



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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## DIARY DATES

February 10th	5.45-7.00pm	Year 8 Options Evening
February 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>		Half Term Holidays
February 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>		Year 11 Trials
March 12th		Vocal Festival
March 27 <sup>th</sup> March		End of Spring Term

## Assemblies w/b 24/02/26 – House Assemblies

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

Dear parents and carers,

## Punctuality Focus – Changes Coming After Half-Term

From the first week back after February half-term, we will be making some important changes to how we address punctuality at Wyvern.

At present, we are seeing around 1,200 lates each week across the college – to either registration or lessons. If each of those lates is just five minutes, it adds up to 100 hours of lost learning time every single week. It's a problem we are determined to tackle, and we are asking for your support.

From half-term onwards, we will be lowering the threshold at which punctuality sanctions are applied:

- 3–4 lates in a week will now result in a 30-minute detention
- 5–9 lates will trigger a 75-minute detention
- 10 or more lates will lead to an IER sanction (Internal Exclusion Room for the day, plus a 75-minute after-school detention)

We will also begin placing students who are repeatedly late over a sustained period onto our Truancy Consequences Pathway.

However, this is not just about sanctions. We are also recognising and rewarding excellent punctuality:

- Students in Years 7–10 who achieve 97%+ punctuality will meet the punctuality part of the selection criteria to be invited to join our Paulton's Park Praise Trips later this year
- Any student who achieves 100% punctuality in a week will receive a P1 reward point, which tutors are actively celebrating during tutor time

Our tutors will be leading conversations with students after half-term to reinforce these expectations, and to provide pastoral support where lateness is an ongoing issue. We know that some students face genuine challenges, and where this is the case, we are always happy to help problem-solve.

We'd be grateful if you could reinforce these messages at home:

- Talk to your child about why punctuality matters – in school, but also in life
- Encourage routines that help them be on time: packing bags the night before, setting multiple alarms, and aiming to be early rather than just on time
- Reiterate that being on time is a basic life skill – one that employers, colleges, and universities rightly expect

As a reminder, every half-term you receive an Absence Report for your child which includes a table showing the number of times they were late to registration and lessons. In the most recent report, we included the college-wide average, so you can compare your child's punctuality in context.

This is a whole-college effort, and we're grateful for the role you play in helping us embed these habits. We'll monitor the impact of these changes over the coming weeks and hope to be able to celebrate improvements in our punctuality data by the end of February.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

William Emeny  
Deputy Headteacher

## COLLEGE CULTURE

House points as of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

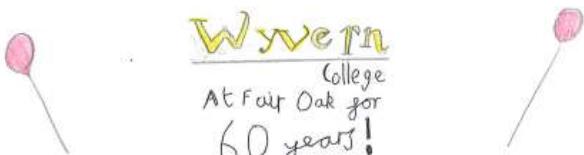


## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE



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..**



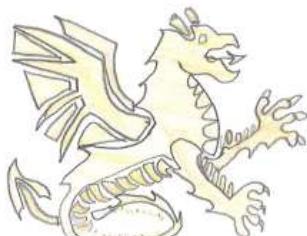
We are celebrating Wyvern being located on the Fair Oak site for 60 years.

We would love people who have attended Wyvern College over the past 60 years to send us their memories. This will make up a display for others to see.

This could include written stories, memorabilia and photographs.

Please could you send anything you have to:

[d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HALF TERM ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHAMPTON

As the February Half-Term is fast approaching, Southampton City Council are pleased to announce that we have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained!

We have planned programme of history and art workshops that cover everything from fun family walking tours to hands on workshops and all-day wrap around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. We also have the return of Brickstravaganza at SeaCity on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February.

More details, including how to book, can be found on the attached flyer and here [February 2026 Half-Term Activities](#). We would grateful if you could circulate it around your families.

We can't wait to meet your students and their families and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

### CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY

Monday to Friday Term time only

- Monday & Friday 11am-2.30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 10am -2.30pm
- Wednesday 9am -2.30pm

£12.21 per hour - 19 hours per week

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

Contact Catering Manager by email on [wyvern@caterlinkmail.co.uk](mailto:wyvern@caterlinkmail.co.uk) for an application form

### Hampshire Music Service Easter and Summer Holiday Opportunities 2026

[Click here to find out more about what is on offer for young musicians.](#)

## CAREERS NEWS

### BARTON PEVERIL DEADLINE

This is a friendly reminder that the application deadline for the upcoming cycle is this Friday 13th February 2026. Please encourage any remaining students to submit their applications before this date. Please note that applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list and reviewed at enrolment, which does not guarantee a space.

For more details, please visit: <https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/join-us/apply-to-barton-peveril/>.

### UNIFROG SEMINARS

#### Law taster: shadowing solicitors on real cases

Students

Virtual

What's it really like to work on live legal cases as a student?

