit of a scare, a nervous laugh, the suspense...

We're inviting young writers of all ages to write their own spook-tacular short story in up to 250 words.

[Click here for more details.](#)

If you'd like to take part, please hand your story to Ms Bartlett by the **2nd of November**.

House points will be given for all entries!

Community Events

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Scarlett's Smiles - free charity tickets to trampoline park

Scarlett's Smiles is a charity providing discounted family activities for children in a variety of challenging circumstances, including those with family members with terminal illnesses or long term medical conditions, children in care, young carers and those affected by domestic abuse, traumatic loss or separation.

They are currently giving away over 600 **free** tickets for a 2 hour jump session at Atmosphere Trampoline Park in Basingstoke between now and the end of the year for children who meet the criteria.

If your family meets any of these criteria, you can complete the form below to apply for your tickets:

[Scarlett's Smiles Booking Form](#)



Autism Workshop for Parents - Winchester, 25th Nov 2026

This popular workshop will provide you with an insight into autism and how it affects your child, providing you with a range of practical strategies to support your child in the home. The course will cover an introduction to autism, positive behaviour management, and communication.

Wednesday 25th November, 10.00am - 2.30pm

Oliver's Battery School, Austen Avenue, Winchester, SO22 4HP - parking available on site

Led by Carson Elday (Osborne School Outreach Service) and Laura Watts (Shepherds Down Outreach Service)

Free of charge - refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch

To book your place please contact **Osborne School Office** by emailing admin@osborne.hants.sch.uk or calling **01962 854537**.

Places are limited and will sell out quickly, so don't delay!



Dean Road Open Space Planting Event

Please come along and join the **Tree and Bee Network** at Dean Road open space on **Thursday 29th October from 10am to 12pm** and help us make this green space even better for people and wildlife! We'll be planting more trees and plants around the edges of the space.

Please bring gloves if you have some - all other equipment will be provided.

[Click here for the What 3 Words location](#)

[Click here to sign up](#)



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NHS Online Parent Workshops

We would like to make you aware of the current programme of online parent workshops run by the NHS Mental Health Support team.

These workshops are delivered by experienced Mental Health Practitioners and last approximately 1.5 hours. There will be time at the end of each session for questions and discussion.

Please note we are unable to discuss individual young people or specific cases.



Topic: Autism

Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools

Time: Nov 12, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937011870?pwd=Ma6Hzq98vxaLKDGo51lrXME042dOWj.1>

Meeting ID: 899 3701 1870

Passcode: 971139

[Click here for Zoom meeting](#)

Topic: EBSA & Transition

Focus: Primary Schools

Time: Jan 20, 2027 1-2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87622535818?pwd=MWnqNGM85Daqc0ZCAAwbwXjA7yKxtc.1>

Meeting ID: 876 2253 5818

Passcode: 236620

[Click here for Zoom meeting](#)

The full list of upcoming parent workshops can be viewed [here](#).



Family Grub Club

A free four week cooking club for parents/carers and children

Wednesday 18 & 25 November and 2 & 9 December 2026

5pm - 6.30pm
The Fountain Café, Shorts Road, Fair Oak SO50 7EJ

Have fun preparing food, cooking and eating with your children. Learn about healthy eating, enjoy new delicious budget friendly recipes and build your confidence in cooking from scratch.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Spaces are limited so please book early.

For more information and to book call Mary: 07967 348907 or email mary@munchnutrition.co.uk



Family Grub Club - Fountain Café

Join us for a free four week cooking club for parents/carers and children. Learn about healthy eating, enjoy delicious budget friendly recipes and build your culinary confidence!

Date: 18th & 25th November, 2nd & 9th December

Time: 5pm - 6.30pm

Location: Fountain Café, Shorts Road, Fair Oak

To book, email or call Mary on **07967 348907** or mary@munchnutrition.co.uk



Essential Careers Links and Information

[Wyvern
Careers Page](#)

Click here to learn more about Careers education at Wyvern and to access all our Careers resources, including information on work experience, colleges, apprenticeships and more

[Local College
Open Events](#)

Click here for our calendar of local college open events. These run through the year and are a great chance for year 9, 10 and 11 students to see what post-16 options are available to them.

[Unifrog Careers
Platform](#)

Click here to visit our Careers platform, Unifrog. Students and parents can log in to find career and further education resources and track their own journey.

Need To Talk About Careers?



If you have any questions about careers, courses, colleges, apprenticeships, work experience or anything else Careers-related, please email Mrs Gough at j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.

We can arrange a Careers Appointment for your child during school, or a telephone meeting with you to discuss whatever is on your mind.

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you for all the Work Experience consent forms completed so far. If you have not yet completed yours, please ensure this is done before **Friday, 6th November**. These can be found on Edulink under **Forms**.

Once the consent form has been completed, you can choose a placement on the EBP site and apply with your child, or complete an own placement form and drop this back into the Careers office.

