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Headteacher's Letter

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been great to see the students again after the half term break and finding out what they have been up to. I am pleased to say they have had a very good first week back. It has been straight back into learning for Year 11 as the modern foreign language speaking exams begin, and for Year 10 who are undertaking assessments in some of their lessons across the next fortnight. However, there has been lots of opportunity for fun too. Rehearsals for this year's production – The Wizard of Oz - are well underway and students have been practising for the Christmas Concert; we have students on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions walks this weekend.

Cost of Living

I am conscious that the rising costs of living are causing a problem for many Wyvern families. This link here https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living is a one-stop shop of all the support that is available, including allowances, benefits, tax relief claims and advice on how to cut different household costs. There are things here which are useful to families with all of levels of income and as we enter one of the most expensive times of the year, I thought it would be useful to share with all parents and carers. It might be that you know of friends or neighbours who could also benefit from knowing this information and I hope you will pass it on if that is the case. One of these links is to the form to claim for free school meals and I would encourage families who are eligible for these but who do not currently claim them, to do this.
Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Student wellbeing

Recently the Children's Society published its annual "Good Childhood Report" which collected the views of thousands of children across the country to provide data on what children are thinking and feeling; what the state of their wellbeing is and what the issues are that affect them are. I'm sure we would all agree that children and young people thrive when they feel good about themselves, and have strong, supportive relationships with those closest to them. This year's report focuses on the strong relationship between belonging and wellbeing: young people who lack a sense of belonging, or do not have a trusted adult to turn to, are more likely to experience low wellbeing. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we have recently been undertaking important conversations with our students on these topics. School leaders have spent time talking with our students about their experiences of life at Wyvern and we have been pleased to hear so many say that they are happy here and experience that important sense of belonging. While it is wonderful to celebrate what is working well, we are aware this is also an important opportunity to identify areas where we can continue to improve. As a result of these conversations, we have identified two common themes; the first is that some students lack the confidence to approach staff with their concerns or to request help, and the second is that some students are reluctant to engage in extracurricular opportunities unless their friends are also attending. We are reflecting carefully on this feedback to consider how we can tackle these issues and continue to improve student experiences, ensuring that Wyvern remains a place where they feel that they belong, where their wellbeing is nurtured and they can develop important supportive relationships.

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Sleep

Another important issue closely connected to children's wellbeing, and one that deserves our attention, is sleep. We sometimes underestimate just how fundamental good sleep is to a young person's physical health, emotional wellbeing and ability to thrive. Sleep is not simply a period of rest; it is essential for healthy brain development, memory consolidation, concentration and learning. Sufficient, good-quality sleep also helps children and teenagers regulate their emotions, manage stress, develop resilience and maintain positive relationships. Young people who sleep well are generally better equipped to cope with the challenges of everyday life, make considered decisions and manage their behaviour. Conversely, a lack of sleep can contribute to irritability, anxiety, low mood, reduced motivation and difficulties with concentration and self-control. It can also affect how young people respond to others, sometimes making relatively minor frustrations feel overwhelming and increasing the likelihood of conflict or challenging behaviour.

There are, however, growing pressures on teenagers' sleep. Biological changes during adolescence naturally shift the body's internal clock, meaning that young people often feel ready to sleep later in the evening and find it harder to wake early in the morning. This natural change is compounded by a range of modern-day pressures, including the expectation to balance increasingly demanding academic workloads, homework, revision, extracurricular commitments and busy social lives. Smartphones, gaming and social media can also have a significant impact. The temptation to keep scrolling, gaming or responding to messages late into the evening can delay bedtime, while notifications and the pressure to remain socially connected can make it difficult to switch off. For some young people, online interactions and the fear of missing out (FOMO) mean that bedtime is no longer a clear boundary between the demands of the day and the opportunity to rest. Anxiety, worries about friendships, academic performance and the future can also make it harder to relax and fall asleep.

It is important that we recognise sleep as a fundamental part of supporting young people's wellbeing, rather than simply something that happens outside the school day. Encouraging healthy sleep routines, establishing boundaries around screen use, making time to unwind and helping young people understand the importance of rest can all make a meaningful difference. As parents and educators, we have an important role to play in helping children develop healthy habits and recognise that looking after themselves includes getting enough sleep. When young people are well rested, they are not only better placed to learn and achieve academically, but are also more likely to feel emotionally balanced, build positive relationships, make good decisions and enjoy their experiences both in and beyond school.

With best wishes,

Mr Rule

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Recent Changes to Parent Payment System

We have now launched **iPayimpact** as our new parental payment system for cashless catering, replacing ParentMail.

On **Monday, 26th October** you received details on how to set up your iPayimpact account and the registration codes required to add each child. 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 in the near future. We will provide further information and guidance on this in due course.

Please be assured that any existing balances 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.

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.

No Learning Support Homework Club Mon 16th Nov

Just to let you know that there will be no Learning Support Homework Club on Monday 16th November - apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Please Double Check Details on Edulink

Could we please ask you to log into Edulink and check your address, contact numbers and email addresses are up to date at your earliest convenience, as we have had several instances of outdated details recently which can cause issues with communications. Thank you!

