



Thursday 3rd July 2026

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DIARY DATES

July 3 rd	4.00-6.00pm	Wyvern Rocks
July 5 th – July 6 th		DofE Bronze – Final Expedition
July 7 th		Year 9 Parliament Trip Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
July 8 th - July 10 th		Battlefields Trip
July 10 th		Anti-Bullying Ambassadors – Non-Uniform Day
July 11 th	2.00-5.00pm	Wyvern@FairOak60 Celebration – Library, Quad and Main Hall
July 12 th – July 13 th		DofE Bronze – Final Expedition
July 15 th		Sports and House Games Day Summer Concert – Main Hall
July 17 th		Last day of summer term for students - 12.30pm Finish

Assemblies w/b 6th July– Safeguarding

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

Dear parents and carers,

As we move ever closer to the end of another busy and successful academic year, there has been much to celebrate across the college. Last Thursday we had our year 11 leavers assembly and prom at the Botleigh Grange.

Last night, we were delighted to host our **Key Stage 4 Celebration Evening**, recognising students for their achievement, effort and contribution to college life. It was a wonderful occasion and a fitting opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students. Thank you to the parents and families who joined us to share in these special moments. Your support and encouragement play such an important role in our students' success. We now look forward to celebrating our Key Stage 3 students at their awards evening next week. On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Year 6 students for their induction day ahead of joining us in September. It was fantastic to see so many excited faces as they experienced life at the college, met their teachers and began making new friendships. I would also like to thank our prefects, who gave up their time to support the new students throughout the day. They were excellent ambassadors for the college and represented our values superbly.

As the end of term approaches, I also wanted to update you on some staffing changes for September. This summer, we will be saying farewell to a number of valued colleagues. Mr Stocks, Mr Williams, Mr Hall, Mrs Fry and Mrs Tyler are all retiring, while Mr Lewis will be relocating.

It is often said that people only ever seem to leave our college when they retire, and there is certainly more than a grain of truth in that! While we will miss each of these colleagues enormously, it is also a reflection of the strong sense of community that so many members of staff choose to build long and fulfilling careers here. I know many parents attended Wyvern as students themselves and were taught by some of these staff.

I would like to thank each of them for their many years of dedicated service to our students, families and wider college community. Collectively, they have made an enormous contribution to the life of the college, and their commitment, professionalism and care have positively influenced generations of young people. We wish all these staff every success as they begin their next chapter.

The government has published an Enrichment Framework for Schools and Colleges which sets out a **core enrichment entitlement** for students in all schools. It is designed to help schools ensure every student has access to high-quality enrichment. **It says that students should have access to 5 enrichment in five core areas**

1. **Civic engagement**
 - Volunteering
 - Debating
 - Student leadership and democracy
 - Community action
2. **Arts and culture**
 - Music, drama, dance and visual arts
 - Museums and galleries
 - Live performances
 - Creative expression
3. **Nature, outdoors and adventure**
 - Outdoor learning
 - Environmental and sustainability projects
 - Gardening
 - Residential visits and camps
 - Adventure activities
4. **Sport and physical activity**
 - Individual and team sports
 - Fitness and dance
 - Cycling and outdoor recreation
 - Opportunities to attend live sporting events
5. **Life and future skills**
 - STEM clubs
 - Digital literacy
 - Enterprise and entrepreneurship
 - Cooking
 - Financial capability and other practical life skills

We do offer a very rich programme of extra curricular activities. However there are some areas we can strengthen here and importantly we need to identify the barriers that prevent some students participating in them so we can remove these barriers and improve attendance at these activities.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over recent months, we have noticed a gradual decline in standards relating to school uniform with a number of stretch and jersey material trousers in particular appearing. As a college, we believe that high standards of uniform contribute positively to students' sense of pride, readiness to learn, and the professional culture of our school community.

We are therefore writing now to give families advance notice that, from September 2026, Wyvern College will be strictly enforcing our uniform policy in all areas.

We appreciate that many families will soon begin purchasing new uniform items for the next academic year, and we want to ensure that parents and carers are fully aware of the expectations before making purchases. In particular, we ask that careful attention is paid to the requirements regarding trousers and shoes, as these are the areas where we are currently seeing the greatest number of issues.

