



Thursday 18th December 2025

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DIARY DATES

December 19 th	12.30pm	Non-Uniform Day for Wessex Cancer Support College closes for Christmas Holidays
January 5 th 2026		INSET DAY
January 6 th 2026		Students return to college – all years.
January 22 nd		Poetry Live – Year 11
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)
March 12 th		Vocal Festival

Assemblies w/b 5/1/26

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

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to thank you for all your hard work in supporting your child's education: with attendance, behaviour, homework, revision and involvement in extra-curricular activities. For this term, attendance has been significantly above the national average (although it is still not back to pre-Covid levels) there have been sharp falls in the number of behaviour points for disruption, defiance and truancy. We have seen a record number of achievement points being awarded this term. We do still have lots of work to improve all of these things. Education is partnership between home and school, and we greatly appreciate all your efforts to support the college and staff. Thank you to those of you who are able to attend college events and especially those, like the Christmas Concert this week, where you support the students to develop their interests and talents. It was good to see so many students participating in the concert and performing such a wide range of music.

In addition, the Christmas Concert this week, we have had celebration assemblies to highlight the achievements and successes of many students and classes; we have had the Christmas lunches for the Year 10 and 11 students, and we have continued with their rehearsals for the college production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Just a reminder that we have a non-uniform day for students tomorrow and that it will be a half day for them, finishing at 12.30pm. there will then be an end of term staff meeting which will include us saying thank you and farewell to three colleagues who are leaving us this week: Mr Maidment who is a member of the behaviour support team; Miss Krishnakumar in Science and Mr Hoyle, one of our cover teachers. We are fully staffed for September and have recently welcomed Mr Onuh in Science to take over from Miss Krishnakumar.

New term arrangements

The spring term begins for staff on Monday 5th January with an INSET day. Teachers will be developing their skills and repertoire of strategies for challenging and engaging students more in lessons. Teachers will choose from a variety of workshops to attend around this overall theme. They will then have time in the afternoon to amend the departmental centralised lesson resources to incorporate more challenge and engagement, applying the strategies they have learnt from the morning's sessions. We are keen to ensure

that students of all attainment levels get the right level of challenge- this is not a privilege for the highest attaining students but important for all. Students do need to be taken out of their comfort zone to progress. This has been the main focus in our college improvement plan for teaching and learning.

Students will start back on Tuesday 6th January at the usual time of 8.25am. I hope that they – and you – are able to enjoy the festive period of Christmas and New Year.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

PARENT TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT

We still have a vacancy for a Parent Trustee. As a parent governor or trustee, your role is:

- To bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed – you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body
- No different from other governors or trustees

Parents are elected to the board, not appointed (unless there are fewer candidates than vacancies). All parents are eligible to stand, and all are entitled to vote, should we have more than two candidates stand for the vacancies.

Timetable for Parent Trustee Recruitment

- Applications to be received by Monday 19th January.
- Parent Ballot (if needed) will take place Wednesday 21st January to 12.00 on Monday 2nd February.

Votes will be counted on the afternoon of Monday 2nd February 2026 and candidates contacted. Result announced on Thursday 5th February 2026 via the parent newsletter.

Before considering whether to apply we would urge all those interested read through [Trustee Recruitment Information](#) - you will find this and other important documents on the [Trust Governance page](#) on our web site along with the application form.

If you have any questions, please email clerk@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

COLLEGE CULTURE



The Autumn edition of **thisTerm@Wyvern** is now in the Latest News section of our website, or you can click on the button (left). It is a round up of some familiar and a lot of news stories about activities and events that have happened in the college this term. You will also be able to enjoy pictures from our festive period, including this week's concerts.

Non uniform Day: Friday 19th December

We are looking forward to our non-uniform day tomorrow (Friday 19th December) with donations going to Wessex Cancer Support.

While students are not required to wear school uniform on this day, we ask that all clothing remains appropriate for a school environment. Outfits should be safe, respectful, and suitable for a place of learning.

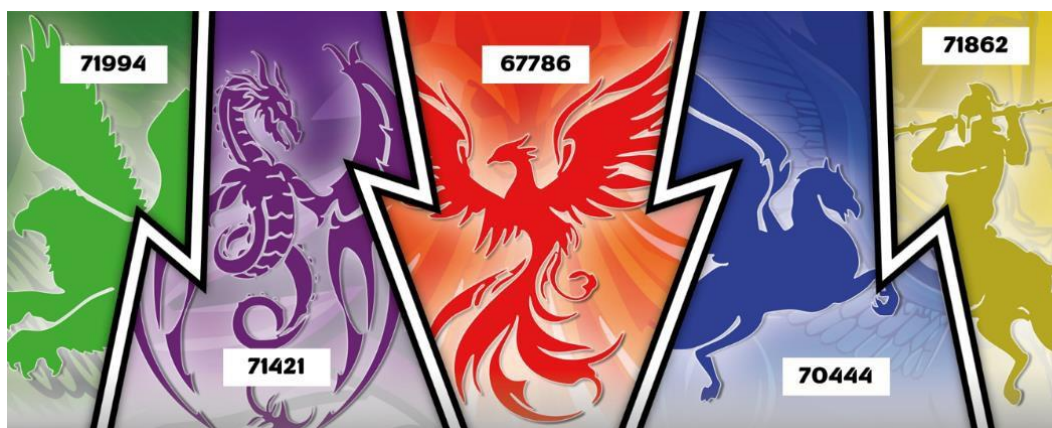
Please note that the following are **not appropriate** for non-uniform days:

