Thursday 5th June 2025

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DIARY DATES

6th – 7th June **DofE Bronze Practice Expedition** 6th – 8th June **DofE Silver Practice Expedition** Saturday 7th June 9.00-10.30 am Year 11 Revision Series - Science Monday 9th June Year 9 & 10 Battlefield Information Meeting for Parents 5.30-6.30 pm Monday 9th June Year 10 Geography Trip - Swanage Year 7 - Black Country Trip Wednesday 11th June Friday 13th June Athletic Championships – Winchester. Saturday 14th June 9.00-10.30 am Year 11 Revision Series - Science Tuesday 17th June Year 9 Geography Urban Field Trip - Portsmouth Thursday 19th June School Athletic Championships Year 7-10 Friday 20th June Paulton's Park Year 7 & 9 GCSE exams finish Monday 23rd June Year 10 Peter Symonds - taster day Field events this week for Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June

Thursday 26th June

Friday 27th June

Monday 30th June CHANGE FROM LAST Tuesday 1st July CHANGE FROM LAST Thursday 3rd July Friday 4th July 5th July – 7th July

6th July-7th July Tuesday 8th July Wednesday 9th July Thursday 10th July 9th July – 11th July Monday 14th July

6.00-7.30pm

6.30-9.00pm

Friday 18th July 12.30

Start of Year 25-26

Paulton's Park Year 8 & 10

GCSE exams finish

Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 LATE START 10.30

Year 11 Leavers Assembly College Prom 2025

INSET DAY – College closed for students

Year 10 Barton Peveril taster day HPV vaccinations - Year 8

Sports Day

Year 10 Itchen College - taster day

Year 9 Student Youth Voice Conference - Winchester

DofE Silver Final Expedition DofE Bronze Final Expedition

New Intake Day New Intake Evening

Vaccination catch up - Years 8 & 10

Year 9 & 10 Battlefields Trip

Summer Concert

COLLEGE CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR

ALL STUDENTS

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of 2 September INSET days Wednesday 3rd of September - Year 7 students only

Thursday September 4th – all other years.

ASSEMBLIES FOR THE COMING WEEK: All Years - Pastoral Leader Assemblies

Dear parents and Carers,

I hope your child was able to enjoy the half term break, doing things they do not often get time to do in term time. It has been great to talk to them about what they got up to and to see them return to college with such a positive attitude. Staff continue to work hard to support the year 11 students with their GCSEs and the after school and weekend revision sessions continue. Staff have also been working hard to provide a number of trips in the next few weeks too: we have students going out to Swanage and on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions this week; on the Black Country and Urban Field work trips the following week; the battlefields trip later in the term and we have our trip to Paulton's park for students who have achieved the best possible standards of behaviour, attendance and punctuality throughout the year. We are fortunate to also have many talented sports performers who will be competing in district and county athletics competitions. Staff tell me that it is always a pleasure to take Wyvern students out on field work, fixtures, competitions and trips. They are particularly impressed with how grateful students are and that so many of them thank staff for doing all the organising to give them these opportunities.

The May half term holiday is the deadline date for staff to notify the college that they are leaving and head teachers around the country are therefore busy recruiting replacement staff for September. We do have staff leaving at the end of this term. I am pleased that in all cases these are for positive reasons: retirement, relocation, promotion and for temporary maternity leave. I am also pleased that we have been able to appoint some high-quality new staff for September. We continue to benefit from teachers in other Hampshire schools seeking out employment at Wyvern and for the first time since Covid we have seen a very strong number and quality of trainee teachers seeking their first teaching post. It is pleasing to see that once again good people want to enter the teaching profession. I am keen to maintain a balance of experience and youthfulness to our staff body and feel we will have achieved this for September. We are going to be fully staffed with subject specialists. I have been able to slightly overstaff the English, Maths and Science department to allow for some intervention work to take place for targeted groups of students.

