



DIARY DATES

May 8 th – 10 th		Duke Of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition
May 12 th		Year 7 Virtual Non-Core Parents Evening
May 5 th – June 17 th		GCSE Exams
May 16 th – 17 th		Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Walk
May 22 nd		Last day of half term
1 st June		First day of last half term
2 nd June	5.00-6.00pm	Year 8 Germany Trip Parents Information Evening
June 25 th		Leavers Assembly and Prom
July 1 st		Key Stage 4 Awards Evening
July 7 th		Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
July 11 th	2.00-5.00pm	Wyvern@FairOak60 Celebration

Assemblies w/b 11/05/26 CARE - British Values

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it was an absolute pleasure to thank the outgoing Year 11 Prefect Team for all their hard work over the last 12 months. Prefects are role models. They exemplify high standards of behaviour, attendance, and uniform, setting an example for other students to follow. They support staff with events and act as a voice for students to express concerns or ideas. The Year 11 prefects have been brilliant at all these things. The feedback we have had from visitors, younger students and staff, has been full of praise and appreciation.

The Year 10 Prefect Team now take over and it was a privilege to interview the candidates for the role of head prefects this week. I was impressed by how many students applied and their track records of service, support and participation in school life. It was clear that they did not want to secure these positions for their own sense of achievement but because they want to make a difference to others and help improve our college. The themes they are keen to focus on are involving students more in making decisions about the college, strengthening student wellbeing and bringing students of different year groups together. Congratulations to our new senior team, I am really looking forward to working with you:

- Head prefects: Adam Kniola and Bella Pone
- Deputy Head teacher: Sienna Ayres and Danny Simpson
- Senior prefects: Summer Kerkhoff, Darcey Sim and Jasper Whalley

There are other positions of leadership for students to get involved. Students don't have to wait until Year 11 to fill posts of responsibility. We have reading ambassadors and numeracy ambassadors who help the Year 7 students who have come to Wyvern below age related expectations in core subjects. We have anti-bullying ambassadors who promote kindness and respect, whilst helping others identify and report bullying. We also have form captains, sports team captains, librarians and vocal ambassadors. However, as one of the new senior prefects said this week, leadership is not a title or a badge; it is action. We have Students from all year groups who set up and run clubs at break times and increasingly, students who approach staff to suggest improvements to the college.

I said to the prefects this week that every time they have done prefect work, they have demonstrated the skills that employers look for when appointing staff and when promoting staff and this is true of all who take on these various roles in college: leadership, responsibility, problem solving, teamwork, communication and reliability. We need to think as a college how we might create more posts of responsibility for students,

especially in the younger years – whenever we give students responsibility we are never disappointed with what they do with it.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

COMMUNITY NEWS



PHOENIX JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

Do you have a child/children looking to start playing Netball?
Do you have a child/children who are looking to improve their netball skills?

WE ARE RUNNING TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-16 (ALL ABILITIES)

- 5.45-6.45pm
Every Thursday
(Term Time only)
- £5 per session
(Pay as you go)
- Wyvern College,
Botley Road, Fair Oak
SO50 7AN

TO EXPRESS YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST,
PLEASE CONTACT GEM ON:

07958224907
phoenixjnnetball@outlook.com

Come and join the Phoenix family!



STARTING 7TH MAY

PHOENIX NETBALL CLUB
ARE NOW RUNNING
ADULT TRAINING SESSIONS

THURSDAY EVENINGS
5.45-7PM
(TERM TIME ONLY)

WYVERN COLLEGE,
BOTLEY ROAD, FAIR OAK
SO50 7AN

£5 PAY AS YOU GO


- DO YOU HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF NETBALL AND WANT TO IMPROVE?
- DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO PLAY NETBALL?
- DO YOU WANT TO GET FITTER?

COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY!

CONTACT
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OR MESSAGE
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Celebration Day



Wyvern @ Fair Oak 60

Marking
60 years of
Wyvern College
in the
community

Saturday 11th July, 2pm-5pm

Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies advertised on our website

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

PAULTONS PARK PRAISE TRIPS 2026 — key dates, criteria and invitation information

We are pleased to share some key information about this year's Paultons Park Praise Trips for students in Years 7–10.

These trips are intended to recognise students who have consistently met our expectations for attendance, punctuality, behaviour and PRIDE across the year. Invitations will be sent shortly to students who have met the published criteria.

[Please click here for the letter to parents/carers with more information.](#)

HOUSEPOINT UPDATE



CAREERS NEWS

UNIFROG WEBINARS

Make your studies make sense: a psychologist's guide to learning

Students

Virtual

Are you the kind of student who wants to understand why you're studying, not just what you're studying? Join SRH University of Applied Sciences Haarlem to explore the psychology behind how we actually learn and what that means for your experience at university. Drawing on research in cognitive science and educational psychology, you'll discover how effective university programmes are designed to build real-world skills, not just theoretical knowledge.

Mon 11 May 14:30-15:15





Routes into business and finance Students Virtual

Part of event series: Routes into...

