



DIARY DATES

March 2 nd to 6 th		Careers' Week
3 rd March		Junior Cross Country
4 th March		Army Information Morning
5 th March		World Book Day
March 12 th		Vocal Festival
March 24 th		Year 8 - HPV Vaccinations Day 1 – Catch up Year 9, 10 & 11
March 27 th March		End of Spring Term
March 27 th – April 10 th		Easter Holidays
April 13 th		First Day of the Summer Term
April 16 th		Year 11 GCSE Performance Evening
April 17 th		Year 8 - HPV Vaccinations Day 2
April 22 nd		Year 10 Mock Interviews
April 23 rd		Vaccinations – Catch up Year 9, 10 & 11

Assemblies w/b 02/03/26 – Careers Week

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

First, I would like to thank you for accommodating our early closure on Tuesday in order for staff to be able to attend the funeral of Keith Wiggans. Thank you to the many parents who sent in their memories of being taught by him when they were at Wyvern - your thoughts and words were inspirational and will be cherished by Keith's family.

Government Plans for SEND

This week the government published its White Paper on education and there are significant changes that will happen to many different areas of education. In the week's newsletter I would like to summarise those regarding special education needs. I know many parents have expressed fear and trepidation about what this might mean for their child - just over 20% of students at Wyvern have an identified form of SEND. If your child is one of them, then the first thing I say is that there's no immediate change to their current support. The White Paper does not change the SEND law right now — it's a set of proposals that will be discussed, consulted on and refined before becoming law. Current legal protections like Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) remain fully in place.

The White Paper replaces the current SEND structure with a tiered system of support for all children with SEND:

- Universal support – every child will benefit from high-quality inclusive teaching.
- Targeted support – in-school help recorded in a new Individual Support Plan (ISP).
- Targeted Plus – additional specialist support, e.g., speech and language therapy.
- Specialist support – for the most complex needs with defined packages.

ISPs become a legal requirement for every child identified with SEND, ensuring tailored help for most children without parents needing to seek a formal Education, Health and Care Plan. The government has promised to set up an inclusive mainstream fund: £1.6 billion over the next three years to make the mainstream system more inclusive. National SEND training will be compulsory for all teachers. the government will write a set of National Inclusion Standards. These will set out support that should be available in every mainstream setting.

Every school will have an inclusion base and will also be expected to produce an Inclusion Strategy, setting out how they will remove barriers to learning to support inclusion. At Wyvern we welcome the ambition here to help schools become even more inclusive and to invest in teacher training and resources. The ideas of earlier identification of needs and earlier support make a great deal of sense, and we hope that there will be sufficient funding to make all this work.

One of the big frustrations staff have is that there is currently a great deal of bureaucracy, hoop jumping and paperwork which detracts from staff being able to actually spend their time with children and parents, making a difference to them in the way that we and they would want. We are very fortunate that we have an excellent learning support team here at Wyvern and that SEND students achieve well above national averages and attend school significantly more than SEND children nationally. We hope we can build on these successes with the changes that are being proposed.

Safeguarding: using AI for mental health advice

As technology continues to develop, many teenagers are now engaging with AI-powered mental health tools. AI chatbots are becoming places where they feel listened to, understood or supported and finding it difficult to talk to people around them. AI chatbots can feel safe and appealing to teenagers. They are always available, non-judgmental and easy to talk to. There can be positives to this. AI tools may help young people put their thoughts into words, feel less alone in the moment or take the first steps towards recognising they need help and support.

However, there are important risks that parents should be aware of. AI chatbots are not people. They cannot fully understand emotions, provide appropriate safeguarding responses or offer real emotional care. Some give inaccurate or harmful advice, especially around mental health. There is a risk that young people begin to rely on AI for emotional support rather than seeking help from a trusted adult or peer, which can increase isolation, rather than reduce it. People are using ChatGPT for mental health support, when it's not designed for that; they may well be saying things which if said to a trusted adult would be shared with parents or safeguarding staff but which will not get passed on appropriately when said to AI. Here are some things you can do, as parents, to support safe and healthy use of AI.

