



## DIARY DATES

May 8th	11.30	History Club Drop in - Library
May 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>		Duke Of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition
May 12 <sup>th</sup>		Year 7 Virtual Non-Core Parents Evening
May 5 <sup>th</sup> – June 17th		GCSE Exams
May 22nd		Last day of half term
1 <sup>st</sup> June		First day of last half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	5.00-6.00pm	Year 8 Germany Trip Parents Information Evening
June 25 <sup>th</sup>		Leavers Assembly and Prom
July 1st		Key Stage 4 Awards Evening
July 7th		Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
July 11th		Wyvern@FairOak60 Celebration

### Assemblies w/b 04/05/26 Careers Assemblies

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

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week at Wyvern, with the Art, Photography, and languages speaking exams keeping most year 11 students focused on GCSE preparation; year 10 prefects have been appointed and we have some excellent application in for senior prefects; the summer programme of extra-curricular activities and clubs is now under way and we have had a good initial uptake for these activities. You can find the full programme of these activities here. [Extra Curricular - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#) . You can also find out what your child is studying this term if their different subjects here [Curriculum Overview - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#) .

I would like to share some information about what makes a child vulnerable in choosing unsafe, risky behaviours. Wyvern staff received some safeguarding training on this last week and I think it would be useful to share the key messages with you as parents and carers. In safeguarding terms, a vulnerable child is one who is likely to experience harm based on their circumstances and their ability to protect themselves from harm. For too long the world of education has tended to think of vulnerable children as being a particular type of child but there is not a fixed profile and some of the most vulnerable children don't look obviously at risk. We understand vulnerability to be where a child has more risk factors than protective factors in their life. Risk factors are conditions, situations, or characteristics that make the child more likely to make unsafe, risky decisions. Protective factors are conditions, situations, or characteristics that make the child less likely to make unsafe, risky decisions. Most crucially the risk factors are: no strong relationship with trusted adults; not disclosing worries or asking for help; poor relationships with parent and staff; feeling socially left out; attaching quickly to more dominant characters; easily influenced by social media and peers; unable to question information and advice they've been given; lack of behavioural boundaries; an unclear sense of what is right and wrong; not belonging to a community through a shared interest or participation in extra-curricular activities; stress, anxiety and low self-esteem; having more freedom and independence without safeguards in place. As adults who work with children or who parent children, we can put in place protective factors

- Education: informing students about the safeguarding and risky behaviours
- A stable and predictable environment
- Clear boundaries which strongly define acceptable and unacceptable behaviour
- Being a trusted adult by showing care and concern to and about students
- Healthy friendships with peers
- Strong attendance to school

- Using praise, encouragement and reassurance to build positive self esteem
- A moral compass: a set of values that they can make decisions against.
- Knowing how to say to no to people they like whilst maintaining those relationships
- Positive role models of other and older students to work with.
- A healthy friendship group
- Interests and participation in activities that develop these interests (extra-curricular activities) and give them a community to belong to.

Regards  
Mr Rule

### Housepoint Update



### Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies advertised on our website: Communications Officer, Cleaners, Payroll & HR Assistant and teaching roles.

For more information go to [Recruitment - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Library Request

Do you have any past World Book Day Books that you no longer want?

Please consider donating them to the school library so that we can make some mini libraries for tutor groups to use.

Students can hand books to the librarians or post them into our book return box, which is outside the library doors at the top of the stairs.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH ROUND UP

Last weekend, our first teams of Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants kicked off our camping season by completed their qualifying expedition in the beautiful South Downs, and we are delighted to share just how much they achieved.



Set against a backdrop of rolling chalk hills and wide-open skies, the group were treated to plenty of sunshine during the day, allowing them to take in the stunning views the South Downs are famous for. However, the evenings brought a challenge of their own. The cold nights were far chillier than many had expected, providing an important lesson in preparation, resilience, and teamwork as tents were pitched and meals cooked in dropping temperatures.

This expedition was not without its emotional moments. There were times of tired legs, sore shoulders, and even a few tears along the way. Yet what stood out most was the group's determination to keep going, supporting one another and refusing to give up when things felt tough. These moments are at the heart of the DofE experience and are often where the most valuable learning takes place.

One of the greatest achievements of the expedition was the group's incredible walk taking in both Old Winchester Hill and Butser Hill in a single day. Tackling two iconic South Downs summits is no small feat, and conquering them back-to-back required real effort, perseverance, and mental strength. Reaching the top and looking back at how far they had come brought a genuine sense of pride and accomplishment for everyone involved.

By the final day, despite being tired and ready for home comforts, there was a clear feeling of confidence among the teams. They had navigated successfully, managed camp life, coped with unexpected challenges, and pushed themselves further than they thought possible.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to the remaining camps and walks for Bronze and Silver this summer.



## CAREERS NEWS

### UNIFROG WEBINARS

#### Electronics and computer science taster: can solar energy power the future?

**Students**

**Virtual**

Did you know that the sun delivers more energy to Earth in 90 minutes than humanity uses in a year? Join the University of Southampton to see how solar technologies like photovoltaics (PV) capture and use solar power. You'll learn how engineers are getting creative by placing solar panels in surprising places, from farm fields to wearable healthcare gadgets, and find out how you can start a career in sustainable engineering to help tackle the climate crisis.

