



Thursday 29th January 2026

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DIARY DATES

January 30 th		NON UNIFORM DAY
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 16 th -20 th		Half Term Holidays
February 24 th -28 th		Year 11 Trials
March 12 th		Vocal Festival
March 27 th March		End of Spring Term

Assemblies w/b 02/02/26 – HT Assembly: Safeguarding

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

+I hope you and your family have not been too badly affected by the recent floods. In the village where I live, many houses suffered ground floor flooding with the damage and misery this causes, though it brought the community together to look after one another and to help each other. When we look at the school closures that have taken place across the country this winter, due to flooding, storms and snow, we are very fortunate and thankful at Wyvern to have not been affected.

Holocaust Memorial Week

This week is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the largest of the Nazi extermination camps in World War Two. We know that in the Holocaust, 11 million people were murdered, 6 million of them Jews. We have used our assemblies this week to remind students of this event and to teach them the lessons that we can all learn from this historical event: that hatred doesn't start extreme, it starts small and grows; it begins with words and stereotypes that de-humanise people; that when a group is blamed, mocked or bullied, hate can become normalised and grow into acts of violence because it is easier to justify harming them. The holocaust shows that freedom and democracy are fragile and need to be protected; that silence and indifference endangers them; that when people stop caring about each other, then anything can happen - and it did.

Special Needs Provision

The press recently reported considerable investment into special needs' facilities across the county. Hampshire County Council has successfully attracted funding to improve special needs provision in the county. There will be new special schools set up which will provide specialist provision for different types of special needs. This includes Luminous Oak Academy - a specialist school for children with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs which will be located in Boorley Green. It will provide 125 places and is due to open in September 2026.

Hampshire council has also been keen to use building developers' contributions to support provision within schools. They have allocated £1.2million pounds of funding to Wyvern for site investment and we have chosen to spend the first part of this on refurbishing our learning support department. This will not increase the capacity we have for supporting children with special needs but will mean that the learning support area will be modernised and redesigned to better meet the needs of the students we already have. In particular, we will be able to better manage the sensory needs of students and to run interventions in more appropriate settings. There will be a suite of smaller, more specialist spaces, rather than the current two large areas which

many students need to use simultaneously for different purposes. Work will begin on this project in the summer and is scheduled to be completed ready for the new academic year in September 2026. At the same time, an Art room will be converted into a photography studio. The money we have been given will also be used to increase the number of sheltered outdoor spaces, with a large canopy being constructed alongside our all-weather pitch. There will be significant money left over for a phase two of the refurbishment - and we will share these plans, once we have had them approved.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

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NON-UNIFORM DAY 30TH JANUARY

We are looking forward to our non-uniform day tomorrow (Friday 30th January) with donations going towards the cost of putting on the upcoming college production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Payment can be via ParentMail or cash on the day.

While students are not required to wear uniform on this day, we ask that all clothing remains appropriate for a school environment. Outfits should be safe, respectful and appropriate 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 that is offensive, discriminatory, 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. flip-flops, crocs or slides

Students who arrive in clothing that does not meet these expectations maybe 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 fundraise to support creative arts at Wyvern. Tickets are still available for some performances and can be purchased online.



COLLEGE CULTURE

House points as of 28th 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

**Centrestage Productions
YOUTH THEATRE**
Presents

The Wind in the Willows

Book by **JULIAN FELLOWES** Music by **GEORGE STILES** Lyrics by **ANTHONY DREWE**

Based on the book by **KENNETH GRAHAME**
Original Production Produced by **JAMIE HENDRY**

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www.theatricalrights.co.uk

18th – 21st FEBRUARY 2026

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**Eastleigh Area Schools
Orchestra Open Evening**

Date: Monday 9 February 2026
**Venue: Thornden Hall, Thornden School,
Chandler's Ford**
EAWOT from 4:30-5:10
(Wind Band Trainers, woodwind, brass, percussion)
EASTO from 5:30-6:30
(String Orchestra, violins and cellos)

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CAREERS NEWS

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.

BAE Systems 2026 Apprenticeships are open for application!

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With roles across engineering, manufacturing, business and technology you'll find a role to suit you at BAE Systems. With the support of industry experts and mentors, as well as gaining professional qualifications, our apprentices can build a career for life where they can make a real difference.

You can explore our full range of programmes and apply online here: [Apprenticeships in the United Kingdom | BAE Systems Careers](#)

Application deadline: Usually our application deadline is 28 February but some roles are expected to close early on midnight Friday 20 February 2026. Early application is therefore recommended.

For opportunities with our team in Maritime and Land Defence Solutions, you can 'Search and Apply':

- by LOCATION eg. Broad Oak (Hilsea), Portsmouth, Cowes (Isle of Wight), Glascoed, Radway Green, Washington
- by our SECTOR > Maritime Services or Land.

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

WYVERN CAREERS



COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

IF YOU NEED HELP AND SUPPORT
WITH APPLYING FOR COLLEGE,
THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU!