Join Liverpool John Moores University law students to hear how they've gained hands-on experience from year one. Learn about real law clinics, working with qualified solicitors, and supporting cases in areas like family law and civil disputes. Get an honest insight into studying law and building professional skills.

Mon 23 Feb 16:30-17:15 UK time

[Share](#)





## Where could a degree in engineering take me?

### Students

### Virtual

From automotive and electrical engineering to mechanical and aeronautical engineering, your future career as an engineer could take you so many places! To help make sure you're on the track for success, you'll want to consider university courses which meet the professional standards of the Engineering Council, and are closely aligned with industry needs. Come along to this webinar from the Engineering Department at the University of Staffordshire to explore the degree options available to you.

Thu 26 Feb 16:30-17:15 UK time [Share](#)

**TOTTON COLLEGE** #BeWhoYouWantToBe

# ► Open Event

**Monday 2 March 2026**  
**17:30-19:30**

- ▶ Pathways
- ▶ Vocational
- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ Skills for Life

**Book your place**  
[totton.ac.uk/events](http://totton.ac.uk/events)

Scan the QR code

## STEM

**THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM**

Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!

**EDT** **Industrial Cadets**

**What is involved?**

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February.
- Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- CV, applications and interview support.
- Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.
- Achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.

**Dates**

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.

**Cost/Funding**

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

**How to register or find out more**

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Virtual Meet the Author Live - Jenny McLachlan



Wednesday 25 February 14.00 - 14.45pm

For years 7, 8  
and 9

We have the opportunity to watch a live webinar from the author of The Land of Roar, Jenny McLachlan – who will be talking about her writing and new book release. Either pop up to the library to tell us that you are interested in coming to the event or sign up on EduLink under Clubs. It will be held in the library Wk2 P5 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

Sign up via Edu Link under clubs & look for  
Library - Land of Roar Webinar



*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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

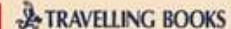
(you are expected to actually read the books too - students borrowing and returning on the same day will definitely not be counted, we may ask questions about the books and if we believe you haven't read them you also won't get a ticket entered)

The book Fair is being held from Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Feb until Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



Come to the

# BOOK

# FAIR!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED  
TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO  
SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



**DISCOVER MORE  
BOOKS ONLINE!**

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases)

## WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT



**CAN WE REMIND ALL PARENTS/CARERS THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

## PARENT AUTISM WORKSHOP

Laura Watts from Shepherd's Down and I will be holding another Parent workshop on autism on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Shepherd's Down School. I have attached a flyer to send out to parents. It is important to note that parents need to contact Osborne to book a place even though the training will take place at Shepherd's Down.

Please note that these workshops tend to fill up very fast and we work on a first come first served basis. Sometimes parents contact us and are upset that they have not got a place, saying that their schools have only just sent out the flyer. We also tend to have a very high rate of people who sign up and then do not turn up. We tend to overbook because of this, but it still often leads to places being wasted. As such, please encourage parents to only book a place if they are going to use it.

[Click here for more details.](#)



[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](#)

### LIMITING SCREEN TIME ADVICE

#### THE SCREEN CYCLE AND THE CHILD'S BRAIN: WHY EVERYDAY LIFE FEELS HARDER AFTER SCREEN USE

Social Workers Toolbox have shared some useful advice for parents about the effects of screentime on children. [Click here for more information.](#)

### FROM THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

We would also like to make you aware that it is 'Welcome to Your Vote Week' on 9-16 March 2026. Use the link below to find out more information including a video, resources for schools/colleges, a poster and a form to take part. The theme for this year is 'Why Voting Matters'.

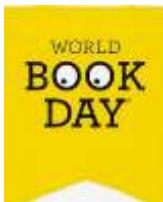
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### VOCAL FESTIVAL 2026



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 12<sup>th</sup> March and tickets go on sale on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb- please access tickets via the Thornden 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.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - BOOK SWAP



Wyvern are celebrating World Book Day with a book swap! Students can bring in any unwanted/read books to receive a token (maximum 5 tokens per person) which they can use to take another book from the swap. 1 token = 1 book.

We will be taking donations of books in the run up (up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March), and all books will be out on display to choose from both breaks on World Book Day. Any books that are being donated for tokens can be brought to English office.

## PERFORMANCE NEWS

### Cheers for Charlie

Congratualtions to the cast and crew of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. A fanatastic production with incredible performances and production.



### Year 7 Taster Sessions

Year 7 students are currently studying instruments of the orchestra and enjoying learning about all the 4 families of instruments.

We currently have spaces for a free instrumental taster lesson on: Violin, Cello, Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe and Bassoon. Please email me if your child would like to take part. The music department have some instruments which would be available on loan if you son/ daughter would like to sign up for lessons following their taster.



