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DIARY DATES

Apologies for the error last week but these are now corrected.

[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,

As we come to the end of another full and rewarding school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

A successful school community depends on strong relationships between home and school, and we are extremely grateful for the many ways in which you support your children, our staff and the wider life of the college. Whether through encouraging good attendance, helping students to prepare for their learning, attending events or celebrating their achievements, your support makes a genuine difference.

This final week has been a particularly joyful and fitting way to bring the year to a close. Our students have truly shone through Sports Day, the house competitions and our summer concert.

Sports Day was a wonderful celebration of effort, teamwork and determination. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part, supporting one another and representing their houses with such enthusiasm. The house competitions have also brought great energy and excitement to the end of term, giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, resilience and team spirit.

Our summer concert was another real highlight. The confidence, talent and commitment shown by our performers were exceptional, and we were incredibly proud of every student who took part.

Events such as these remind us just how much our students have to offer and how important it is to provide opportunities for them to succeed both inside and beyond the classroom.

I would also like to thank everyone who joined us on Saturday for the college's 60th anniversary celebration. It was wonderful to welcome so many members of our current and former college community back through our doors. Many parents and grandparents who attended were themselves former students, and it was a real pleasure to see them reconnecting with the college and sharing their memories with younger generations. The archive display of photographs, yearbooks, written records and other documents from across the college's history proved especially popular. Many visitors were delighted to find photographs and records from the period during which they attended the college. The event provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate not only the history of the college, but also the generations of students, families and staff who have helped to shape our community over the past 60 years. Thank you to the History Club and to all the members of staff who worked so hard to research, organise and present the event. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Tyler for her dedication and the significant contribution she made to ensuring that the celebration was such a success.

I would also like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to organise this week's events and support our students throughout the year. Their dedication, care and commitment continue to make our college such a positive and ambitious place in which to learn.

As we begin to look ahead to September, I would like to ask for your support in helping us achieve the highest possible attendance during the first week of the new school year. The first few days are extremely important. They allow students to settle into their new routines, meet their teachers, understand expectations and begin their learning with confidence.

Evidence shows that students who miss the first days of term can find it more difficult to catch up and are more likely to miss a greater proportion of the term. Being in college from the very beginning helps students to feel connected,

organised and ready to succeed. We therefore ask families to make every effort to ensure that students return on the correct day and attend every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

The arrangements for the first week are as follows:

- **Tuesday 1 September:** INSET day
- **Wednesday 2 September:** INSET day
- **Thursday 3 September:** Year 7 students only
- **Friday 4 September:** All students return

Preparing well for September can make the return to college much smoother for everyone. As part of this preparation, our second-hand uniform service will be available every Tuesday throughout the summer holidays. This is an excellent opportunity for families to obtain good-quality uniform items before the beginning of the new term. Further information about opening times and arrangements is available from the college. We encourage families to use the summer break to check that students have the correct uniform, footwear and equipment ready for their return. Being fully prepared helps students to begin the year feeling confident, organised and ready to focus on their learning.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all our students on their achievements this year. There have been so many moments of success, progress and personal growth, and we are immensely proud of the contribution they have made to our college community.

I hope that all our students, parents and carers enjoy a safe, restful and happy summer. Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on Thursday 3 September and the whole college community on Friday 4 September for the beginning of another exciting year.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS TERM

ThisTerm@Wyvern

Our round up of all the highlights from this term are in the latest version of [thisTerm@Wyvern – which you can access by clicking on this link.](#)

We are covering the Wyvern@FairOak60 celebration, summer performances, Duke of Edinburgh round up, our praise events, trips to Germany and France, sporting achievements, outstanding work and more. Plus, we have pictures of the adorable visitors in our Hatchling Childcare unit.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Second hand uniform will be on sale in our reception area from Tuesday 28th July 10-12 and every Tuesday at the same time throughout the summer. Whist donations are welcome, they are not expected.

We also would be delighted to receive any unwanted items to pass on.