DATE: 10TH FEBRUARY 2026

TIME: 14:50 - 15:30

LOCATION: ROOM S4

PLEASE JOIN THE CLUB ON
EDULINK FOR THIS EVENT

Inspirations

Curated in partnership with the National Railway Museum, *Inspirations*'s exhibition carriages are:

- Railway Firsts: Showcasing groundbreaking innovations in railway history
- Wonderlab on Wheels: Offering engaging hands-on activities to explore the science and engineering behind railways
- Your Railway Future: Uncovering some of the more hidden roles in rail and encouraging people to consider a career in rail to shape the next 200 years

To find out more and dates go to [Welcome to Inspiration – Railway 200](#)

You can also drop in to the Careers Office or email Mrs Gough at
j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Love reading?

Be in with a chance of winning a free book at the Scholastic Book Fair

To celebrate the arrival of this year's fair we will be giving away free books to lucky students from year 7 & 8. Four winners will be selected, and they will be able to take home any book at the fair for free.

How can you be in with a chance of winning? For every book returned from now until the Fair arrives (Tue 24th Feb) a ticket will be added to our big raffle draw. Multiple books can be borrowed and returned - you have 3 weeks until the fair arrives so plenty of time to get a few entries added with your name on them!

You must borrow our library books - reading your own or those via Sora /kindle will not be counted.

(you are expected to actually read the books too - students borrowing and returning on the same day will definitely not be counted, we may ask questions about the books and if we believe you haven't read them you also won't get a ticket entered)

The book Fair is being held from Weds 25th Feb until Mon 2nd March

English classes will be invited to a specific time slot during this period.

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

Arriving after the February half term
For years 7 & 8

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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PARENT & CARER EVENTS

NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

[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 – FEBRUARY 2026

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

YOUTH IMPACT

"We're delighted to introduce our brand-new Youth Impact Foundation Programme, a four-day holiday programme taking place during February half term (16th–19th February), designed specifically for young people aged 11–14 (Year 7 – Year 9).

Your Sports Education has a strong track record of delivering high-quality youth programmes. Traditionally, we run a programme for Year 11 students

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during the summer, and we're excited to now launch this new Foundation Programme, created especially for younger students to enjoy the same fun, confidence-building experiences at an age-appropriate level. This programme combines high-energy fun with valuable learning in a safe, supportive environment. The cost is £99 for all four days or £50 for any two days, and we are pleased to offer fully funded (free) places for pupils who receive Free School Meals and are HAF eligible."

[Click here for more information](#)
[Click here for details of the activities.](#)

 Southampton Family Trust
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Does your child have or might have autism?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism"
 Insights and strategies for families

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 12.00-13.30

No booking required!
 Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
 Meeting ID: 822 9557 8417
 Passcode: 651476

If you prefer, feel free to email us at Info@sfrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.
 Scan the QR code for the Zoom link

 Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

Does your child have ADHD or ADHD traits?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD"
 Insights and strategies for families

Monday 9th February 2026, 12.00-13.30

No booking required!
 Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
 Meeting ID: 894 3056 0080
 Passcode: 387069

If you prefer, feel free to email us at Info@sfrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.
 Scan the QR code for the Zoom link

VOCAL FESTIVAL 2026



This year's Vocal Festival involves the Wyvern choir and all of our cluster school choirs. The theme is 'Believe- songs of Strength and Courage' and students and pupils will be performing a wonderful range of repertoire, coming together to perform at Thornden Hall. The event takes place on Thursday 12th March and tickets go on sale on Monday 2nd Feb- please access tickets via the Thorden box office online: [What's On | Live Shows and Events at Thornden Hall](#) It is always a wonderful event and celebration of singing – usually sell out quickly so do ensure you don't miss out.

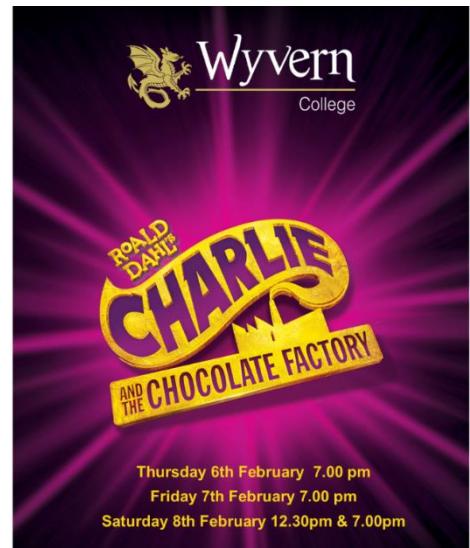
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Next week is our annual school production and this year it is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The performances are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee – if you haven't bought tickets there are still a few left.

[Ticket Source – Wyvern College Events](#)

Alongside the performances our Friends of Wyvern charity run a refreshments stall and a raffle. If you have a local business and would like to donate a voucher, we will ensure that your business name is displayed on the raffle table. Please either drop any vouchers into reception or email these to finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.