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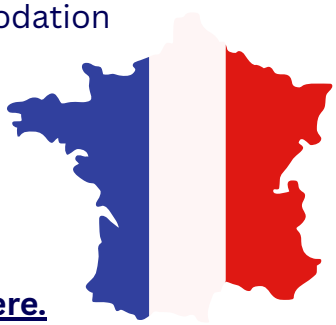
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Year 9 & 10 Battlefields Trip

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.

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Parent and Carer Survey: Local SEND Inspection

Hampshire is currently undergoing a Local Area SEND Inspection, led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which looks at how effectively education, health and social care services work together to support children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

As part of the inspection, parents, carers and children and young people with SEND are being invited to share their experiences by completing an online survey. Your feedback is really important and will help inspectors understand what is working well across Hampshire and where improvements may be needed.

We would encourage all relevant families and young people to take this opportunity to share their views. Responses go directly to Ofsted and CQC, not Hampshire County Council.

The survey closes at **9am on Tuesday 10th November 2026**. Please follow the link below to take part:

https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10445011

Year 11 Poetry Live Trip, Fri 22nd January 2027

In the Spring term, the English department are running an exciting trip to watch and listen to the AQA GCSE poets reading and discussing their poems. The event, 'Poetry Live', takes place in Oxford. There will be readings and discussions by Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard among others, and a chief examiner wil go through sample responses to demonstrate how marks are awarded.
Please read the attached letter for full details of the trip, including payment information.

GCHQ National Language Competition



We have registered to take part in the GCHQ National Language Competition 2026!

This is a fantastic opportunity - please click the link below to see some samples from previous challenges.

https://www.gchq.gov.uk/information/national-language-competition-sample-challenges

Year 9 MFL students who are interested should speak to Mrs Sturdy

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Catering Assistant Vacancy at Wyvern

We have a vacancy in the kitchen at Wyvern for a Catering Assistant.

Monday to Friday, term time only - 10am to 2.30pm with 30min unpaid break
20 hours per week, £12.71 per hour
Enhanced DBS will be required in line with Caterlink's safeguarding policy
Online level 2 training will be required as part of the package.

Duties to include customer service using the digital tills, general cleaning duties including washing up and using the dishwasher, ensuring a high level of cleanliness in the kitchen.

Please apply online via Caterlink by clicking **here**.

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.**

Free Taster Lessons - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone

We have availability for a FREE taster lesson on the flute, clarinet or Saxophone.

Please email Miss Wood if you are interested and I will arrange a time for you to attend a lesson on Monday 9th Nov or Monday 16th November.

We have School instruments available to use and loan, should you wish to continue with lessons.



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Lost Property and Confiscated Jewellery

The Reception team would like to remind you to collect any confiscated jewellery from last half term, as we have quite a lot in the safe at present and would love to reunite it with its owners!

We also have a lot of lost property remaining - if any of the items below look familiar, please stop by to collect it.

Thank you!









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 starting this term, sanctions will be set for students arriving on bikes without appropriate safety equipment, so please ensure all relevant equipment has been fitted to your child's bike. 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 would also like to remind parents of Year 11 students over the age of 16 that we do not provide student moped parking on site. These should be parked off site and motorcycle helmets cannot be left in Reception during the school day. If students need a locker to keep their helmet in they can request this from the Finance office.

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

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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.

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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.



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

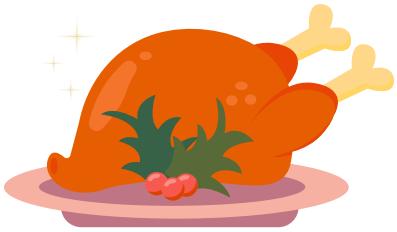
Thank you to everyone who attended the Prom Shop during half term - we were able to provide beautiful prom outfits to several students!

A selection of good quality pre-loved dresses and suits are still available - if you would like to see what we have, please get in touch with Mrs Emeny.

We are also still 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!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be available to book soon - please look out for more information next week!



Young Writers Competitions



GONE is a creative writing competition for 11-18 year olds that challenges students to imagine the moment something vanishes and turn what happens next into a mini saga of up to 100 words.

Click here to find out more.



The **War Poetry** competition invites 4-18 year olds to explore the themes of war and peace through poetry. There is no set poetry style, line limit or word count, so pupils have the freedom to express their ideas.

Click here to find out more.

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Free Tennis - Bursledon Recreation Ground on Saturdays



Families can play tennis for FREE at Bursledon Recreation Ground every Saturday, 12pm to 1pm with Barclays Free Park Tennis, open to all ages and abilities with rackets and balls provided. Weekly coaching for juniors and adults also runs all year: the first session is free, and the code NEWROUTINE30 gives 30% off the first month.

Click here to book your free place

James Beattie Football Academy - Xmas Football Camp

James Beattie Football Academy is running the following camps in December.