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.



CAREERS NEWS

Barton Peveril Taster Days

Please see link for Barton Peveril Taster Days

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

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](#)

A poster for the 'YOUTH IMPACT Foundation Programme'. It features a group of young people working together on a project. The text includes: 'YOUTH IMPACT Foundation Programme', 'Year 7-9 Students (11-14 year olds)', '10am-4pm every day', 'Locations across Hampshire this summer', 'Programme Highlights', 'Sports, games, team challenges & Inflatables', 'Football, basketball and outdoor activities', 'Plenty of free time to relax and socialise', 'Short, hands-on sessions including first aid, cooking and life skills', 'A fun, supportive space to build confidence and friendships', 'FREE FOR STUDENTS THAT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND ARE HAF ELIGIBLE', 'Our summer programme is a fun, active four-day experience where young people can relax, get moving, and enjoy their school break in a positive and supportive environment.', 'Throughout the week, participants will take part in sports, games, team challenges, and inflatables, alongside plenty of free time to socialise and relax. Activities such as football, dodgeball, and outdoor games are balanced with choice and flexibility, allowing young people to take part at their own pace. There will also be short, hands-on sessions including first aid, cooking, and practical life skills, delivered in a relaxed and engaging way. The programme focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and friendships — all while having fun.', 'WHY TAKE PART?', 'Learn life skills', 'Meet new friends', 'Gain confidence', 'Have fun!!!', 'SIGN UP!', '01794 755351', 'www.theyouthimpact.co.uk/foundation'. There is also a QR code.

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT



DISCOUNTED BIG DAYS OUT

Disclaimer - these are the price for non members



19th July & 9th Aug | Thorpe Park | £25
1st Aug | Paultons Park | £37
2nd Aug | Legoland | £25
3rd Aug | Cadbury's World | £22
4th Aug | Marwell Zoo | £19 - £22
5th & 13th Aug | 4 Kingdoms | £9.50
6th & 27th Aug | Finkley Down Farm | £12
10th Aug | Butlins Bognor Regis | £20
15th Aug | Alton Towers | £25
16th Aug | Chessington | £27

To book, please email
activities@spotlightuk.org

www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



Discounted Activities Summer Holidays

21st July | Bowling Fareham | 6pm | £3.50
24th July | Bowling Eastleigh | 6pm | £3.50
25th July | Air Extreme Havant - 2pm - £4.50
26th July | High Score Southampton | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
30th July | Rock Up Climbing Fareham | 6pm | £6.50
4th Aug | Ice Skating Gosport | 11:30am | £6.50
9th Aug | High Score Southampton | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
12th Aug | Rock Up Climbing Fareham | 6pm | £6.50
13th Aug | Bowling Portsmouth | 6pm | £3.50
14th Aug | Romsey Family Swim | 2pm | £2.50 - £6.50
19th Aug | Bowling Eastleigh | 6pm | £3.50
20th Aug | Ninja Warrior Southampton | 1pm | £6.50
25th Aug | Romsey Family Swim | 1pm | £2.50 - £6.50
26th Aug | Ninja Warrior Southampton | 1pm | £6.50

All discounted prices are subsidised by Spotlight UK



For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

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](#)



YEAR 7 NOTICES

As we come to the end of year 7, their first at Wyvern I would like to reiterate some of the messages I gave to the students in our wonderful Celebration Assembly on Monday morning.

An outstanding 218 students received prizes for their excellent work, attitude and commitment this year. This was based on their achievement and behaviour point ratio, and we were blown away with how many of Year 7 met these criteria.

We are very proud of how well our students have adjusted to life at Secondary school. Prior to and at the start of the school year lots of our students were really anxious and/or worried about starting Secondary school, they have done exceptionally well at adjusting and shown phenomenal resilience. It has been truly rewarding to see how much they have grown already, and we hope you are as proud of them as we are. They are a fantastic group of young people, and it has been a true honour to get to know them all so well.