GENERAL NEWS

Duke of Edinburgh Round Up



Last Saturday, a group of Year 10 students successfully avoided the rain during their Duke of Edinburgh practice walk. They completed an impressive 20km hike through the New Forest, visiting several notable landmarks along the way, including the Canadian War Memorial, the Deer Sanctuary, Knightwood Oak, and the Portuguese Fireplace.



As this was their first expedition walk, they demonstrated excellent teamwork and strong map-reading skills, with only a few minor detours off route.

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>



YEAR 7 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Happy New Year - I appreciate and acknowledge how belated this is and can only apologise for lack of newsletter items so far this year - hence this one being a long one! I trust that everyone had a lovely Christmas and spent some well-earned time with loved ones enjoying the festive season and making wonderful memories together.

2026 will be an exciting and eventful year kicking off with our school production next week. The stage has been painted, costumes made, lines learned, and future Oscar winners are waiting in the wings. We are really looking forward to watching the budding stars of the future and to witness a fair number of Year 8 singing and dancing their hearts out. There are still a few tickets left, so still time to snap the last ones up. We wish all of the cast the very best of luck.

January also sees the launch of our options programme. This week pupils had an assembly explaining to them how our options process works, what courses are available to them and what the next steps would look like. This week in their RPS lessons their teachers have devoted their lessons purely to options and have been guiding the pupils towards which subjects might appeal to them, what new courses might spark an interest and how they successfully fill out a 'dummy run' options form. On Feb 10th you are all warmly invited to our Options Information Evening in which you will also receive the options presentation but, more importantly, will have the opportunity to visit departments and speak to the teaching staff about what courses are on offer this year, what each course entails and what future pathways they could lead to. Below are our options time line with the important dates for your diary:

Timeline

- Options Assembly – Tues 27th
- RPS Options lesson – Wb 26th Jan
- Options Information Evening – Tues 10th Feb
- Subject Parents Evening – Thurs 26th Feb
- Options Form issued – Fri 27th Feb
- Option Form due in Thursday 12th March

One little grumble school trousers.....please can we all make a concerted effort to get this right. In Year 8 we absolutely hold the line on uniform and breaches do result in POW ticks and detentions. The excuse of 'other people are wearing them' doesn't hold any ground I'm afraid and is not a reason that we accept. Below is the snippet from the school website which has been shared multiple times with all parents and pupils. Please do refer to this when purchasing new school trousers and be wary of the 'school section' label in shops as they may view this as a school item but that does not mean that they are in line with Wyvern's uniform policy.

Trousers	Plain mid/dark grey formal tailored trousers which cover the ankle are required. To avoid confusion: trousers made from <i>jersey fabric</i> or any stretch material that gives a jersey-like appearance (including cotton-Lycra blends, polyester-Lycra blends, viscose blends, ponte or similar knit fabrics) are not permitted. These types of trousers are often marketed as "back to school" trousers in supermarkets but do not meet the professional standard required by the college. Trousers must be structured, non-stretch, and maintain a smart tailored fit. They should be waist high with no visibility of undergarments at the waist.
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To end on some positive notes....really well done to the Year 8 boys 7 a side team who won a local football tournament at Perins School. They made it through the group stage to the final and typically took it to the wire by winning on penalties. Huge congratulations to Rhys, Mitchell, Ethan, Seb, Jacob, Reuben, Indie, Daniel, Finley and Cian.

We have also been asking staff for some positive 'shout outs' for classes and individuals who have really impressed them either with their standard of work, contributions in class, effort levels or kindness to others. This week there was a double mention for Rayah from two members of staff for her resilience, effort and beautiful artwork. My shout out this week goes to Roma for being an outstanding and upstanding member of our Wyvern community - a kind and brave young lady who has cemented herself as a role model for others to follow. Top achievement points earners this term goes to Seb (8D2), Alyssa (8G2) and Ethan (8H2) - well done and keep it up!

Thank you
Year 8 Team

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notice the week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Prefect Applications

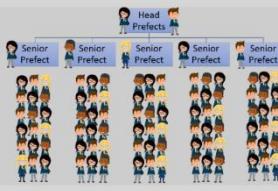
Prefect applications are now open to any Year 10 student who wishes to apply. All students in Year 10 have received the link (via Edulink/email) to allow them to apply online for this role, following an assembly this week, where this process was launched.

Parents are welcome support their child completing this form.

Anyone in Year 10 can apply, but not everyone will be successful.



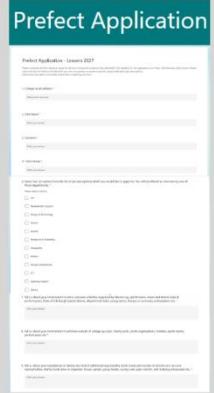
Wyvern only needs **127 Prefects**
Prefects need to have **95%+ attendance**
Prefects need to have an **average Work Ethic of 8+**
Prefects must **always** wear the correct uniform
Prefects must **always** be on time
Prefects must have the approval of their teachers and their tutor
Prefects must be a good example to other students



You need to apply online.
Fill in the Microsoft Forms questionnaire using the link which will be sent to you.



Prefect Application



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.