Safeguarding

In today's digital age, emojis have become a universal language used across texts, social media and messaging apps. With the recent release of Netflix's Adolescence, which explores the digital lives of teenagers, the use of emojis has been highlighted as a potential area of concern. While most emojis are harmless and fun, it is also true that teens sometimes communicate with them in ways that fly under the radar of adults, using

| Emoji | Meaning |
|-------------------|--|
| i | Body parts, often sexual innuendo |
| 08 | Sexual references |
| * | 'Plug' or drug dealer |
| | Reference to being on drugs or emotionally numb |
| <i>♣</i> ♦ | Delivery, sometimes drugs |
| <u></u> | Mischief or risky behaviour |
| 1 | 'Lean or drug-laced drinks |
| ^ | "Red Pill" ideology-part of online misogynistic group |
| 8 | Drop the truth-sometimes linked to extremist or aggressive views |
| | Used to mock people who haven't woken up to Red Pill views |
| 100 | Refers to the belief that 80% of women are only attracted to 20% of men - used to justify misogynistic beliefs |

innocent looking symbols to convey meanings that are concerning. Sometimes these emojis are linked to bullying, inappropriate content or even illegal activity such as drugs. So, I thought it would be useful to include a short section in this week's newsletter to help you understand the double meanings of some of these seemingly innocent icons.

These symbols are not inherently harmful, and context is key. But when used together or in a specific context they can reflect exposure to toxic or extremist content online. We often advise parents to use monitoring tools to check that their child is saying and doing online but of equal importance is open communication between you and your child. You might like to start a conversation with them about how they use emojis and what these mean to them; to ask them about what the trends are. It's worth checking regularly which platforms your child is using the reading how your child interacts with others online. Open communication about things creates the safe space for children to talk to you if they see anything concerning which can then be reported to our safeguarding team.

With best wishes, Mr Rule

COMMUNITY NEWS

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SHAKESPEARE SPECIAL OFFER

We have been offered an opportunity to buy discounted tickets for an Open air production of A Midsummers Night's' dream at The Kings school Allington Lane

We are very grateful to be offered this opportunity.

Pupils and staff of Wyvern can get a 10% discount on ticket price for the open air production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which is hopefully going to be a great night.

The discount code AMSND-WYVERN, which can be applied as a coupon at the checkout. Tickets can be purchased from our online shop at this link.

JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION

Bishop Waltham Photo Society are holding a junior photo competition. There are two categories, up to 11 year and 12-16 years. Please click here to find out how to enter.

COLLEGE CULTURE

Paulton's Park Praise Trip - Invitations Going Out This Week!

We're excited to announce that invitations for this year's Paulton's Park Praise Trip have now been sent via Edulink.

The trip will take place on the following dates:

- Friday 20th June Years 7 and 9
- Tuesday 24th June Years 8 and 10

If your child is invited and would like to attend, please complete the consent form and payment on ParentMail by 9am on Monday 16th June. Full details of the trip arrangements will be included in the invitation letter.

As a reminder, students were selected based on the following criteria between October half-term and 16th May:

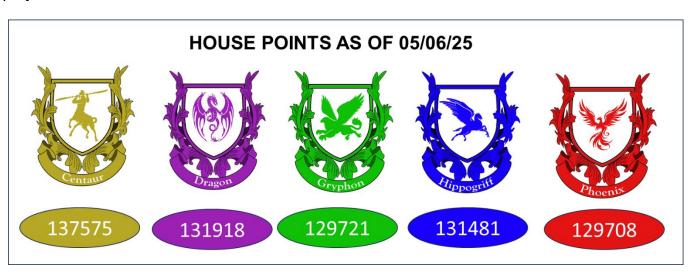
- No unauthorised absences
- 97% or higher punctuality to lessons
- No truancy
- No more than 3 C3 sanctions
- No C4 sanctions
- An average PRIDE score of 7 or higher in the summer term PRIDE reports (out of 10 this year)

If you believe your child has met all of the above criteria but does not receive an invitation, please do contact us early next week and we will be happy to look into it.