To top off the school year it was fantastic to see so many students at Awards Evening last week and see the immense pride on the students faces to be acknowledged for all their hard work and commitment to their learning this year. A lovely evening, a massive well done to all our very worthy winners!

I hope you are all able to enjoy some much needed time off and they can recharge their batteries ready for Year 8.

For the last time well done Year 7, we will see you in Year 8! Have a lovely summer.

All the best
Mr Merriman and Miss Stedman

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Hot, hot, hot!

Those are the only words I can find to describe the past few weeks and the end of term. However the pupils have coped admirably in really challenging conditions with only a few mumbles and grumbles. It has been tough but it has built resilience and has highlighted the importance of staying hydrated in order to maintain focus in lessons.

The end of term has been a busy one with some glorious celebratory events, concerts, sports day and house events. As usual Year 8 pupils have been involved in many aspects of these, have played important roles and have been cracking role models to the rest of their peers. The Wyvern Awards were hot and sticky but were well attended none the less. It was lovely to witness the surprise on pupils faces when they realised what award they had won and it was a pleasure to present them with their medal and certificate. Our own year group Praise Assembly was a raucous affair with lots of noise, awards, fun and laughter had by all - always a nice way to end the year.

The Year 8 Great Wyvern Bake off was a very successful House and charity event raising £575.05 for Cancer Research UK. This was a fabulous team effort from all of our pupils and it was really lovely to see them all pulling together to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

As I type sports day is in full swing with lots of pupils running, jumping and throwing their hearts out. Today was a joyous affair with lots of singing, cheering and celebrating the successes of others. It was also heartwarming to witness those not out in front still receiving encouragement and praise until they had crossed the finish line - this just demonstrates what a lovely bunch Year 8 are.

With the term coming to a close it seems strange to be talking about next term but, can just ask that over the summer holidays the stationary stocks are replenished, water bottles are purchased and that uniform is bought in line with our policy please?

I hope everyone takes time during the summer holiday to relax, have fun and make some memories with your families.

Year 8 Team

YEAR 9 NOTICES

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that Year 10 Work Experience will take place in the coming academic year for one week, commencing 19 April 2027.

As a college we have access to a wide range of placements through our partnership with Education, Business Partnership South (EBP) and we will launch these in the new year.

However, should you wish to pursue an 'own placement' please do look to contact family members or local companies and organisations to explore potential work experience placements.

Further information, including key dates and placement requirements, will be provided in September 2026. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to helping students secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Kind Regards

Mrs Gough
Careers Leader

What a term it has been! Battlefield, DofE, Praise trips – KS4 awards – celebration breakfast and the culmination of the House Competition. Its great to have had so much to celebrate as we close out the year.

Well done to our Year 9s for their hard work during this very warm term – we hope that you have a lovely summer holiday – ready to start Year 10 in September.

The Year 9 Team

YEAR 10 NOTICES

After, what feels like, a very long term, which included Year 10 Trials Exams, NEA food & nutrition cooking assessments, D of E expeditions, Sports Day, the Summer Concert and the Battlefields Trip, we have reached the end. Despite the hot weather, Year 10 have shown resilience and maturity in all they do, and have been a great example to other students; and not just the prefects.

At the end of the year, we will be saying thank you and goodbye to Mrs Strand (Deputy Pastoral Leader) who is taking up a new role in further education as a Progress Coach. She will be really missed and has made a huge contribution to Year 10 this year. We wish her well, and will be keeping in touch to update her on how everyone is doing. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Williams, tutor for 10D2 who is retiring. Mr Williams has taught at Wyvern for more than 20 years and he will be sorely missed by us all. He has been an amazing tutor in the Year 10 team and will be a tough act to follow.

Mr. C. Street
Pastoral Leader (Year 10)

A quick note to inform you that next academic year the pastoral team for the year group will continue to be led by Mr Street, and he will be supported by Mrs Emeny in the role of Deputy Pastoral Leader.

Wishing you and your families all the best for the summer.