Are you considering a career in business and finance? Join this webinar to hear from professionals about their roles, career journeys, and what a typical day looks like! Gain practical tips on skills, applications, and deciding if the world of business and finance is the right fit for you.

Mon 11 May 16:30-17:15

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.](#)

Insight into University: Ocean & Earth Science at The University of Southampton

FOR YEAR 11 & 12

Explore the different processes that drive the global Earth system! Hosted at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton, you'll combine geology, geography & oceanography, and develop a wide range of practical and transferable skills.

What is involved?

- Gain experience investigating coastal marine environments, including physical processes such as tides and the ecosystems they support.
- Develop an understanding of environmental geoscience, including human interactions with marine and coastal systems and the impacts of climate change.
- Spend time on board our teaching and research vessel Calista in Southampton Water and the Solent.

Cost/funding

£270 (bursaries available for eligible students)

How to apply/find out more

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

Dates

Monday 20th July - Tuesday 21st July 2026
(1 night residential)

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Online Safety Newsletter - May

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

MUNCH

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

EXCITING NEWS FOR LEARNING SUPPORT!

Learning Support Refurbishment

The school's Learning Support area will be undergoing a refurbishment, creating a brighter, more welcoming space designed to support pupils' individual needs. The updated facilities will include, small 1:1 rooms, dedicated meeting space, regulation space, teaching area, modern furnishings, and a calm environment that enhances focused learning and wellbeing.

We are all very excited about the redevelopment of our space on the top floor of the Art block which is being funded via developers' contributions and Hampshire County Council.

As a result of this work starting at the end of May, the main location base for learning support will temporarily be housed in D2. This will mean that staff and students are not in the usual environment and will need to adapt as things will not quite be as existing.

We will encourage students to be as independent as possible during this time and only to use the temporary base in D2 when absolutely necessary or using their pass.

As a result of this we will also not be able to provide a dedicated Homework club in Learning support. However, we will ensure that LS staff are reallocated to the library from 3.00-3.45pm Monday to Thursday.

Mrs Weaver and the LS team.



HISTORY NEWS



Congratulations to the History Club who have been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate for their entry to this year's Hampshire Archiver Trust's 2026 History competition for Hampshire schools and sixth form colleges. This was for their VE Day 80: Share Your Memories project.

In their feedback the judges said:

This is an excellent and well-presented project, and the judges particularly liked how the students had spoken with elderly residents to learn about their experiences and memories in and of life at the end of the Second World War and the way in which they have themselves created an archive. There were interesting stories about the Polish and Jewish refugees and about young men being sent to work down the mines as 'Bevin Boys'. It is an excellent project, and we feel sure that the students will have enjoyed taking part and discovering more about the experiences of local people.

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 12th May, and there are still spaces available. The booking link was sent to all parents/carers on the 1st May.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

I hope everyone enjoyed their sunny bank holiday weekend and have had the chance to relax and spend some quality time with their families. Part of mine was spent cheering on various family members and friends as they took part in the Southampton Marathon Festival. Seeing the dedication, exertion, exhaustion and pride on all their faces really made it hit home why it is so important to recognise, acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. The elation on my son's face when he proudly showed me his medal after his 5K race will hold a very special place in my heart.

At Wyvern we are always looking for ways to celebrate the achievement of our fabulous pupils. This may take the form of a quick word in the corridor, a staff briefing announcement, a shout out in assembly, a P2 postcard home, a P3 special recognition award, acknowledgement in an end of term Celebration Assembly etc... Very soon some of learners will be receiving an invitation to join the year team on a Praise/Reward Day out to Paulton's Park - this was successful and well received last year and I am very much looking forward to this once again (although I now know which rides to avoid).

We also have our Wyvern Awards coming up very soon. Staff, pupils and parents have been frantically submitting nominations for all of those wonderful pupils for whom we all feel deserve a special mention. This was a heartwarming event last year and again presents up with another opportunity to recognise and reward the efforts and achievements of our pupils.

Special mentions from me this week go to pupils who have accrued the highest number of achievement points since our return after Easter they are Siena (8C2), Theo (8D2) and Carys (8D2). I would also like to thank Daisy (8P1), Conan (8H1) and Theo (8D2) for gaining the highest number of points for being respectful, polite and kind.

I am very proud of this year group as each week I have staff coming up to saying how lovely so and so is, or how impressed they have been by this particular class or how they look forward to teaching their year 8 classes - between home and the pastoral team we must be getting something right.

Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

Year 8 Team

YEAR 9 NOTICES

We are fast approaching the climax of the house point competition this year. Currently on the individual leaderboard we have Amelia (9D2) with 1002, Ollie (9H1) with 912 and Fern (9D1) with 905 but there are lots of other very close to them.

9G2 lead the tutor groups on 14714 with 9H2 on 13933 and 9H1 on 13922. Altogether Year 9 have amassed close to 129,000 points.

With House Games & Sports Day approaching there are still lots of points up for grabs – so keep up the good work Year 9.

We have some exciting trips coming up involving Year 9 students (to Parliament and the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh walks) and hope to be taking lots of our students to the Year 9 Praise Trip on the 18th June.

Year 9 Pastoral Team

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

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](#)