Students who are not attending the trip will follow a normal school day on site at Wyvern and are expected to attend in full school uniform as usual.

Thank you for your support in helping us celebrate the students who have consistently met Wyvern's high expectations this year!

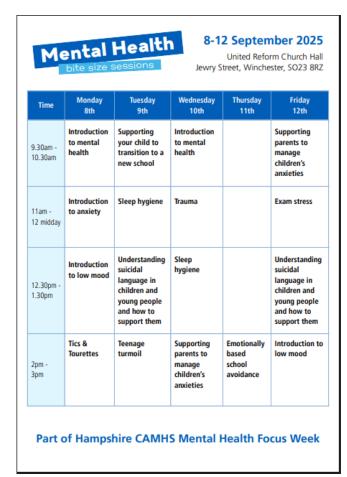
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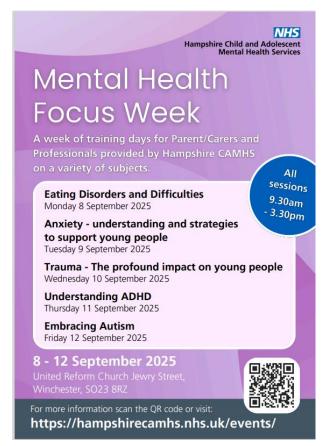


WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT NEW

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KOOTH FREE SEMINAR

Please click below for details of a free webinar from Kooth, "How Parents and Carers can keep young people safe online" Helping young people stay safe on smartphones and online

CAMHS Parents and Carers Events

<u>Click here to find out about upcoming sessions</u> giving parents the opportunity to come in and talk to CAMHS clinicians, ask questions and access resources.

SOUTHAMPTON NEURODIVERSITY HUB

The Southampton Neurodiversity Connections hub is located in Bitterne and is a base for multiple services supporting neurodivergent people of all ages in the Southampton area. Click here to find out more.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Click here for the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter.





GENERAL NOTICES

HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note there will be no homework club on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th June.

FABRIC WANTED

The art department are looking for donations of fabric, plain or patterned. This can come in both forms of unwanted fabric from clothes and scrapes from crafts etc.

Please drop this into reception or alternatively, if you are passing A1 you can pop it into the art department.

We are still taking wool donations too.

A big thank you for your support in advance.



COUNTY ATHLETICS NEWS

Following on from the senior's district trials at Winchester Bar End Athletics Stadium on Monday the 12th May Aeryn (300m) and Reuben (Pole Vault) have been selected to represent the Eastleigh and Winchester District Team at the County Championships in Portsmouth on Saturday 14th June. Congratulations to them both

CAREERS NEWS

APPRENTICESHIP & T-LEVELS

Hampshire County Council have created the sessions to inform everybody about the Apprenticeship and T-Level routes post 16.

1st July 2025 at 6pm: Apprenticeship & Technical

Education – for parents &

carers: https://vimeo.com/1075588993

JUNIOR CHEF PROGRAMME - APPLICATIONS OPEN

We would like to inform you of our exciting 6-week programme that we are running within our Hospitality and Catering department at Eastleigh College.

Hospitality and Catering is one of the fastest growing, exciting and ever-changing industries providing many different job opportunities. The Junior Chef Programme is designed for years 9, 10 and 11 to give them an insight into the professional cookery experience within the Hospitality and Catering industry

Please click here to learn more and how to apply.

PETER SYMONDS OPEN EVENINGS

Open Evenings will be 2 and 3 July 5:30 - 8:30pm. Booking will be available on the website from the







beginning of June.

RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Please click here for details of upcoming opportunities to visit the college.

Click here for a flyer for a parental workshop for any young person struggling with Emotionally Based School/College Absence (EBSA/EBCA). The young person doesn't have to be intending to come to Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. The College is just hosting the event. EBSA/EBCA is increasingly become a challenge for us as educational providers and families often have limited sources for advice and guidance and a forum to share views and gueries.

