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DIARY DATES

Thursday 20 th March	18:00-19.30	GCSE Music Showcase
21st March		Non-Uniform Day – for Simon Says
26 th March	16.00-19.00	Year 11 Virtual Parents Meeting
31 st March – 4 th April		Celebration Assemblies
1 st April		Year 9-11 Catch up Boosters for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis
4 th April		Last day of Spring Term
14 th & 15 th April		Easter Art Sessions
22 nd April		Beginning of Summer Term
5 th May		Bank Holiday
26 th – 30 th May		Summer Half Term Holiday

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week in the college with lots of events taking place: we have our vocal festival tonight where our students will perform alongside the students from our link infant and junior schools. We have had house assemblies this week which create a lot of excitement for our house system and the competitions they generate; we have had meetings of our young carers support groups and our bereaved students support groups. Year 10s have been working on assessments and there has been a lot of success with our sports fixtures: the year 7 girls' football team won their local tournament and we have had several students selected to represent the district for Cross Country. Year 11 students are now in the final stretch of their courses and our period 6 revision programme is now underway.

I do need to address concerns which some parents have been sharing about a member of staff, who is currently absent from work. I can confirm that the Police are currently leading an investigation into an allegation about this member of staff. Because the alleged incident took place in class, they have also spoken to some other students. As a result, some students and parents have been discussing this investigation, and this has generated wider interest and comment. This has led to some false and exaggerated accounts of what has been alleged, and comments about the member of staff concerned. It has also led to many intrusive questions and comments directed to and about the student who has made the allegation. I am asking for your help in ensuring this stops.

While I am not able to give any further details due to necessary considerations of confidentiality, I must stress that this remains an ongoing investigation which has not reached any final conclusions. It is therefore entirely inappropriate to speculate or make any assumptions, as doing so not only leads to harmful misinformation but can compromise the current investigation into this matter.

I'm sure you can all appreciate how difficult this is for everyone concerned. We must respectfully ask you and your children to not discuss or comment on this publicly (including on social media) or approach anyone who might be involved in the investigation. If your child talks about it or has already talked about it, please now remind them that without knowing the full facts, and with lots of false accounts circulating, they should not be passing on what they have heard or gossiping about those involved. Your assistance in this is anticipated and greatly appreciated.

I also want to reiterate that the safety and wellbeing of all students is always our absolute priority, and we have robust safeguarding processes in place to that end. This matter continues to be addressed in line with those processes and to be investigated appropriately. Please reassure your children that this is the case. As always, our safeguarding team is ready to talk to students and parents about any aspect of safeguarding, to listen to any concerns on a wide range of issues and to work with outside agencies where necessary to ensure issues are resolved and students get the support they need. You can find more about our safeguarding policy and practice here [Safeguarding Policy](#).

Finally, from a practical perspective, we have been looking carefully at how best to support students' learning in the classes impacted by the staff member's absence, including sourcing additional specialist staffing where it is available.

I will keep you updated with developments in this matter if and when I am able to share them with you.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

VACANCIES:. To see our current vacancies – please go to [Recruitment - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)



COPPERS FOR CANOPIES

Overview: Let's get creative with our spare change and work together to raise money for something great—sheltered outdoor seating for our break times! Introducing the *Coppers for Canopies* fundraiser on behalf of Friends of Wyvern. A fun and easy way to contribute to our school's

future and enjoy the outdoors, rain or shine.

What's the goal?

We're raising funds to install canopies outside, so our students can have a dry, comfortable space to relax during break times. No more soggy sandwiches or squinting at the sun while you try to catch up with your friends—just a chilled, sheltered space to hang out, rain or shine.

How can you help?

We're asking all students to bring in their spare change! Yes, those pennies, 2p coins, and any other small change you have lying around at home can add up to make a BIG difference. You might be surprised at how fast those coppers can turn into pounds!

Here's how it works:

1. **Start collecting your coins!**

Look around your house, car, or backpack for any loose change and bring it to school. Every penny counts, and we're hoping to collect as much as we can to fund those canopies.

2. **Hand it over!**

Each tutor group will have a special "Coppers for Canopies" collection bag. Bring in your coins and hand them over to your Tutor!