All work experience information, including the Work Experience Pack, can be accessed via the Noticeboard section on Edulink.





Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

Is the UK's education system fair?

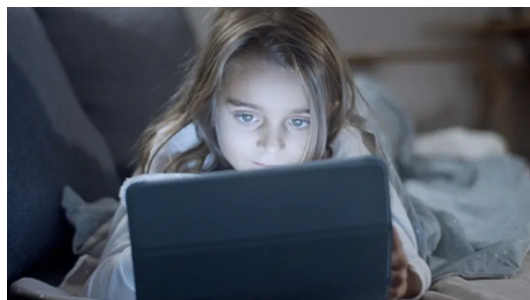


Tue 3rd Nov
16:30 - 17:15

SIGN UP

Join Canterbury Christ Church University for an interactive workshop that challenges the idea that state education is free, equal, and the same for everyone. Through debate and discussion, you'll explore how factors such as health, poverty, family circumstances, language, social networks, and cultural capital can shape educational experiences and opportunities from the very beginning. This thought-provoking session will inspire you to think critically about education and inequality.

Can we really protect children from the modern internet?



Tue 3rd Nov
17:30 - 19:15

SIGN UP

In this thought-provoking session, you'll join Vicky Styan, Senior Lecturer at the University of Huddersfield, to discover how professionals recognise online risks and safeguard children and adults from digital harms like grooming, exploitation, and abuse. This session will deepen your understanding of safeguarding practice in the digital age, looking at both the opportunities and challenges digital technologies present.

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





Spooky Season Reads Available on Sora



Fancy a creepy read to get you in the Spooky Season spirit?

[Click here](#) to check out the selection available on Sora or come along to the library!

Library News - Bookdrop Newsletter & Authorfy Videos



Created in partnership with UK children's publishers and the Open University Reading for Pleasure team, Bookdrop is a FREE half-termly digital newsletter that's perfect for sharing with parents, teachers and librarians to support reading for pleasure in school and at home.

[Click here](#) to read current and previous issues online - this month's issue features a Q&A with Brian Dungan, author of the action-packed Wintour's Game trilogy.

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Watch author videos, get unlimited access to thousands of book extracts, resources and writing challenges, and connect with hundreds of children's authors and illustrators.

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Year Group Notices

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Year 7 Notices

A huge well done to Year 7 on an outstanding first half term at Wyvern College. The year group is already record-breaking, with over 51,000 praise points, a praise-to-behaviour ratio better than 60:1, and attendance over 97.1%! This fantastic start reflects the way students have embraced secondary school, alongside the support and encouragement of parents and carers. Thank you for your continued support and patience throughout the first half term.

Following our review of SATs, CATs and baseline assessments, some students will move Maths classes after half term. Only Maths will change. All other lessons and classes will remain exactly the same. Changes will appear on EduLink over half term, and students will receive a new timetable in assembly on the first Monday back.

We hope all our Year 7 students and families have a restful and enjoyable half term. When we return, it is time to reset, refocus and go again. It has been a brilliant start, but there are plenty more records to be broken!

Year 8 Notices

Year 8 students have the opportunity to visit Fort Nelson Museum near Portsmouth on Fri 29th January 2027 as part of their History studies. **Places are still available, please sign up if you are interested!**

[Full details of this trip are available in the trip letter available here.](#)

Year 9 Notices

The History Department has announced the GCSE trip to Normandy in 2027 for Year 9 and 10 History students. If your child is interested in this trip, please read the letter [here](#) for more information.

An initial deposit of £50 must be made on ParentMail by Monday 9th Nov to request your place.

The assembly this week focused on the perils of doom scrolling and how pupils can so easily find themselves losing hours each day falling down this rabbit hole. We looked at the scientific evidence linked to both the physical and mental dangers associated with mobile phone use and looked at other avenues that could be explored instead. I suggested alternative activities that pupils could pursue over half term that would not involve mobile phone use but would also not break the bank - so apologies if you are randomly asked to go to Itchen Valley Country Park for a reduced price Go Ape session, or the suggestion is made to go to Hollywood Bowl before 11am for a half price bowling morning or you are requested to join in a pamper session involving face masks and foot spas..... please see the [Hampshire Attractions](#) website where you can find lots of family fun half term activities for a significantly reduced price.

Please can I make my usual request that you go through child's pencil case and restock their stationary ready for the next half term and assess whether new uniform needs to be purchased.

It has been a long eight weeks and everyone is tired and in need of this week off to rest and recuperate. I look forward to seeing everyone on the other side!

Mrs Taylor-Watson

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Year 10 Notices

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An initial deposit of £50 must be made on ParentMail by Monday 9th Nov to request your place.

Year 11 Notices

After half term we will be opening registration for the GCSE Poetry Live! event in January - watch this space!