To book your place, visit
www.jamesbeattiefootballacademy.com

Goal Keeper Camp
Mon 21st - Weds 23rd Dec
Y3 - Y5: 9am - 11am
Y6 - 78: 12pm - 2pm
£45 for full camp
£17.50 per day
(Limited spaces, please book early)

3 Day Football Camp
Mon 21st - Weds 23rd Dec
Y1 - Y8: 9.00am - 3.00pm
£67.50 for full camp
£25 per day.



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!



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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=Ma6Hzq98vxaLKDGo51IrXME042dOWj.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 - 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**

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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.



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Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

From TikTok to protests: what makes people influential?



Why do some people, ideas and trends take the world by storm? From Martin Luther King to TikTok, and protest movements to Squid Game, explore what makes people influential and how ideas spread. Join Lancaster University to discover how history, politics, media and popular culture shape the world around us, and have your say on what makes something truly influential.

Mon 9th Nov
18:30 - 19:15

SIGN UP

Could your hobby make you money?



What if something you already enjoy could become a business? From gaming and fashion to fitness, food, content creation, and social media, many people are turning their interests and skills into business opportunities. Join Edge Hill University to explore how entrepreneurs spot opportunities, work out what customers want, and turn an idea into something people are willing to pay for. You'll also discover that you don't necessarily need lots of money (or a perfect business idea) to get started.

Tue 10th Nov
18:30 - 19:15

SIGN UP

Upcoming Careers Events

PETA Apprenticeship Open Evening
Thurs 18th March 2027, 4.30 - 7.00pm
PETA Cosham Training Centre, PO6 3TE

Discover apprenticeship programmes across a range of industries, explore training facilities, meet tutors and get advice.

To find out more and book your ticket, click here

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Institute of Biomedical Science Webinar
Careers in Biomedical Science
Tues 24th November, 6.00 - 7.00pm

Curious about a career in science and healthcare? Find out where biomedical science could take you.

Free to attend.

Click here to register for your place

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Library News

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New Books Available in the Library

Thanks to the Government honoring their pledge to promote reading for pleasure, the Library has received funding to purchase a whole range of new books as requested by the students.

Come along and find your next read!



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.



Authorfy is the largest library of author videos in the world - and it is now FREE to celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026!

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.

Click here to discover it for yourself!

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Year 7 Notices

Please read the attached letter regarding KS3 donations toward the costs of materials for Design Technology lessons. Payments can be made via the new **iPayimpact** system.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's DT teacher or Miss Hussey.

Year 8 Notices

We have now launched a four-day trip to France for students who are either taking French GCSE option in year 9 or who are in year 8 and have the intention to carry on learning French next year.
Please see the attached letter for full information on this trip.

Year 9 Notices

The Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 19th November.
Online booking for parents evening will be opening on the 12th of November. You will receive an email containing the link and instructions for the booking system on this date.

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

My apologies for not having written at the end of last half term and I feel that there are few Y10 matters that I would like to mention now albeit later than I had planned!
I'm very proud of these Zara K, Sophie G & Elodie N for entering the European Day of Languages Bake-Off – their creations were amazing and the MFL department were delighted with the response across the college!

As Year 10 embark on assessments this week I would like to talk about attendance, especially as we enter the time of year when we're all more likely to catch and share illnesses. We know that the start of Year 10 can feel overwhelming for some students and especially for some of our SEND students. The reality of increased homework and increased difficulty can feel too much and result in "poorly tummies" or a "headache" and as a parent it is not always easy to know if there is another reason for the sudden symptoms. It is so important to encourage Year 10s to speak to their teacher before the day the homework is due in if they're struggling so that they can be helped.
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Year 10 Notices

Our staff want to help students understand and enjoy their subjects both at home and at school. Attending is one of the most important commitments that our students can make to their future – if they're at least in school and in their lessons, they're not missing teacher explanations, practical activities, class discussions, exam preparation and key information relevant to school life. It is true that notes can be copied from someone else but the learning experience that produced the notes, certainly can't be. If a student misses three days of school, he / she misses fifteen lessons. Across the three days there will be missed content in core subjects and option subjects, maybe a cooking lesson in Food & Nutrition or a practical assessment in science.

We have the season of sniffles ahead and if your child is genuinely ill then of course, they need to recover and be at home rather than prolonging the illness or giving it to others. If you want an impartial reference point, then try here Is my child too ill for school? - NHS Our TOP Y10 TG for attendance this half term is 10P1 who currently have 97% attendance which is fantastic! 10C1 are not far behind! 85 students have 100% attendance and 142 are currently on 96% or better. Is your child one of them? It is obviously early in the year so a couple of days off in the first half term have a seemingly big impact on an attendance figure and usually the percentage increases over time but if there any reasons why your child may be avoiding school, please contact their tutor or a specific class teacher if it is related to a subject area so that we can help and support

Year 11 Notices

Year 11 parents' evenings: calendar update

The second Year 11 parents' evening for Music, Design Technology and Food Preparation and Nutrition will now take place on Wednesday 3 February 2027, rather than Wednesday 24 March. Parents' evening for all other subjects remains on Wednesday 24 March 2027. Families affected by the earlier evening will receive invitations and booking details before the event. These subjects will meet in February instead of March; appointments for other subjects will remain in March.

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