- Clothing that is revealing or overly tight (e.g. crop tops, low-cut tops, very short skirts or shorts)
- Clothing with offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate language or images
- Clothing that promotes alcohol, drugs, vaping, or violence
- Sleepwear, beachwear, or excessively torn clothing
- Footwear that is unsafe for a school setting e.g. crocs or sliders.

Students who arrive in clothing that does not meet these expectations may be asked to change, be provided with alternative clothing, or be placed in internal exclusion.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a positive, inclusive, and respectful school environment, this allows us to end the term positively and celebrate the festive season with students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

House Points as of 18th December 2025



COMMUNITY NEWS

Wyvern Sport & Fitness

NEW YEAR FITNESS
it all starts with you...

20 Month MEMBERSHIP

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£39.99
No contracts, No obligations

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For 2 months of full use, if you sign up for a monthly Direct Debit membership
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CAREERS NEWS

UNIFROG SEMINARS

Part one of a criminal investigation: can you solve the murder?
Virtual

Join current students and former police officers from Liverpool John Moores University to investigate a fictional murder over two days! In this first session we'll assess the scene, uncover motives, and identify suspects. Explore the legal system, help us uncover the clues, and find the culprit to solve this case.

Monday 12 January @ 16:30 UK time - [sign up](#)



Computer science taster: how will AI and cyber change future careers?

Virtual

Step into the future with the University of Law and discover how artificial intelligence and cybersecurity are transforming industries, careers, and the way we live and work. You'll gain valuable insights into emerging trends, future opportunities, and the skills to get ahead in a rapidly evolving tech landscape. If you're interested in computer science, AI, or tech, don't miss this chance to learn how you can be part of the next big wave in technology.

Monday 12 January @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)



TWO EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG COMPOSERS:

Martin Read Foundation Young Composers Scheme: [News: supporting young composers | Martin Read Foundation](#)

Carducci Young Composers Competition 2026: [Carducci Young Composers Competition – Carducci Quartet](#)

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Nurture Course for Parents

Friday 16th January 2026

10am – 12 noon

Fountain Café, Shorts Road, Fair Oak

Please join us for this 10 week course designed by the Centre for Emotional Health supporting parents to build on their relationships with their children. Each week there will be simple strategies and tools to help create strong connections within your family. Each session will be 2 hours and refreshments will be provided. To register your interest please scan the QR code.



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Trauma

Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

4 June Basingstoke
7 October Havant

Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

28 January Basingstoke
11 November Havant

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS

The first Wednesday of every month
10am - 2pm
The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

You can book an appointment on our website
Or just drop in and see us

PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS 2026

BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACES AT:
hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

P.A.C.E. 2026

PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
26 February	Basingstoke
16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville

Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day

EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

4 February Havant
9 July Eastleigh
17 November Andover

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

5 March Eastleigh
16 September Havant
3 November Andover

Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative SASI

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire

27 February Andover
11 June Waterlooville
2 October Eastleigh

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANTS

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

22 January Winchester
15 May Eastleigh
30 September Basingstoke

Christmas Concerts

Wyvern singers represented the college brilliantly as part of the massed choir at the Barton Peveril Christmas concert at Romsey Abbey last night. We performed the spectacular 'Gloria' by Antonio Vivaldi, alongside the Barton Peveril chamber orchestra, chamber choir and soloists. Other choirs involved were the adult Rose Singers choir, Wildern choir, Kings school and the Hampshire Youth Choir.

It was an exquisite performance in a beautiful setting and very much created the festive mood. It was wonderful for our singers to be performing alongside Wyvern ex-students who were both singing and performing as part of the instrumental ensemble. It was fantastic to hear 2 ex-Wyvern musicians performing solos- Tom- on piccolo trumpet, and Felix - on soprano saxophone.



The Christmas concerts were a wonderful showcase for our fantastic Wyvern singers and musicians and all the work they have put in this term. All of choirs and ensembles performed including: string ensemble, flute ensemble led by the fantastic flute teacher Mrs Smith, Chamber choir led by our talented vocal teacher Mrs Musgrave, Choir, Groove Band, Rock Club, Concert Band.