- Start open conversations: ask your child what AI told they use and how they use them. Approach conversations with curiosity rather than judgment so they feel safe to be honest.
- Acknowledge why AI may be appealing which makes it easier for you child to talk about AI.
- Talk about safety and limits: discuss the risks of sharing person information, relying on AI advice and using chatbots which feeling distressed.
- Reinforce the role of trusted adults: gently remind your child that while technology can be helpful, it cannot replace real support from trusted adults, friends or professionals.
- Encourage real life belonging: support opportunities for connection offline – friendships, clubs, sports, creative activities or safe online communities moderated by people.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

SOCIAL MEDIA



Wyvern College, Fair Oak – Facebook and Instagram Accounts

The college has established a new Facebook page and Instagram account to give users on these social media channels an alternative way to keep up with news from the Wyvern College. If you search for *Wyvern College Fair Oak* – and make sure you use the “see all” on the results you will be able to select and follow the pages.

We will be sharing news about life at the college, special events, achievements, important information that needs to be sent out and college surveys as well as services and events from other providers that would benefit our families and national education news.

Please be assured that for those that might not use social media, we will still provide the same content in the weekly newsletter and on thisTerm@Wyvern on our latest news page.

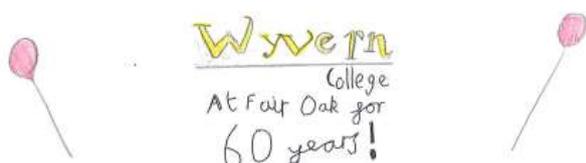
Photo permissions for Social Media

Our current photo permissions only cover the use of photos for our publications and website. We are aware that social media is often viewed in a different context and so we are asking all our parents to let us know, via Edulink, whether they are happy for their child to appear in photos on our social media post.

To register your preference, please go to the **Update Information** page, choose your child's details and then indicated YES or NO for the Social Media permission for the college. You can also update social media preferences for our Friends of Wyvern social media channel. If you require any assistance see [Wyvern-College-Edulink-One-Parents-Guide](#) or contact edulinksupport@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Please note that when we post, we would not use the full name of any child – as is the current practise with the newsletter. We would also only ever use photos of children taking part in authorised college activities.

COLLEGE CULTURE



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





Friends
of
Wyvern

New canopy seating area

Coming Summer 2026

£10,000+ raised by Friends of Wyvern for the seating



Friends of Wyvern is proud to share a major milestone for our school community.

After two years of fundraising, we have secured over £10,000 to provide the seating under the new canopy by the All-Weather Pitch.

Funding: Canopy structure is being provided through Section 106 funding. Seating is funded by Friends of Wyvern fundraising.

This will create an all-weather space for lunch, conversation, quiet study and clubs — with shade in summer and shelter on wet breaks.

A sincere thank you to all students, parents, staff and businesses who have donated, helped at events, and supported us in so many ways. Your backing has made this possible.

We will keep building on this project and our other delivered projects, identifying further ways to enrich the student experience at Wyvern.

How you can support Friends of Wyvern:

- **Donate:** via the **Donate** button on our website: www.friendsofwyvern.org.uk
- **Easyfundraising:** raise free donations when you shop online (retailers pay us a small commission at no extra cost to you): see our website
- **Volunteer / join our committee:** fow@wyvern.hants.sch.uk
- **Follow us on Facebook:** search for 'Friends of Wyvern'

Thank you for supporting Friends of Wyvern

House Point as of 26/02/26



CAREERS NEWS

CAREERS WEEK

Throughout the week of 2nd–6th March 2026, we will be celebrating Careers Week with a range of exciting activities in the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to take part in workshops, escape rooms, and interactive sessions with guest speakers from a variety of professional sectors. These events are designed to inspire our students, broaden their understanding of future career pathways, and introduce them to the diverse world of work.



Events

- PETA Training
- Engineering Talk
- Medicine Talk from NHS
- Itchen College -Uniform Services
- Ordnance Survey
- Dutton and Gregory
- nc2 Engineering
- The Point - Drama workshop
- SW Railway
- Willmott Dixon Construction Limited
- Sparsholt Apprenticeships
- BAE Engineering
- Army

Compass Junior Chef Academy

South Hampshire College Group has an exciting opportunity for 16 students that are currently in Y10. They must be interested in a future of working within the hospitality and catering sector & building a career around their culinary skills. We are working in Partnership with Compass Group UK&I & Brakes to deliver this opportunity.

An exciting 10-week culinary programme for students aged between 14-15 years to enable them to learn how to cook safely while inspiring students to take their first step of their culinary journey with Compass Group. Upon completion of the Junior Chef Academy programme, students will host a special graduation evening, which features their own chosen special menu which they prepare and cook for the guests, including their families. The students will be the centre focus for their knowledge and skills and a special presentation ensures all students are recognised for their progress and achievements.