### Festival of the Young Composer

Ex-student Lola entered the Festival of Young Composers and took part in the live adjudication in Petersfield on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. She performed in front of a live audience and a panel of expert composers. After performing her original song 'Wasn't Love' she had a discussion with the judges about her songwriting process and was given some excellent feedback. They complimented Lola on her interesting lyric-writing, her effective chord-writing and melodies. They gave her some constructive feedback on how to take her songs to the next level. Lola received a certificate for taking part and this was a fantastic experience for her.

## GENERAL NEWS



### Sunnybank Bingo!

Last Thursday, some our Year 9 students extended their Wyvern Kindness Challenge by visiting Sunnybanks Care Home to play Bingo with the staff.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a LOT of lost property will available to view / collect from Reception between 3 - 4pm on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February 2026. Please come along and check to see if you can find any items that have been misplaced. Any items not claimed after the 13th February 2026 will be disposed of or recommissioned into our 2nd hand uniform stock. Thank you.'



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7WHCDB>

## Wyvern College Year Group photo

Unfortunately, Yellow have experienced a gremlin in their system, please see below a copy of the email they have sent to all parents for the whole year group photo's that were recently taken.

Hello from Yellow,  
Your school's School Photographer  
Ooops, some pesky bugs got in our system, and you have received an email by mistake.  
**PLEASE IGNORE THE EMAIL IF YOU CANNOT SEE A PHOTO SAMPLE, PLEASE DO NOT ORDER.**  
We are very sorry and thank you for your understanding.

Kind Regards  
Yellow

## **YEAR 7 NOTICES**

No notices this week.

## **YEAR 8 NOTICES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening – 26<sup>th</sup> February 16.00 pm – 19.00 pm**

The parent evening booking system will be open from 18.00 pm 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026, providing you the opportunity to book the virtual parent evening appointments.

Please note, availability of appointments is limited in total per teacher, so not all parents / guardians can be seen by teachers with more than one class. Your appointments will each be for 5 minutes and are booked on a first come first served basis.

To book an appointment with your child's teachers, please access using <https://wyvern.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

[Click here for the parent guide to booking appointments.](#)

If you are unable to book for one of your child's teacher, but would like to contact them, please email into [enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) or direct to the teacher.

What a fabulous end to miserable and wet January we have had!

I hope you were all fortunate enough to have been able to see the school's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Mrs Munday and I were absolutely blown away by the awesome acting, singing and dancing that was presented before us. We were like proud parents watching our year eight children sparkle under the lights and were dazzled by their sheer enthusiasm and obvious love of performing. A huge well done to all of the year eight family who were involved either on stage performing or behind the scenes working away to make sure that everything ran smoothly. We have to give a special mention to our very own Charlie Buckett - Jemima. What an awesome talent she is and definitely one to watch for in the future.

Last week we also held our termly Praise Breakfast where we celebrated and congratulated the children who are currently leading the way with the highest PRIDe scores. They were treated to a multitude of breakfast pastries, hot chocolate with all of the trimmings and a chance to sit and chat with their peers. It is always lovely to take the time to say well done and to officially recognise their achievements.

We also have our latest inductee into the P3 Hall of Fame - well done to Tate Buckland. Below is the comment entered by his class teacher:

*Well done on an outstanding piece of writing! This level of progress has been achieved through consistent hard work and focus in every lesson. You always engage, contribute, ask thoughtful questions, and act carefully on feedback, showing a clear determination to improve. Your work on Macbeth's letter demonstrates a strong understanding of Macbeth's character and the plot of the play, as well as resilience and ambition. You have worked hard to exceed your targets. Keep aiming high - well done!*

On Tuesday we held our Options Information Evening and it was wonderful to see so many parents and pupils in attendance - record numbers I believe. Hopefully this event proved to be useful in helping to explain our process and provided both you and your child with the opportunity to explore the subjects available. As you witnessed firsthand, there are so many subjects to choose from, and Wyvern are proud of the curriculum breadth that we can offer. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to keep having those conversations with their teaching staff so that they can make those all-important informed choices. The next key day in regard to this process is Year 8 Parents Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February with booking slots opening today.

Year 8 Team

## YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notice the week

## YEAR 10 NOTICES

### Registering for Y10 College Open Days 2026

Registration is now open for this year's college open days! A form has been sent out via ParentMail for you to let us know which taster days you are interested in attending.

Further information about registration, course options and travel arrangements will be sent out in due course. Please be aware that the Peter Symonds and Itchen College taster days have limited spaces and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## **YEAR 11 NOTICES**

### **TRAIL EXAMS**

As you will be aware the final set of trial exams for Year 11 begin after half term.

The trial exam timetables have now been published on Edulink for you to review with your son/daughter.

We wish them the best of luck with this next set of exams.