



Thursday 15th January 2026

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DIARY DATES

January 24 th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
January 30 th		Fort Nelson – Year 8
January 31 st – February 1 st		Bronze DfE walk – New Forest
February 5 th & 6 th	7pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Evening)
February 7 th	12.30pm & 7.00pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Matinee and Evening)
February 24 th -28 th		Year 11 Trials
March 12 th		Vocal Festival

Assemblies w/b 26/01/26 – CARE Holocaust Memorial

KEY COLLEGE DATES – [click here for a list of the key college dates for 2025-2026](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and that your family is managing to avoid the latest round of winter bugs. We have seen a drop in attendance last week - it dipped below the national average - and we know that there has been a lot of illness. We hope that students will feel better and return to college soon. Thank you to those of you who met with teachers for the Year 10 parents' evening this week. Staff report having many positive and constructive conversations.

Social media ban for children?

This week there has been a lot of publicity around the government's decision to consult on whether there should be a national ban on young people using social media before they reach the age of 16. The government did in fact announce many other things to improve online safety too, but these got overshadowed by this one headline. You may recall that in the summer, the government introduced age verification requirements for pornographic websites, because children could freely access porn. The plan is to now introduce further measures to improve online safety for children. Ofsted inspections will now check that schools are phone-free as this is the new basic expectation. In the summer, the Department for Education will publish "evidence-based" recommendations for screen time for children between the ages of 5 and 16. Evidence from around the world will be examined on a wide range of suggested proposals and the social media consultation will seek views on a range of measures, including:

- Deciding the right minimum age for children to access social media, including consideration of a ban for children under a certain age.
- Exploring ways to improve the accuracy of age assurance for children to support the enforcement of minimum age limits so children have age-appropriate experiences and see age-appropriate content.
- Assessing whether the current digital age of consent is too low (the age at which someone can legally agree to the collection and use of their personal data online without parental permission).
- Removing or limiting functions which drive addictive or compulsive use of social media, such as 'infinite scrolling'.
- Exploring further interventions to support parents in helping their children navigate the digital landscape, for example further guidance or simpler parental controls.

I will share with you the details of how you can take part in the consultation, once the government has decided on its format and timescales.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

COLLEGE CULTURE

House points as of 26th January 2026



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE



The pre-loved uniform stall will be back in the half-term holiday on Tuesday February 17th between 10am and 12 noon. Come to the college reception where we have a wide range of good quality uniform at bargain prices.
Any donation of uniform via reception items will be much appreciated..

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW

Hamble Area Wind Ensemble

Venue: D@rt Centre, Wildern School
Date: Tuesday, 27 January
Time: 5pm to 6pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our NEW wind ensemble.

Scan the QR Code to sign up

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2 Month MEMBERSHIP

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CAREERS NEWS

UNIFROG SEMINARS



What's it really like to be a nursing student?

Virtual

Join Edge Hill University to hear from current nursing students about how their degree is helping them to develop

the clinical skills and knowledge to become outstanding nurses. They'll also share the ways their degree builds the empathy, self-awareness, and emotional intelligence nurses need. Whether you're just beginning to explore a nursing career or already thinking about applying, this session will help you understand the heart behind the profession.

Tuesday 3 February @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

The economics and politics of crime: lessons from the Louvre robbery

Virtual

How did the theft of millions of pounds worth of jewellery from the Louvre become a case study in human behaviour? In this interactive webinar from Northeastern University London, an economist explores how criminals weigh up risk and reward, while a political scientist examines how the heist became a political crisis shaped by the media. Through live polls and a podcast-style discussion between the two lecturers, see how economics and politics offer insights into real-world events.

Wednesday 4 February @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#) or [Share](#)

BAE Systems Apprenticeship Open Evenings

Register now!

- Tuesday 3 February 2026, 17:45 – 19:15 or 18:30 – 20:00
- Wednesday 4 February 2026, 17:45 – 19:15 or 18:30 – 20:00

Places are limited to two places per booking and offered on a first come, first served basis. If you are under 18, you'll need to attend with one accompanying adult. Valid photo ID (i.e. passport) will be required to gain entry and access is subject to pre-event security clearance. Due to the nature of our site, bag checks may be conducted.

To register visit our website and register for your preferred date/time for open events in Portsmouth: UK apprentice open events

Deadline for registration is 12noon Monday 19 January 2026, although registration will close sooner if events are fully booked.

OTHER CAREERS NEWS

Click the links for

[British Racing School January 2026 Careers Pack](#)

[British Army January 26 Soldier Newsletter](#)

[British Army January 26 Officer newsletter](#)

[Sustainable Youth Challenge](#)

WYVERN CAREERS



COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE LOCAL COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES BELOW:

	APPLICATIONS CLOSED
PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE	13 TH FEBRUARY 2026
BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ITCHEN COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SPARSHOLT COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
EASTLEIGH COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
FAREHAM COLLEGE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
CEMAST	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

COLLEGE SUPPORT EVENT: 10TH FEBRUARY 2.55 - 3.30PM, ROOM T5

MR WHITE, MRS EMENY, THE LS TEAM, BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE AND SHCG WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP WITH COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.