Please note the following key expectations:

Trousers:

Trousers must be formal, tailored school trousers in mid/dark grey, worn at the waist and reaching the ankle. Jersey fabric, leggings, stretchy materials, skinny-fit fashion trousers or cropped styles are not permitted. Trousers should hang away from the leg and not be form fitting.

This seems to be an issue for female students where a multitude of styles are available, a number of parents have reported they have purchased trousers from the school section in shops but they do not meet our requirements. Examples of permitted trousers include those linked below:

Sainsbury's: [Buy 2 Pack Grey Trousers Longer Leg 13 years | School trousers | Tu](#)

Asda: [Grey Longer Length Woven Girls School Trousers 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

M&S: [2 Pack Girls' Plus Fit Regular Leg Trousers \(2-18 Yrs\) | M&S](#)

Next: [Buy Grey Plain Front School Trousers \(3-18yrs\) from the Next UK online shop](#)

SkoolKit: [Skoolkit](#)

Shoes:

Shoes must be plain black leather or pleather school shoes. Trainers, canvas shoes, boots, platforms, plimsolls and branded footwear (including Nike, Adidas, Converse and Vans) are not acceptable, including black on black logo designs).

We also ask parents to ensure that all other aspects of uniform comply fully with the school policy, including jewellery, coats, bags, socks/tights and PE kit requirements. A photo guide to assist in your purchasing can be found here: [Wyvern-College-Uniform-Expectations-v3.pdf](#)

Full details of our policy can be found here: [Uniform Policy](#)

Our intention in communicating this now is to give families sufficient time to prepare and avoid unnecessary expense or inconvenience later. From September 2026, students who do not meet the published uniform expectations may be challenged and sanctions may be applied in line with the school behaviour policy.

We appreciate your continued support in maintaining the high standards expected at Wyvern College and helping students to represent the school positively.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Goss

Assistant Headteacher



DRESS DOWN DAY

FRIDAY
JULY
10TH

Our wonderful team of
Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have
organised a dress down day for
Friday July 10th, we will be raising
money for



EASTLEIGH
YOUTH COUNSELLING
a local charity that supports or
has supported many of our students.



Please make your donations to
the **finance office**, or ask your
parents to pay via **parentmail**.



THE USUAL DRESS DOWN DAY RULES WILL APPLY –

if you wear any clothing that is deemed unsuitable for
school it will be challenged and parents will be contacted
and asked to bring in suitable clothing before you will be
allowed in general circulation.

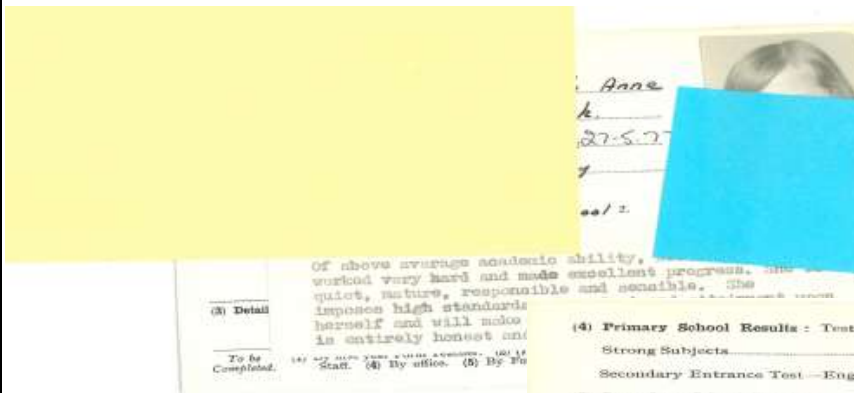


COMMUNITY NEWS

A message from the Pavilion Close/Botley Road Lollipop man – he will not be there next week Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th and hopes to be back Thursday 9th July.



Old School Record Cards



We currently have hundreds of old school record cards from students who left Wyvern in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

These are very basic cards with a photo, address, brief comment for each year they attended and a brief character testimonial for when they left school.

