



## DIARY DATES

March 12th		Vocal Festival
March 24 <sup>th</sup>		Year 8 - HPV Vaccinations Day 1 – Catch up Year 9, 10 & 11
March 27 <sup>th</sup> March		End of Spring Term
March 27 <sup>th</sup> – April 10th		Easter Holidays
April 13th		First Day of the Summer Term
April 16th		Year 11 GCSE Performance Evening
April 17th		Year 8 - HPV Vaccinations Day 2
April 22nd		Year 10 Mock Interviews
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Vaccinations – Catch up Year 9, 10 & 11

### Assemblies w/b 09/03/26 – THINK World Book Day

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

Dear parents and carers,

Today is World Book Day! Many members of staff have come into college dressed as a character from their favourite book and they have shared extracts from those books with students in lessons. I have been dressed for some of the day as Gandalf the wizard from Lord of the Rings and explained to students my love of the Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings, giving them this quote from Gandalf: “It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.” You don’t have to be powerful or famous to make a difference. Regular people, through kindness and responsibility, help make the world better and it is the sum of their daily small acts of kindness that shape a community.

We need children to read more. The most obvious benefit of reading is that it develops students literacy and language skills. As a result of reading, students are better able to understand other things they read, can read more quickly and accurately, can expand their vocabulary and understand how to express themselves better, both orally and as writers. It is important for students to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction to better understand how language can be used and to encounter different sets of vocabulary. In reception we have the quote from Joseph Addison, “reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body,” making the point that We also know that reading helps students understand other people, to show empathy and to appreciate other people’s perspectives. When they read, students understand what characters are thinking and feeling and why they make the decisions they do. I do also believe that when they escape into imaginary worlds, their creativity increases; when they read for pleasure, their wellbeing improves.

Teenagers do not read enough or rather their reading patterns have changed, with social media, phones and games replacing books. The Scottish Book Trust has some useful advice on how we can all encourage children to read more. [Advice for parents to encourage children and teens reading - Scottish Book Trust](#)

Some students join us in year 7 below age related expectations in reading. We assess these students in the last few weeks of year 6 and then design a bespoke curriculum for them. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Harder and Mrs Moon teaching this and the students have made remarkable progress in their reading. Some of the students joining us with reading ages of 8 and below have made over 4 years of progress in years 7-8. Interestingly, Mrs Moon tells me that the things that make the biggest difference to progress here are attendance (missing lessons creates gaps in learning) and reading at home.

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Bookings open for Eastleigh Active!

**31 March to 2 April & 7 April - 9 April for 5-16 year-olds**

We'd love if your school would be happy to share this well-loved Easter activity programme with your pupils as soon as you are able.

We are encouraging parents to visit the Eastleigh Active Easter homepage and sign up for updates to be the first to know.

[Eastleigh Active homepage](#)

Have a great night out and raise money for good causes at the same time!

**Hamble Valley Rotary Club**

**Mega Quiz Night**

Friday 20th March 2026  
7.00pm  
Wyvern College  
Fair Oak SO50 7AN  
TICKET £20.00

Get your ticket here!

Teams of 6 max • Trophy and Prizes • Spot Prizes  
Licensed Bar • All proceeds to Rotary charity projects

<https://hamble-valley-rotary-club.sumup.store.com/product/rotary-mega-quiz-2026-ticket>

Spotlight's Smiles  
**SPOTLIGHT UK**  
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**Easter Fun**

28th March - Ninja Warrior Southampton - 6pm - £6.50  
1st April - Oceans of Play Havant - 2pm-3.45pm - £3  
2nd April - Bowling in Eastleigh - 2pm - £3.50  
3rd April - Ninja Warrior Southampton - 1pm - £6.50  
3rd April - High Score Southampton - 1pm - £6.50  
4th April - Bowling in Eastleigh - 6pm - £3.50  
4th April - Ice Skating Gosport - 3pm - £5  
6th April - Air Extreme Havant - 1pm - £5  
6th April - Monkey Bizness Southampton - 6.15pm-8.15pm - £2.50

For more details please email [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)

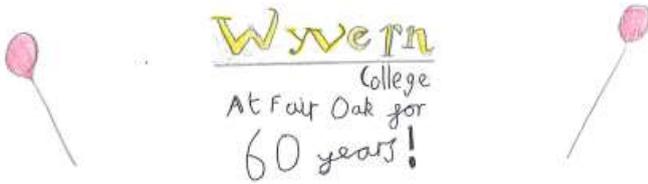
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**Easter Fun**