3. **Get rewarded!**

To make it even more exciting, the tutor group that raises the most money will earn **House Points** for their efforts, plus a special reward to be revealed at the end of the campaign!

4. **Every penny helps!**

Remember, pennies add up, so don't think small change doesn't make a difference. It all adds up to help create the outdoor space we need.



When does it happen?

Start bringing in your change right away! The fundraiser will run from **Monday 10th March** and we'll be counting the coins at the end of each week. Keep an eye out for updates on how your tutor group is doing, and don't forget to keep collecting!

Why do we need your help?

Our school's outdoor spaces are such an important part of daily life, but we need a little extra help to make them more comfortable and usable for everyone. With a canopy, we can all enjoy fresh air and sunshine during breaks—without worrying about the weather! Plus, it's a great way to make our school look even better.

Let's make it fun!

The more you raise, the more house points your tutor group can earn! The winning tutor group will be rewarded with a **special prize** that'll be announced at the end of the campaign. And of course, the more we raise, the sooner we can enjoy our new canopies.

So, dig through those couch cushions, empty your piggy banks, and let's make this campaign a massive success! Together, we can create a comfy, covered space for everyone at school. Ready, set, **start collecting those coppers!**

Let's make our break times better—rain or shine. 💰🌧️☀️

COMMUNITY NEWS

Eastleigh Active

There's still time for young people to get active over the Easter break.

The Eastleigh Active programme of sports and activity sessions has been extended to Easter for a third year to help children and young people across the Borough to escape the everyday this April.

Already, the hugely popular golf sessions have been sold out but there are places still available for teenagers who want to try their hands at Olympic Weightlifting.

Or how about trying your hand at a Scooter Workshop, CrossFit, Football or Tennis.



A complete list of activities, prices and venues that are still available can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/latest-news/eastleigh-active-easter>

DISCOUNTED FAMILY DAYS OUT

Spotlight UK is a registered charity that provides free and discounted fun activities and days out for all children and families across Hampshire and Berkshire including bowling, laser tag, swimming, ninja warrior, and days out to Chessington, 4 Kingdoms, Paultons Park and more.

We have two memberships programmes, our gold membership which is a one off yearly fee of £7.50 per person which entitles everyone to activities and days out at up to 50% off the normal price and some free activities and then our charity funds the difference or funds the activity in full to make activities more affordable and then our standard membership is free to join and this gives activities and days out at a discounted rate of £1-£5 off the normal price.

[Click here for our upcoming timetable for April through to the summer holidays.](#)

To find out more please email Louisa@spotlightuk.org

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

Hamble Valley Rotary Club

Mega Quiz Night

Friday 21st March 2025

7.00pm

Wyvern College

Fair Oak SO50 7AN

TICKET £15.00

**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-2025-ticket>



Get your
ticket here!



*Ticket
includes a
Fish & Chip
Supper!*

POTHOLE SURVEY

For our Active Citizenship project, we have decided to campaign about the pothole problem in our local area and country as a whole. We all personally believe that potholes are a major reason for many roadside accidents, and the payments individuals make after an accident involving them are completely unnecessary as the quality of the roads should be upheld by our local councils and our government.

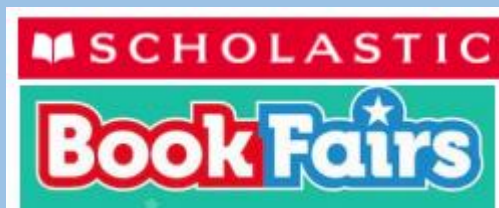
So, if you could please fill out our survey that would be most appreciated.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ThFFW9zj_guWwG1qubHLIfhhlbL-D4XpDxRpPNwpOUo/edit?pli=1



LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who bought from the Scholastic Book Fair which visited us at the beginning of the month. An amazing £580 in sales resulted in us being able to spend £230 on resources for the library. Around 30 new books will be added to the library this week so if anyone requested an addition, they should be ready to borrow soon.



GENERAL NOTICES

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR SIMON SAYS

We would like to raise money for Simon Says – a Hampshire charity that helps children who are dealing with the death of someone close. They may feel angry, guilty, frightened and alone. It can be very difficult for a parent, carer, close relative or friend to help a bereaved child when they are grieving, and this charity looks to provide support and resources.