All students who complete the Junior Chef Academy will be invited to experience working within a Compass Group Kitchen and enjoy working closely with Compass Groups professional chefs.

Additionally, all students who are interested in perusing a career in hospitality, could potentially be added to Compass Groups Central Apprenticeship Team talent pool data, ensuring that when the time is right for the students they can begin to consider their first steps on the Compass career ladder, including the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence through the culinary apprenticeships available.

This will take place at our Fareham College each Wednesday starting the 15th of April 2026. There will be a practical skills tests on Wednesday 25th of March in which we will then select the 16 students who will successfully go on to the course. Our first date in learning will be Wednesday 15th Of April and each consecutive Wednesday (excluding May Half Term), the time each Wednesday will be 4.00pm – 6.30pm, they must make their own way here and have parental/guardian consent. They will be provided with chef whites. Thursday 25th June will be a graduation event at one of the local navy bases. The children will require to be off school on this day as they will prepare and cook a 3-course dinner for the parents, carers and special guests.

You need to be available for all the below dates to register for the course.

CUT OFF FOR APPLICATIONS – Wednesday 11th of March.

Please complete the form to register your interest - [Compass Junior Chef Academy Sponsored by Brakes Year 3 – Fill in form](#)

UNIFROG SEMINARS



From sketch to screen: the power of concept art Students

Virtual

Concept art is the hidden step that brings games, films, and animation to life! These media all rely on concept artists to shape ideas, design worlds, and define characters. In this webinar with Teesside University, you'll discover what a course in digital arts and animation is really like,

looking at the creative pipeline from early concepts to finished paintings. If you enjoy art, problem solving, and creative challenges, this could be the career path for you.

Mon 2 Mar 16:30-17:15

UK time

Humanities taster: studying culture, technology and society today

Students

Virtual

What does studying the humanities look like in the 21st century? In this session with IE University, you'll explore how subjects like history and philosophy connect with technology and management. Learn about interdisciplinary study in Madrid and Segovia, and discover the IE Museum Competition, where you can design your own museum to win 20% off your tuition fees!

Wed 4 Mar 16:00-16:45

UK time



BARTON PEVERIL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 30th April, 16:30 - 20:15 at Barton Peveril Sixth College for an exciting opportunity to:

- Explore our facilities
- Research all courses on offer and QXTRAs!
- Speak to our current students and teachers
- Enjoy the College's vibrant and energetic atmosphere

To Secure Your Ticket: www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college-events.

Engineering Apprenticeships

Employers have now started to advertise their Engineering Apprenticeship Vacancies that will be starting in September 2026. Location-wise they are across the region, with various closing dates – the earliest of which is 6 March. Many more will be coming online in the near future.

These are all advertised on SETA's [vacancy page on our website](#) with links out to the appropriate websites for pupils to apply.

Pop back regularly to [SETA's website](#) to look for any new adverts, as well as the [Government Apprenticeship Website](#). [Click here](#) for the latest newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS



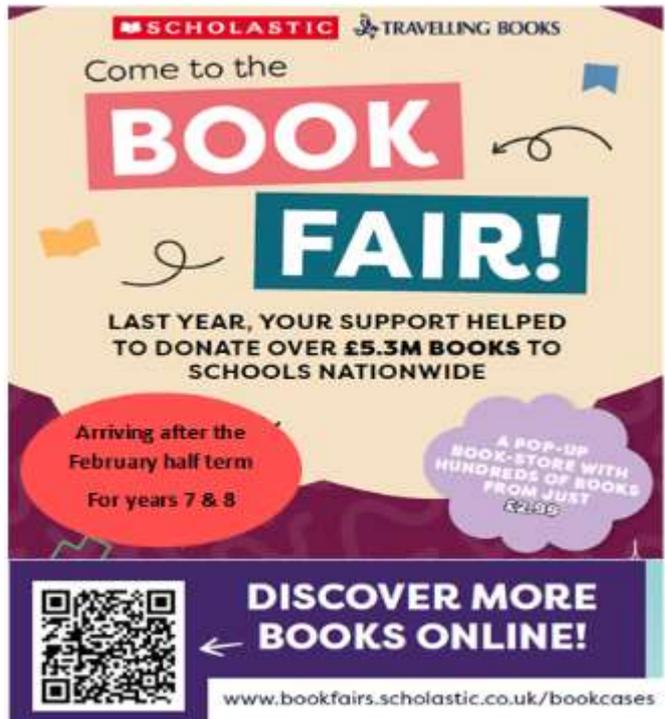
Library news

SCHOLASTIC
TRAVELLING BOOKS

Well done the winners of our book fair raffle: -

- Jess C (7D2)
- Charlie (7P2)
- Ava (8D2)
- George C (8G1)

You will each get to choose a free book on your visit to the Scholastic Fair this coming week.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to the
BOOK FAIR!