If you think this might be yours, or that that of a family member, please come and collect it from the 'Old report cards' table. You will need to provide information on the persons who's report it is, plus some form of identification.

VACANCIES

We have a number of vacancies advertised on our website
For more information go to [Recruitment - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)



LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of items in our lost property (Coats, PE kits, uniform, water bottles etc).

The lost property will be set up in reception and available to parents and students to collect their missing items from **3-4pm from Monday 6th July through to Friday 10th July 2026**.

Additionally, the lost property will also be available for students only to check during **both breaktimes on Monday 6th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July**. Please ask your child to come to the main reception to locate any missing items.

This is our final clear out of lost property for the year. Any items not claimed after this time will be disposed of or recommissioned into our second-hand uniform stock. There will be no capacity to check the lost property during the summer break.

GCSE ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are 3 students who are currently doing our GCSE active citizenship campaign. We are trying to get some signatures for our petition about banning enriched and colony cages in the egg industry as part of our campaign. We believe this is important as nearly 1 in 4 hens in the industry live in these enriched or colony cages all year round and they are created to be small and cramped to maximise the number of hens in an area, at the expense of the hens' living conditions. The small space in the cages don't give them enough space to do normal behaviours, such as perching or stretching their wings.

Please would you kindly be able to sign our petition below as it will only take a minute and would benefit us greatly:

[Ban enriched and colony cages for hens - Petitions](#)

Thank you,

James, Charlie and Owen

CAREERS NEWS

Barton Peveril Taster Days

Please see link for Barton Peveril Taster Days

[Barton - YR10 Taster Day Information Pack 2026 \(2\).pdf](#)

Eastleigh College Junior Chef Programme

Please see link for Eastleigh College Junior Chef Programme

[Junior Chefs Programme \(for Year 9 to 11 students\) - SHCG | South Hampshire College Group](#)

SETA APPRENTICESHIPS

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

TASTER & OPEN DAYS

[Click here to see details of the SETA Taster Day on Saturday 7th November 2026](#)

[Click here to see detail of the Barton Peveril Open Event on the 23rd and 24th of September 2026](#)

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Important: Major Changes to Free School Meals (September 2026)



Department
for Education

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, free school meal eligibility is expanding. Under new government guidelines, the pupils of all families in receipt of Universal Credit (UC) will be entitled to receive a free meal at the College from September 2026.

There will now be a two-tiered support system based on household income:

- Targeted Support (Income under £7,400 + UC): Pupils receive free school meals and qualify for Pupil Premium funding (which provides extra support for learning and College activities).
- Extended Support (Income over £7,400 + UC): Pupils receive free school meals only; they do not qualify for Pupil Premium.

What this means for your family:

- Existing Free School Meal Families: Please do not reapply. Hampshire County Council (HCC) will automatically update your records. Reapplying will create confusing duplicate records.
- Families Previously Turned Down: If you applied before and were not eligible, do not reapply. HCC will automatically reassess your previous application against the new criteria.
- New Applicants: If your household receives Universal Credit and you have *never* applied before, applications are open now for September.

How New Families Can Apply

New applicants can apply via the [Hampshire County Council Online Portal](#).

Previous applicants: You can also use this link to check a previous application. To log in, you must enter your own application reference and your own date of birth (not your child's).

If You Disagree with a Decision

If you have applied and believe the decision is incorrect, please contact enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk. We can contact Hampshire County Council on your behalf to request further advice. Please include your application details.

Summer savings for families

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.



The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

IMMUNISATION NEWS

[Please click here for the School Age Immunisation Service Summer Newsletter](#) that details what the service will be providing over the next academic year.

Online Safety Newsletter – JUNE NEW!

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



WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water. ♥

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.

MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

 As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

 Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

 EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME Including bath time safety and garden hazards.	 STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.	 PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".	 AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.	 WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.
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Small actions, big difference ♥

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer. ♥

 For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

 Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other

 **HSCP**
Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together



We would like to invite families living in Kinship care arrangements or similar to join us at the next Kinship Care Café.