Tue 5 May 16:30-17:15



#### What could you do with a law degree?

**Students**

**Virtual**

A law degree opens doors far beyond the courtroom. In this session with the University of Southampton you'll explore pathways within and beyond the legal profession, from barristers and solicitors to



roles in business, government, and international organisations. Discover how legal training develops skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, and how these apply across a wide range of careers.

Tue 5 May 17:30-18:15

#### The Future Skills Programme: Careers in STEM

The Future Skills Programme: Careers in STEM is a comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February and May half term.

Students can explore STEM careers in four key pathways and see how they can develop and document their skills for both successful applications and how to succeed in the workplace.

[Click here for more details](#)

#### SETA APPRENTICESHIPS

[Current vacancies can be found by clicking here.](#)

**HAMPSHIRE**  
BESPOKE DECORATING

**APPRENTICE DECORATOR WANTED**

**START YOUR CAREER IN PAINTING & DECORATING**

We're a busy, growing decorating company with a strong pipeline of work. Looking to take on a local school leaver as an apprentice.

This is a great opportunity to learn a skilled trade, gain hands-on experience, and build a long-term career.

*No experience needed - just the right attitude*

**FULL TRAINING PROVIDED**  
TIGHT KILLS TO GO TO THE RIGHT CARERS

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

- Interior & exterior decorating
- Preparation, sanding & high quality finishing
- Painting car and home and projects
- Traditional work including wall plaster
- Decorative finishes such as stucco, Venetian, etc.

**WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

- Enthusiasm with a strong work ethic
- Proactive attitude and willingness to learn
- Reliable, hardworking
- Wishes to build a career (not just a job)

**WHAT YOU GET:**

- Learn a valuable, in-demand trade
- Highly competitive apprenticeship
- College training alongside the work
- Pathway to higher-level work and self-employment opportunities

**INTERESTED?** See us here or email your CV to [recruitment@hampshirebespoke.com](mailto:recruitment@hampshirebespoke.com)

**PHONE:** 07940 485262  
**EMAIL:** 02164 824427

## WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

### Online Safety Newsletter - May

[Please click here for the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter](#) –



# Cooking Workshop

Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd June

Join our free 4 week cooking for teenagers and their parents and discover how much fun cooking from scratch can be. Spend quality time together, learn new skills and build confidence in the kitchen - no experience needed!

- Hands on cooking
- Easy, from scratch recipes
- Fun, relaxed sessions
- Great way to connect with your teenager
- All ingredients are provided.

Come as you are, cook together and enjoy the journey!

To book a place email [e.gilbert@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.gilbert@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)



## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the Year 7&8 athletes (Evie, Annabelle, Megan, Bond, Idris, Jonah, Roisin, Freya, Sereyah, Alyssa, Fin, Jacob and Logan) who attend the first open athletics track meet at Winchester bar end.

The sun shone and Wyvern ran their hearts out with some great personal best performances.



## YEAR 7 NOTICES

### BLACK COUNTRY VISIT FOR YEAR 7

The History Department is planning a visit to the Black Country Museum near Dudley to help our students develop their understanding of life in Britain during the Industrial Revolution. Year 7 are studying this as part of the Key Stage 3 History curriculum.

The living museum aims to recreate life in the industrial heart of Britain during this time of great change. It has numerous shops, houses and workshops, many of which have been preserved in their original state. Students will be led by costumed demonstrators who will help to bring this period of history to life. The visit will include a visit to the underground mine, a lesson in a Victorian classroom and a trip on a canal boat along the Dudley Canal and into the limestone caverns.

[Click here for the letter about this trip](#)

### Year 7 Non-core Parent Evening

This is taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> May, will open for bookings on **Friday 01<sup>st</sup> May at 18.00**. The booking link will be sent to all parents/carers during the day of 01<sup>st</sup> May.

## YEAR 8 NOTICES

No notices this week.

## YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week.

## YEAR 10 NOTICES

### Geography Students - Trip to Swanage

[Please click here for the letter about the GCSE trip to Swanage.](#)

### YEAR 10 TRAIL EXAMS

Trial exams taking place in June and that the timetable has been published on the school website. This is the link to it [Year-10-Trial-Exams-June-2026.pdf](#)

## YEAR 11 NOTICES

### EXAM BRIEFING SESSIONS

[Click here for the timetable for pre-exam briefings for this year's GCSEs](#)

### PERIOD 6 REVISION SESSIONS

The [latest timetable](#) can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our website on [Exams and Revision - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

### 2026 PUBLIC EXAMS

All GCSE timetables are now on Edulink, both parents and students can view these. The 'guide to exams' is also available on the website which may answer any questions that you have. This is the link to all the exam information on the website [Exams and Revision - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#) and this is the link to the guide [A-Parent-and-Students-Guide-to-Exams-2026.pdf](#)