We ask parents to contribute £1 per student to the charity using - either through Parentmail or cash on the day.

Students will also be holding a bake sale during the breaks.

CAMHS Parents and Carers Events

There are some upcoming free events about mental health that families might find beneficial. [Please click here for more details.](#)

Kooth Support for Neurodivergence

Join us on this 30-minute webinar designed for families, exploring how Kooth - with its 'out of hours' availability, anonymous digital chat support and asynchronous messaging - is well placed to meet the specific needs of neurodivergent young people.

[How Kooth and Qwell meets the needs of SEND & neurodivergent young people](#)

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH CHOIR “SING-ALONGSIDE” Friday 25th April 2025 in Winchester.

Hampshire County Youth Choirs are opening their doors to invite potential members to come and sing alongside their current singers.

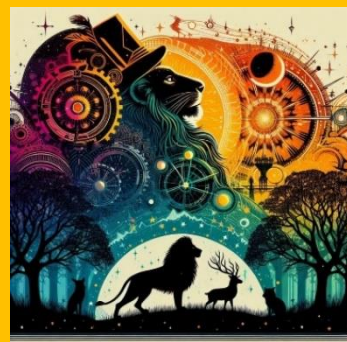
With choirs for everyone from Year 2 to 13, this is the opportunity for children and young people who love to sing to come and find out more about what we do, with the view to join us for the Summer Term.

The evening will end with a showing to parents and a chance to meet the Directors.

[Click her for more details.](#)

THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE PHOTOS

Families of the cast of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, should have received an email about purchasing the portrait photos. Please can we have all orders made and paid by Thursday 27th March? If you have not received the email, please get in contact with d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.



POLISH DAY IN THE COLLEGE CANTEEN



SPORTING NEWS

Football Champions

Absolutely incredible work from the U13 girls team last week!! We were out all day down at Stoneham Complex for the Hampshire School Games Finals.

This was a very tough tournament, where a lot of them thought we could do it - but they dug in deep and came out winning the tournament - beating the team that defeated us in the group stages in the final, after a tight penalty shootout. This came down to a sudden death final penalty, which Flo put into the back of the net. Really good penalties also from Kaitlyn, Lyra, Alisia & Flo. All the players performed brilliantly.



Incredible work through all the different group stages; we came 1st out of the 17 different schools! The team represented the school incredibly, we could not be more proud.

Mr Kimber

Hampshire Cross Country

Wyvern had 6 athletes selected to represent Eastleigh and Winchester District in the U13 and U14 county cross country championships on the 4th March at Down Grange Basingstoke,

Year 7

Rosa - 15th
Alyssa - 22nd
Rhys - 64th

Year 8

Lyra - 8th
Fern - 37th
Jack - 20th

The weather shone and so did our athletes. The field, as you would expect at a county championships, was exceptionally strong. With approximately 100 athletes in each race, the runners lining up for the start made for an impressive spectacle. This did not deter our athletes, all of whom made a really strong start and then held their positions, giving their best effort and leaving nothing out on the course. I am really proud of them all.



The top 20 runners in each race received selection to represent Hampshire at the intercounty championship to be held on Saturday the 22nd March in Essex. This is an exceptional achievement, especially in such a strong county as ours. All the best to Rosa, Lyra and Jack.

Mrs Stout.

CAREERS NEWS



UNIFROG UPCOMING WEBINARS

Law taster: what happens if you break the law in space?

Virtual Have you ever

wondered what happens if someone commits a crime while aboard a spacecraft? Join Dr Maria Manoli, lecturer in space law at the University of Aberdeen to look at the legal frameworks that govern present and future human activity in space. From space stations to lunar bases and future extraterrestrial human settlements, you'll hear how laws are applied in space and what happens when they're broken.