Our new Training band featured year 7's and more experienced musicians, including some students newly learning to play a second instrument- including 2 bassoons and an oboe! Arran - Year 11- made is conducting debut with the training band for John William's Jurassic Park- featuring a sneaky entrance from our resident dinosaur...

Concert band entertained with the epic 'Back to the Future' and a festive performance of 'Sleigh Ride'. Adam - Year 11 - demonstrated skilful conducting, leading the concert band for 'The Great Escape.'

It was fantastic to see so many Year 7's performing as part of rock bands, newly formed this year. Both our Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE students performed as part of their class ensembles which brought together all of their skills and talents. We were entertained by a drama piece 'Operation- Save Christmas!' directed by Miss Chatterley and comprising year 7-10 actors. Groove band brought the evening to a close with a lively Abba Medley bringing together all the hits in a skilful mash-up. The finale was a huge celebration, seeing all of our students coming together on the stage for 'Merry Christmas, Everybody.'

Thank you to our students for all the time and dedication you put into rehearsals and practice, and thank you to parents and carers for all of your support with music at Wyvern.



YEAR 7 NOTICES

Merry Christmas to all our Year 7 families – we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

MARWELL ZOO VISIT

The Geography Department has organised a visit for Year 8 students to **Marwell Zoo** on either Thursday 15th or Wednesday 21st January 2026 (exact students on each day will be confirmed when final numbers are in). The visit will coincide with the teaching of a unit on World Environments in Geography lessons.

During their visit students will follow the 'Adaptation Trail' which will guide them on a journey of discovery around the zoo. They will find out more about how different animals are suited to their environment. In addition, students will be examining the impact of the zoo as a tourist attraction and practicing GCSE fieldwork techniques. Students will be provided with tailored activity booklets to supplement their learning in lessons.

[Click here for more information and booking information.](#)

Year 8 are definitely in the festive mood and have thrown themselves whole heartedly into all of our Christmas activities with energy and enthusiasm - sometimes a bit too much to be honest!

The Christmas Lunch was a delight as always. Tutor reps and helpers worked together in an attempt to produce the best and most originally decorated Christmas table. It was a hotly contested affair this year but 8D1 just pipped everyone to the post with their home-made decorations, party balloons, tinsel table topper and festive serviette wrapped cutlery. It was so lovely to see so many of the year group pulling crackers, wearing their party hats and Christmas jumpers and just enjoying each other's company whilst devouring their Christmas dinner.

Our end of term celebration assembly was its usual raucous and feral affair with volume levels at their maximum, party games galore, prizes to be won and awards presented. Tutor groups won collective prizes for attendance, praise points, uniform etc... whilst individual awards were won by Mouadh (8D2), Rachel (8P1), Freddie (8P1), Mitchell (8C2), Mya (8G2) and Rowan (8D1). As always it was a joyous celebration of achievements and success mixed in with sweets, chocolate and cheesy Christmas songs.

A stocking present plea from me (and all the staff) to end withcan you please go through your child's pencil case and replace anything that is missing in time for the New Year? I have depleted all my stocks of pens, pencils, rubbers and rulers by handing them out to pupils with little to no equipment. Pupils do also need to have a bag large enough to carry an A4 folder in it too - many turn up with no bag and one chewed pen in their pocket. If you could help us out with this, we would really appreciate it.

2026 will be an exciting time for year 8 as this sees the start of the hotly anticipated options process. Over the next few months, we will be using our RPS lessons, tutor time and assemblies to walk and talk the pupils through our options programme - so expect lots of chat over the dinner about this one. On February 10th we will be hosting our Options Fair - so please make note of this date in your diaries - more details to follow next term.

So, from myself, Mrs Munday and the year 8 tutor team I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

YEAR 9 NOTICES

BOOSTERS & VACCINATIONS

Your child's 3-in-1 Teenage Booster and Meningitis vaccinations are now due. These vaccines help protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis.

Follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccines. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: **SH138184**

Session date: **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2026**

Year Group: **Year 9**

Link to form: <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

For further information: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/teenage-booster-tetanus-diphtheria-polio-meningitis/>

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

Happy Christmas Year 9 – we look forward to seeing you all in January.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Some parents will have received contact this week as records show they have not completed a consent form, this academic year, to indicate a decision about their child's teenage booster and/or Meningitis vaccinations that were due in Year 9.

Follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccines. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: **SH138184**

Session date: **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2026**

Year Group: **Year 9 - 11**

Link to form: <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

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Session date: **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January 2026**

Year Group: **Year 9 - 11**

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We wish you all a restful festive break – 2026 is going to be big for our Year 11 students.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

From Wyvern College