7th April - Bowling in Southampton - 6pm - £3.50  
7th April - Bowling in Portsmouth - 6pm - £3.50  
8th April - Flip Out Portsmouth - 2pm - £6.50  
8th April - Rock Up Whiteley - 6pm - £5  
9th April - Ninja Warrior Southampton - 1pm - £6.50  
9th April - High Score Southampton - 2.30pm - £6.50  
9th April - Bowling in Eastleigh - 6pm - £3.50  
9th April - Bowling in Fareham - 6pm - £3.50  
9th April - Monkey Bizness Gosport - 6.15pm - £2.50  
10th April - Ice Skating Gosport - 3pm - £5  
11th April - Family Swim Romsey - 1pm - £3.50

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## COLLEGE CULTURE



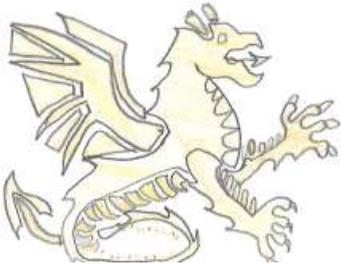
We are celebrating Wyvern being located on the Fair Oak site for 60 years.

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



## Housepoints Update



## CAREERS NEWS

As it's Careers Week (2–6 March 2026), please take some time to explore the Careers Library on Unifrog.

Choose either your favourite subject or a job you've seen on TV, and investigate:

- What skills are needed for the role



- What education or training is required
- What the typical salary looks like

It's a great opportunity to discover new pathways and think about your future career options!

[The Careers library for UK schools : Help library](#)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. There will be a practical skills tests on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

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

## UNIFORG SEMINARS



### Careers session: become an energy engineer with £27,000 funding

Students

Virtual

Energy drives the global economy, and as an energy engineer, you could make a real difference. You could be tackling sustainable challenges, from coming up with clean energy and hydrogen technology solutions, to creating climate-positive industrial innovations. Join Teesside University to learn more about this in-

demand career in a fast-growing sector – and how you can apply for a £27,000 scholarship to fund your university studies.

Mon 9 Mar 17:30-18:15

UK time

[Share](#)

### Finance taster: why smart people make bad financial decisions

Students

Virtual

Why do people make irrational choices when money's involved? This session with the University of Manchester will look at the psychological biases that influence decisions about money, risk, and uncertainty. Through real-world examples, you'll see how these behaviours play out in businesses and financial markets. Discover why human decision-making sits at the heart of finance and economics.

Tue 10 Mar 16:30-17:15

UK time

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### 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](http://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.



Our Year 10 Mock Interview Day will be taking place on 22nd April 2026, and we would be delighted if anyone knows of someone with experience in conducting interviews who may be able to volunteer as an interviewer for the event.

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

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

If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please ask them to email me at [j.gough@wyvern.hants.uk](mailto:j.gough@wyvern.hants.uk)

Kind regards

Mrs Gough



## 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.



**Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops**

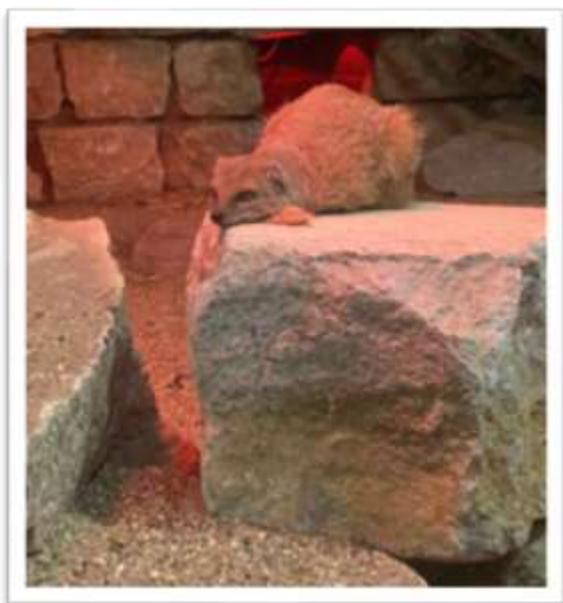
- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

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

[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)

## GENERAL NEWS

Well done to Mia and Jack in Year 8 for their winning photos from the Marwell trip. All other entries have received praise points for your efforts.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Year Group: Year 8

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

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

### 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.

