



Thursday 9th July 2026

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DIARY DATES

July 8 th - July 10 th		Battlefields Trip
July 10 th		Planned non-uniform day has been rescheduled – details below
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 13th July– Celebration Assemblies

NEW KEY COLLEGE DATES – click here for a list of the key college dates for 2026-2027, including details of term dates and INSET Days

Dear parents and carers,

I have been impressed this week by the resilience shown by our students. Despite the hot weather, they have got on with their lessons with minimal fuss and maintained a strong focus on learning. Many students also managed to watch the England v Mexico game in the early hours of Monday morning and still came into college ready for a full day of learning. Thank you to those of you who supported them in managing both, and who reinforced the importance of attendance. In doing so, you are helping them understand that commitment, routine and perseverance matter, even when we are tired or when conditions are not ideal. These are important habits that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Walking around college this week, I have been pleased to see that the focus has remained firmly on teaching and learning, despite both the heat and the fact that we are now in the penultimate week of term.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is natural to pause and reflect on all that has been achieved over the past twelve months. It has been a year full of hard work, growth, challenge and success, and we have been delighted to take time recently to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of our students. These celebrations have taken a number of forms, including the much-enjoyed trip to Paultons Park, our two awards evenings, and celebration assemblies in college. Each of these moments has given us the opportunity to acknowledge not only academic success, but also the effort, resilience, kindness, leadership and contribution that students have shown throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of them.

Through our rewards system, we have tried to recognise students consistently throughout the year, not just at the end of it. This year, students have been awarded an impressive 747,248 achievement points, which averages at just under 600 per student. I hope you will be able to praise your child's efforts this academic year and recognise their success in securing these achievement points by celebrating their achievements at home too.