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

Arriving after the February half term
For years 7 & 8

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST **£2.99**

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT



P.A.C.E. 2026
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.](#)

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

Online Safety Newsletter – FEBRUARY 2026

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



COMMUNITY CLOTHES PANTRY

Prom Goers - 2026!
Open to All Schools

Reduce Fashion Waste!

You can borrow a dress, suit and accessories
In the Cafe
Unit 12 Winnall Valley Road
SO23 0LD

Wednesday March 4th
4pm-6pm

These dresses are just a few of our over 100 dresses in sizes 6-24 and we have 30+ suits

Contact Caroline: admin@unit-12.com

EHCP PHASE TRANSFER WORKSHOP

Hampshire SENDIASS

Wednesday 11th March
12:00 - 13:00



Join Emma to discuss:

- What to do if you do not get the named setting you were hoping for
- Get tips on how to talk to the LA about your concerns
- Understand your rights and next steps, including mediation and appeal options
- Get signposted to extra guidance

JOIN US VIA TEAMS → WWW.HAMPSHIRESENDIASS.CO.UK/WORKSHOPS

Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION

Hampshire SENDIASS

Join Lisa for our SEN Support Workshop

- Learn what a smooth transition looks like
- Explore practical SEN strategies
- Make the most of the time before September
- Get signposted to extra guidance




March 2026:
Friday 6th 13:00
Tuesday 10th 17:00
Thursday 12th 10:30

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Online Workshops

Hampshire SENDIASS

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

2 MAR 11:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process	4 MAR 17:30	Responding to a draft EHC If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
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10 MAR 10:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	13 MAR 10:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP
18 MAR 12:00	Responding to a draft EHC If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	19 MAR 13:30	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops

APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday you should have received an email via Edulink reminding you about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

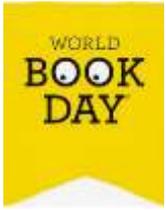
It's really straightforward, quick and completely confidential to apply using the Hampshire checker:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Once approved, the school will be notified automatically. If you are unsure whether you qualify, we strongly encourage you to apply - many families are eligible without realising.

Please note you do need to apply for each child individually, even if you have more than one child at the school.

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 4th 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.

GENERAL NEWS

We have just been informed that the crossing patrol who is usually on duty in Botley Road won't be there on the afternoon of the 4th March or the morning of the 11th March.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

HPV VACCINATIONS

Your child's HPV Vaccination is now due. The HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV related cancers.

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

School Code: SH138184

Session Date: Tuesday 24th March & Friday 17th April

Year Group: Year 8

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



Calling all year 8 readers!

HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD 2026

The HBA is a book group which will be starting on Tuesday 10th March for year 8 students. We meet every few weeks at break time to read and discuss 4 new novels chosen by the School Library Service, culminating in a voting day in June to choose a winner.

Students can sign up via EduLink (clubs – then look for the library under the tab 'all clubs') or pop up to the library to express interest.

For further information <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/hpv/>

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

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notice the week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

EMAIL GOING STRAIGHT TO JUNK

We have recently been advised that some parents have found school emails are being delivered but are going straight into their junk/spam folder. Now may be a good time to ensure you are not being affected by this by checking your junk/spam folder and redesignating Wyvern emails into your primary inbox. You can also update email and contact details via the Edulink app.

*Kind regards
Year 10 Team*

MOCK INTERVIEWS

We are pleased to inform you that our Year 10 Mock Interview Day will be taking place on 22nd April 2026, and we would be delighted if any parents or carers who have experience in this area are able to volunteer as interviewers for the event.

The session will run from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Your support would be greatly appreciated, and it will provide our students with a valuable opportunity to develop their interview skills and confidence.

If you would like to volunteer, please email me at j.gough@wyvern.hants.uk

*Kind regards
Mrs Gough*

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

No Notices this week