For support with college applications, drop in to the Careers Office or email Mrs Gough at j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk



WYVERN CAREERS



SAVE THE DATE! COLLEGE TASTER DAYS 2026

MONDAY 22ND JUNE
PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
ITCHEN COLLEGE

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE (INSET)
BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
EASTLEIGH COLLEGE

MORE DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU
CLOSER TO THE TIME - KEEP AN EYE OUT!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL MRS GOUGH AT j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Careers Week will take place from 2nd–6th March 2026.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore a wide range of careers and learn about the skills needed for different pathways.

If you would be interested in running a workshop or speaking to students about your job, please contact Mrs Gough at j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT



[Click here to find out about free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people](#)

[And there are further events that can be found by clicking here.](#)

Online Safety Newsletter – JANUARY 2026

[Click here for the latest edition of our online safety newsletter](#)

SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

RAFFLE £3 PER TICKET

WIN A WEEK FAMILY BREAK TO BUTLINS
THIS MAY HALF TERM

Scan here or email
activities@spotlightuk.org
to enter

The money raised will support local children affected by loss, children in care, young carers, children with long term disabilities or terminal illness, children affected by domestic abuse
Charity No. 1129258

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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Your NEXT FAVOURITE READ is waiting

The BOOK FAIR is here on:
Wed 25th Feb — Mon 2nd March 2026

KILL CREATURES
RORY POWER

THE REAPING
LAUREN CHILD

THE GIRL ON THE TRIN
RACHEL WATSON

THE BOY IN THE BLUE COAT
KATE CONSTABLE

SAVE THE DATE!

Wyvern College

ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Thursday 6th February 7.00 pm
Friday 7th February 7.00 pm
Saturday 8th February 12.30pm & 7.00pm

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
Book by David Grogg Music by Marc Shaiman Lyrics by Scott Wittman Marc Shaiman
Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL
Songs from the Motion Picture by LESLIE BRICCOSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

GENERAL NEWS

Catering Survey

We have been asked by our Caterer to take part in their annual pupil survey regarding the provision of Catering facilities at Wyvern College

If you would like to complete the survey then please follow the link

Feedback is provided to schools/colleges whose students complete the survey once results have been analysed.

Survey closes on 27th March 2026

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7WHCDB>



Cross Country News

We had cross-country success last week with students racing at an event at Embley Park School. Some of our students finished in the top 20 of their year group at the event and qualified for district.

The following are now selected for the district team and the County Champs to be held at Down Grange Basingstoke on the 3rd March: Blake, Archie, Megan, Megan, Annabelle (all Year 7), Logan and Alyssa (Year 8)



The Senior County Championships were held last Saturday 17th in Aldershot and the following ran in a field of the best runners in the county Lyra (22nd out of 66) and Alyssa (23rd and running up an age group in experience)

Jack was 14th out of 77 and has made county selection, earning a red Hampshire vest. He will run as part of the team at the inter counties championships in Chelmsford on the 31st of January.

Congratulation to all our runners.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

BORROWED TIE RETURN, PLEASE

Any ties that have been borrowed from the Year 7 office, need to be returned otherwise charges will be applied.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notice the week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Prefect Applications

Prefect applications are now open to any Year 10 student who wishes to apply. All students in Year 10 have received the link (via Edulink/email) to allow them to apply online for this role, following an assembly this week, where this process was launched.

Parents are welcome support their child completing this form.

The first graphic on the left features a cartoon boy in a blue school uniform. A speech bubble above him says, "Anyone in Year 10 can apply, but not everyone will be successful." To his right is a diagram of the Prefect hierarchy: a 'Head Prefects' box at the top, with four 'Senior Prefects' boxes below it, each containing a grid of student icons. Below the diagram, a list of requirements for Prefects is provided: Wyvern only needs 127 Prefects; Prefects need to have 95%+ attendance; Prefects need to have an average Work Ethic of 8+; Prefects must always wear the correct uniform; Prefects must always be on time; Prefects must have the approval of their teachers and their tutor; and Prefects must be a good example to other students.

The second graphic on the right shows a cartoon boy sitting at a desk with a laptop. A speech bubble above him says, "You need to apply online. Fill in the Microsoft Forms questionnaire using the link which will be sent to you." To his right is a screenshot of the 'Prefect Application - January 2021' form, which includes sections for personal details, a questionnaire, and a declaration.

The deadline for applications is **3.00pm on Friday 13th February**. All students who apply will be offered interviews with a Curriculum Leader and all students will be notified of their results on Friday 13th March. Leaflets called "A rough guide to becoming a Prefect at Wyvern" have been given to all students in assembly, but there are also spares in the Year 10 letter rack by Student Services.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

PERIOD 6 REVISION SESSIONS

Period 6 sessions are now set up in Edulink. Students can select the sessions they are going to attend by doing the following: If students go into EduLink, select more; clubs and then ALL clubs it will show all clubs in which they are studying.

[You can also see the latest timetable by clicking here.](#)

Students are aware they can attend any of the sessions relevant to the course they are studying. For example a student doing Higher Tier maths can attend any relevant P6 session.

Due to meetings, parents' evenings and other calendared events the schedule may be tweaked each week but I will endeavour to send out a correct version every week.

Please encourage students to sign up to the sessions that they will be attending.

The trials timetable is available on the school website [Year-11-Trial-Exams-February-2026.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for this important stage of Year 11.