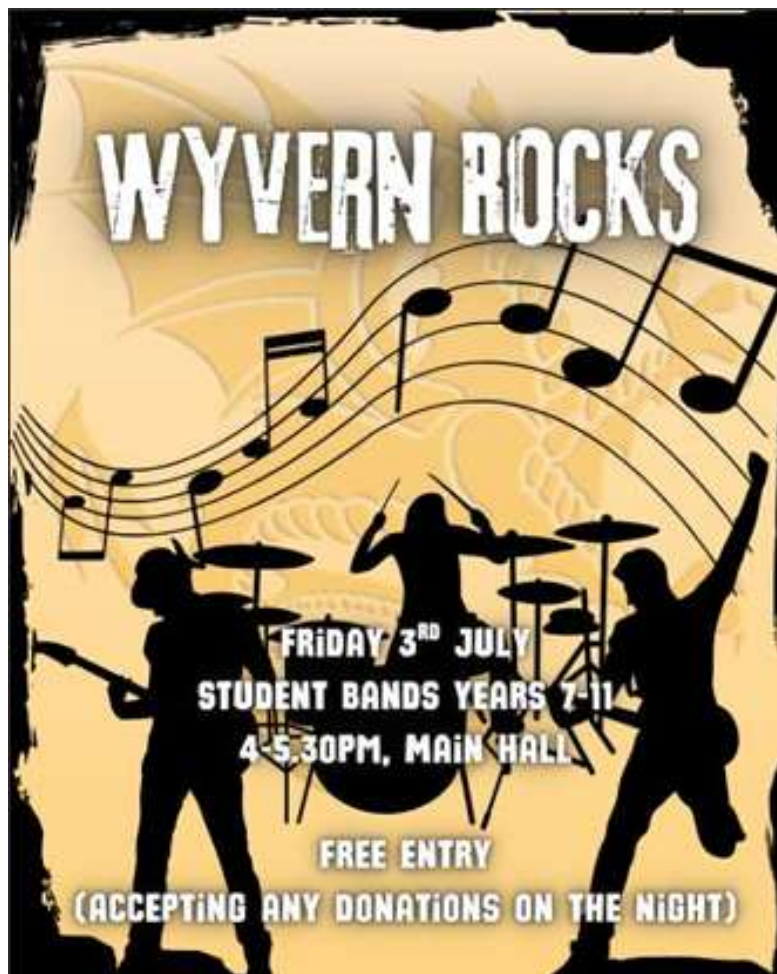
Thursday 2nd July 2026

Fountain Café Shorts Road, Fair Oak.

If you would like more information please contact
e.goss@wyvern.hants.sch.uk



MUSIC NEWS



Music Production Online Taster Sessions – Fill in form

ONLINE MUSIC PRODUCTION LESSONS

Interested in music, technology, or creating your own tracks?
Create music from the comfort of your own home!
 Our Online Music Production lessons are the perfect place to start - no experience needed!

- Learn to create beats, basslines & chord progressions
- Mix, arrange and structure your own songs
- Explore a huge range of styles and genres
- Follow our structured Music Production curriculum
- Work towards recognised stage certificates
- Suitable for Year 4 - Year 8

All taught online after school

Join a FREE Taster Session

Come and experience what our weekly music production lessons are like each week!

In this interactive session, we'll demonstrate how we use BandLab to recreate elements of a popular song - exploring what's possible with just your creativity and a laptop.

Sign up for a session on:

- Monday 13th July - 4:30 - 5:30pm
- Thursday 16th July - 4:30 - 5:30pm

Click here to sign up



Wyvern Summer Concert 2026

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
 ARRIVAL FROM 6.30PM

MUSIC ON THE MAIN STAGE
 BEGINS 7PM.

ACOUSTIC SET IN THE QUAD
 ART EXHIBITION IN THE FOYER

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

WYVERN MAIN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
[HTTP://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.COM/WYVERN-COLLEGE](http://www.ticketsource.com/wyvern-college)





YEAR 7 NOTICES

Instrumental lessons- please ensure you sign up for lessons for 2026-27 on the online form on Parentmail.

Drum lessons- there is a space for a free drum taster lesson between now and the end of term- please email Miss Wood for details s.wood@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

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