Wednesday 12 March @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)



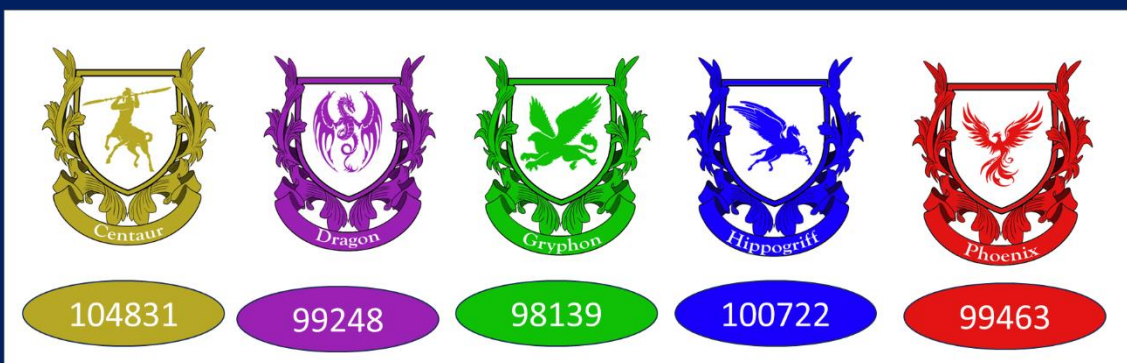
Becoming a forensic scientist: what it's really like

Virtual Forensic science has revolutionised the way we investigate and solve crimes, transforming the field of criminal justice. In this webinar, join Professor Ian Turner from the University of Derby to learn about the latest advancements in forensic science, including exciting cutting-edge techniques and technologies. Through practical case studies, you'll discover what it's really like to be a forensic scientist.

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



COLLEGE CULTURE – House Points 13th March 2025



YEAR 7 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Another week flies by and please remember that the deadline for the options forms is Friday 14th March so this week. We have had another round of excellent House Assemblies this week – I really love the atmosphere at these occasions or perhaps it is just in Centaur?

Thank you for some of the chocolate donations that have already been sent for our Easter celebration assembly – please keep them coming. We're happy with any chocolate donation big or small! We are hopefully entering the time of year where the illness will subside and longer and brighter days will help everyone to feel healthier.

As you know, good attendance is essential if your child is to achieve their potential. If your child has the odd day off regularly it impacts attendance, and you may receive a warning letter about it. We really appreciate those of you who keep us informed when absence can't be avoided and those of you who ensure your child comes to school unless they really are too unwell to do so.

Praise highlights from last week include 8H1 again for earning the highest number of P1s last week (496) (Ms Lowe is going to be delighted), followed by P2 (458) and in third place D2 (417) – come on D2 – it would be great to see you nudge out of third place next week! The leader board for students last week is as follows Lyra D2 was in first place with 43 P1s, Ollie from H1 with 34 P1s and in third place Amelia from D2 with 33 points. Again, quite close amongst our top three and a few other Year 8s with over 30 P1s last week – well done all of you!

Mrs Howard
Pastoral Leader Year 8

YEAR 9 NOTICES

REMINDER: 01st April and for tetanus, diptheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

REMINDER: 01st April and for tetanus, diptheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters
No notices this week.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

REMINDER: 01st April and for tetanus, diptheria, polio and meningitis catch up boosters

SETA APPRENTICESHIPS

Dear Year 11

Please see [the Engineering Apprenticeship Vacancy Bulletin!](#)

If anyone interested in a career in engineering to keep an eye on the SETA [apprenticeship vacancies](#) page on our website, and signpost interested young people there too. Don't forget to have a look at the [Govt Apprenticeship Website](#) as nearly 95% of all apprenticeship adverts (whatever the sector) will appear there. As several vacancies have closed just recently, there are currently 10 [LIVE VACANCIES on SETAs website](#). More to follow next week!

Kind Regards
Mrs Gough

REVISION SESSIONS

Starting from Monday the 17th March we have our P6 programme of revision sessions, plus a number of sessions which take place at tutor time.

I will aim to [publish the schedule](#) each week by the preceding Friday and in tutor time on Monday's we are aiming to get students to sign up to the sessions they would like to attend that week.
In addition, I plan to set each session up within the CLUBS section of EduLink so that both students and parents can see the sessions available and can book on in advance.

Please can you encourage your son / daughter to attend sessions over the weeks to come.

I hope to be in a position to publish the Saturday School Series offer next week...

Regards
Mr Stocks
Deputy Headteacher