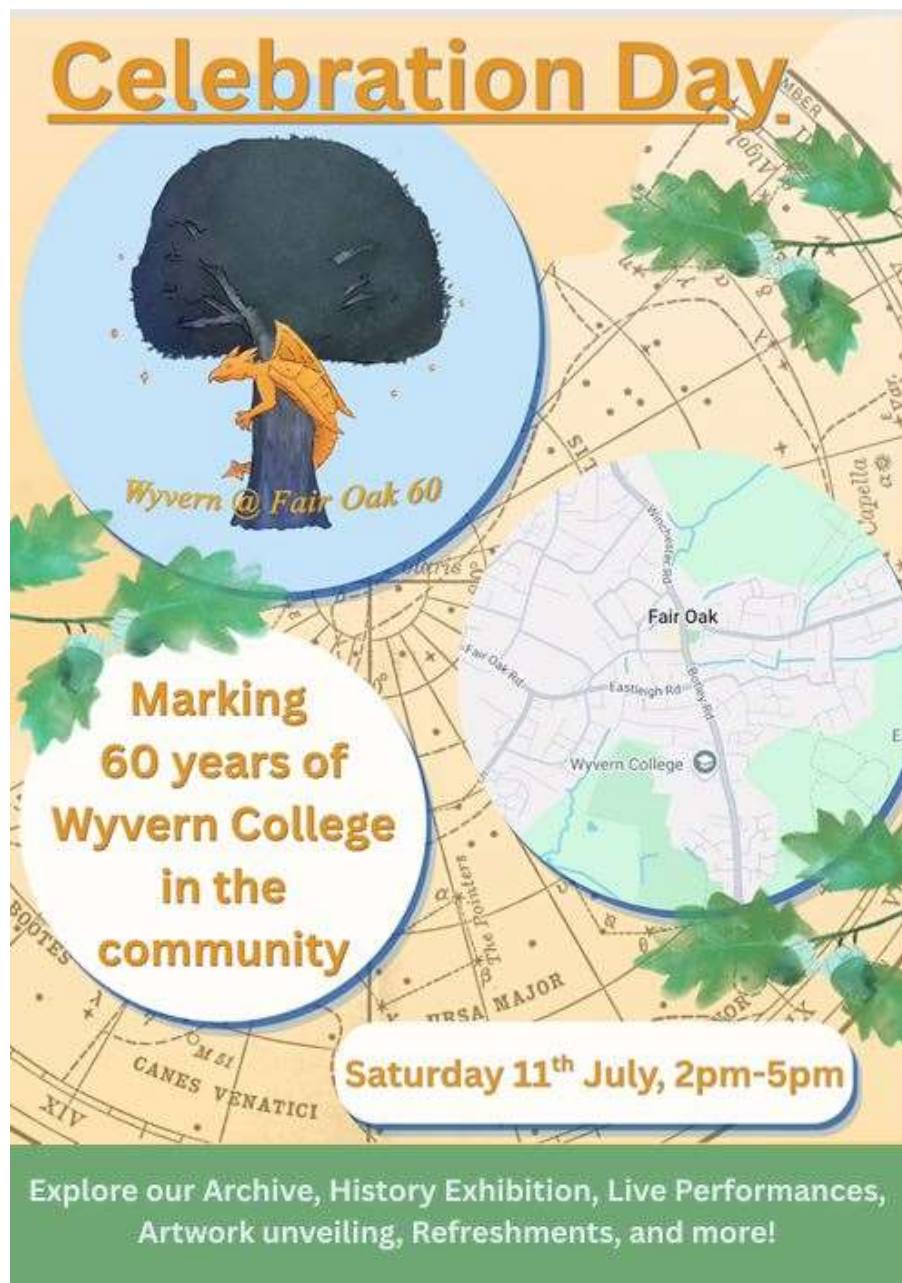
Safeguarding advice: water safety

As the weather becomes warmer, we would like to remind families of the importance of speaking to young people about water safety. Lakes, rivers, reservoirs, canals and the sea can be extremely dangerous, even for confident swimmers. Cold water shock, hidden currents, sudden changes in depth, underwater hazards and the difficulty of getting out can all put young people at serious risk.

Please encourage your child never to swim or play in open water without appropriate supervision, to avoid jumping into unknown water, and to stay with friends in safe, visible areas. If someone gets into difficulty, they should not enter the water to try to rescue them. Instead, they should call 999, ask for the Coastguard if at the coast or Fire and Rescue if inland, and encourage the person in difficulty to float on their back until help arrives.

We want all students to enjoy the warm weather safely and to make sensible choices around water.

With best wishes
Mr Rule



CELEBRATION DAY – Have we got you 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 in the library. You will need to provide information on the persons whose report it is, plus some form of identification.

[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL PROGRAMME OF THE CELEBRATION DAY](#)

CHANGE TO NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 10TH JULY

As many of you will be aware, a letter was sent to all parents/carers this morning informing them that we are not holding the non-uniform day planned for tomorrow, Friday the 10th of July.

With our students already in PE kit we really feel that they day just would not have the impact it usually has and so we will be moving it to September.

The donations already received will roll over to that day and we will also have our new Year 7 students able to take part - which means we will be able to raise even more funds for the Eastleigh Youth Counselling Service.

Thanks, from our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to all of you that have already donated.

Uniform Expectations

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSURE OF CEMETERY PATH DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that the Parish Council will be carrying out resurfacing work to the Cemetery Path, off Botley Road, Fair Oak this summer. The contractor has confirmed the start date of Monday 27th July, and Hampshire County Council has issued the authority to close the path until the end of August 2026 as the work may take up to four weeks. These dates have been selected to minimise disruption to the local schools.





GENERAL NEWS

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

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

LIBRARY UPDATE

Please forgive the possible mass emails parents may receive in the coming days regarding their child's overdue books. Due to a technical glitch, the system has only been informing the students about overdue loans. These messages are supposed to go out to both parents and students, and this should now be rectified going forwards.

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](#)

UNIFROG WEBINARS

Psychology Taster: how do our memories shape us?



Have you ever wondered what memory really is, how we can strengthen it, and why we forget? Join Dr Natasha Lindsay from The University of Law to explore how our memories work, why they can make mistakes, and how they're shaped by suggestion. You'll discover the 'Seven Sins of Memory' (Schacter 2001) and look at creative ways to investigate and enhance memory, including the power of music and smell. Learn about the fascinating science of memory and strategies to better understand and improve it.

Thursday 9th July, 18:30 – 19:15

Engineering the future of healthcare: meet the experts

Discover how engineering is transforming healthcare in this exclusive webinar with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Hear from experts at the forefront of medical engineering, ask your questions, and explore career pathways in this innovative field. Stay connected with our partners after the event to hear about their latest opportunities.

Wed 23 Sep 16:30-17:15



WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

BUS PASSES – 2026/2027

Parent/carers will be emailed their child's QR code pass for the 2026/27 academic year on 10th July 2026. We will also send copies of all the passes to school and your assistance in printing the passes for those students that require it, is appreciated.

Please note that the new passes are not valid on transport until the 1st September 2026.

[Click here for the initial correspondence that the School Transport Service has sent to parents/carers.](#)

In accordance with the School Transport Policy and the Code of Conduct for Mainstream Students, all students must present and scan a valid pass when boarding the bus. Students without a valid pass will not be permitted to travel. Misuse, or no-use of pass without a valid reason, will result in a passenger's pass being deactivated.

Thank you for your continued 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](#)



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.

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