The QR code on the flyer will take families to the brief booking form on https://bit.ly/4jUO7bl

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVESITY OPEN DAYS Click here for more details.

SETA Apprenticeship News LIVE VACANCIES on SETAs website.

BAE Systems Maritime and Land Defence Solutions:

Headway Programme: for Year 11 and 13s

September - November 2025

We understand that some young women feel uncertain about the potential transition from education into STEAM (science, technology, engineering, engineering arts and maths) industry training and employment.

Our **NEW** Headway Programme gives young women entering academic years 11 and 13 in September 2025 the opportunity to:

- learn about BAE Systems
- meet and shadow our female staff
- explore engineering and business services apprenticeship programmes, starting September 2026

For more details, click here.

UNIFROG SEMINARS

Please see below for this week's unifrog events:

Looking after your mental health and wellbeing at university

Virtual

Part of University: things you ought to know event series

Looking after your mind is just as important as looking after your body. In this webinar, Royal Agricultural University, Queen's University Belfast and the University of Bedfordshire will be discussing top tips on supporting yourself and others, where you can find support whilst studying, and when to know if you or a friend needs help.

Monday 9 June @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up



Why are we so obsessed with true crime? Virtual

Why is watching crime dramas and documentaries so addictive? What sort of psychological impact do you think watching true crime shows has? And is there any cause for concern when it comes to the nation's appetite for crime programmes? Join the University of Law as we explore the impact of a growing viewership for crime dramas and documentaries. We'll discuss whether this is having a harmful effect on society, or inspiring a generation of policing professionals, criminologists, and legal experts.

Tuesday 10 June @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up



YEAR 7 NOTICES

Payment for Practical Work in Design Technology – KS3

Click here for a letter from the Technology Department regarding payment contributions toward KS3 practical work in Design & Technology.

7 weeks to go and what a jam packed 7 weeks Year 7 potentially have! There are so many things scheduled into our calendar that will bring our first academic year together to a beautifully celebratory and positive close. We have department trips, sports day, celebration assembly, praise trip, subject awards evening and

many more occasions to look forward to and will bring with it a plethora of opportunities to celebrate and reward the success of this fabulous year group.

Our Praise Trip to Paulton's Park is this month and invites should be winding their way into your inboxes shortly. The payment deadline is 9am on Monday 16th June and these payments need to be made via ParentMail. All of the details you require will be in the email and we look forward to spending some fun times with those awesome pupils who thoroughly deserve such a treat.

The fundraising is going brilliantly, and we are so proud of everyone who is putting in huge amounts of time and effort to raise some much-needed funds for the Blue Cross. Please continue to support wherever you can and encourage their interests and endeavours with this project. Along this line we would like to wish Ollie (7H1) all the best as he completes the Inflatable 5K on the 12th of July to raise funds for the Marine Conservation Society.

Individual heroes this week are Avaline (7H2), Ben (7H2) and Leon (7P2) who have all amassed the highest number of achievement points in the category of 'all PRIDe expectations met in a lesson'. Well done - keep up the good work.

Mrs Taylor-Waterson
Pastoral Leader Year 7

YEAR 8 NOTICES

HPV Vaccinations

These are taking place this month in the college. Click the link 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: Monday 30th June 2025

• Year Group: Year 8

• Link to website: <u>HPV : Hampshire Healthy Families</u>

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, please complete the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

YEAR 9 NOTICES

For Year 9 Food and Nutrition Students

<u>Click here for a letter from the Technology Department regarding payment contributions for Food and Nutrition</u> additional resources.

For Year 9 Design Technology Students

Click here for a letter from the Technology Department regarding payment contributions for Design Technology additional resources.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

As we move towards the end of June we would like to bring to your attention the Year 10 trial exam timetable which you can find here: Trial-Exams-June-2025-Timetable.pdf Students will get to experience exams as they will happen in year 11 which will give them valuable insight into the GCSE exams next year. Teachers will be talking about the exams and revision for the trial exams so please encourage students to ask if they have any questions or concerns.

