Thursday 25th September 2025

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DIARY DATES

September 19th September 24th September 25th

6.00-7.00pm

6.30-7.30pm

4.00-7.00pm

6.30-7.30pm

6.30-8.00pm

September 26th

September 29th

September 30th

October 1st October 7th October 8th

October 10th

October 15th

October 16th & 24th October 24th

November 3rd

December 19th

INSET Day

CAT Testing Year 7 Day 1 CAT Testing Year 7 Day 2

Year 11 Geography trip to Whiteley Year 7 Parents Pastoral Info Evening

Bookings open for Year 11 Virtual

Parents Evening

Year 7 Activity Day

PRIDe reports to parents Year 11 Geography trip to Whiteley

DofE new cohort info evening.
Year 9 PE Information Evening
Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening
Year 9 Sports Studies Info Evening

Mental Health Awareness Day Year 11 Info Evening – English,

Maths and Science

Nasal Flu Vaccinations ALL YEARS College closes for Autumn Half Term

Holiday

College re-opens for second half of

autumn term.

College closes for Christmas Holidays

Assemblies this week:

KEY COLLEGE DATES – click here for a list of the key college dates for 2025-2026

Dear parents and Carers,

Open Evening

Last Thursday we had our annual open evening, and it was a pleasure to meet some of you with children in year 6, hoping to join their siblings at Wyvern. I was also pleased to meet parents who do not yet have children at Wyvern. We saw a lot of interest from parents who live out of catchment, who said they were attracted to our high standards in behaviour, the quality of our pastoral care, our focus on personal development, as well as the good results students get. We are very fortunate in Eastleigh to have many very good secondary schools, each with a distinct ethos so that parents can choose the right culture for their child to reflect the approach and values they want.

Super-curricular

In addition to our extra-curricular activities that I advertised last week, there is also our super-curricular programme of academic enrichment. This enables students to extend or deepen their understanding of the topics that are being covered in class: listening to podcasts, viewing websites, reading articles, watching documentaries; visiting sites. The super-curriculum tasks are voluntary and designed for students who have a passion for subjects which they wish to pursue beyond lessons. They can be found by subject in the curriculum handbook for each subject: Curriculum Overview - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care

Extra-curricular	Super-curricular
Activities outside the remit of the regular, taught curriculum.	Activities linked to and extending the regular, taught curriculum.
Complementary activities, widening experience of the subject. Adds breadth.	Supplementary activities, deepening experience of the subject. Adds depth.
Tends to be more recreational and experiential: clubs, teams, trips, visits and competitions.	Tends to be more academically focused, demanding scholarship.
Not compulsory but voluntary.	Not compulsory but voluntary.
Activities that are above and beyond class work.	Activities that are above and beyond class work.
Not a substitute for homework.	Not a substitute for homework.

Beewell

If your child is in year 7 or year 10, you should have received by now an email explaining that we would like your child to complete a survey as part of the national research on children's wellbeing. This is part of the University of Manchester's BeeWell research project which aims to identify the challenges facing young people and put in place the support they need. I am particularly pleased that the Anna Freud Foundation is involved in this project as it produced outstanding resources to support wellbeing and is committed to using research to produce more. You can find out more about BeeWell here Home - #BeeWell

Safeguarding

The safeguarding team has been very busy since the start of term. The team is made up of 14 members of staff who have specialist training in how to manage and respond to a wide range of safeguarding issues. Students can talk to a preferred trusted adult in college about any of their problems – it does not have to be a member of the safeguarding team. However, these staff will pass onto the safeguarding team things students have disclosed to them and we will then follow up. The safeguarding team is led by Miss Parker who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and there are several deputy leads: Miss Chapman, Mrs Emeny, Mr Emeny, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Goss, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Merriman, Mrs Munday, Miss Stedman, Mrs Strand, Mrs Taylor-Waterson, Mr Westlake and me.

Once again, the team has dealt with a lot of problems caused by unregulated access to social media and the internet, with children accessing age-inappropriate content. There is not a "type" of student who does this, and many parents have been surprised when we have contacted them to tell them about safeguarding issues as their child is not "the type" to be involved in these.

Every child with unregulated access to social media forums and the internet is at risk of the following safeguarding issues: sexting, sextortion, grooming, predators, trolling, cyber-bullying, phishing, hazing, fake news, hate speech, self-harm glorification, suicide promotion, identity theft, prejudicial influencers, dark web, exploitation, misinformation and radicalisation.

This list may sound alarmist but actually we know these things can happen in our community because they do happen in it and the safeguarding team deal with these issues at Wyvern. We can and do teach students about these issues and our mobile phone restrictions at college prevent students from encountering these during college hours. However, we cannot police what students do at home on their screens and that is not our role either. We do need you to do this please.

In the weekly newsletter I often give safeguarding advice around different issues and topics but if I could give only one piece of advice it would be to regularly check what your child is doing online, especially in social media forums which have age restrictions precisely because users can be victim to the issues I have just listed AND to also put controls onto your child's phones to restrict their access to inappropriate content. Many teenagers do not like boundaries, but they need them - to keep themselves safe and others too.

With best wishes Mr Rule

COLLEGE CULTURE

Dear parents and carers,

Every child deserves to learn in a calm, purposeful classroom, free from disruption, distraction or worry. That's the foundation we work hard to build at Wyvern — not just through rules, but through clear systems, individual support, and a commitment to fairness.

This week, we're sharing more detail about three key areas of our behaviour policy where we're strengthening our systems:

- 1. Repeated disruption or defiance
- 2. Lesson truancy

Each of these can have a serious impact on learning and wellbeing — not only for the student involved, but for others in the room. Our systems aim to be firm but proportionate, and always matched with the right level of support.

Disruption & Defiance: A New Consequences Pathway

The vast majority of students behave impeccably, day in and day out. But for a very small minority who repeatedly disrupt learning or show defiance towards staff, our previous system — repeated C3 detentions — was not changing behaviour.

We are now introducing a **Disruption & Defiance Consequences Pathway**, a structured process that escalates consequences in line with repeated patterns of misbehaviour, rather than only treating every incident in isolation.

Every three weeks, the Senior Leadership Team will review each student's behaviour record in this category and decide whether they:

Stay on their current step on the pathway

Move up to the next step pathway

Step down due to improved conduct

As students move up the pathway, the sanctions increase — but so does the support. Structured reflection activities, targeted interventions, and parent involvement are all built in at every stage. The pathway is not just about holding students accountable — it is about helping them change direction with help from school and home.

However, the system does have an end point. If a student reaches the final stage and breaches expectations again, the outcome will be a move to Alternative Provision, a Pupil Referral Unit, or in some cases, permanent expulsion. These decisions are never taken lightly — but we must protect the learning and wellbeing of the hundreds of students who do the right thing every day.

Truancy: A Dedicated Pathway to Stop the Pattern

We have also seen, post-COVID, a rise in a particular pattern seen nationally — students refusing to attend lessons and moving unsupervised around site. At Wyvern this is relatively rare, and we are determined to keep it that way.

Our new **Truancy Consequences Pathway** mirrors the structure above: it provides escalating consequences, alongside support and clear intervention for those who truant lessons.

If a student repeatedly refuses to attend lessons and causes disruption around the school site, they will move up this pathway — and if the behaviour continues, they will not be able to remain at Wyvern. No school can allow repeated lesson avoidance to become normalised. It is unfair on teachers, on peers, and on the student themselves, who misses vital learning.

Again, the message is simple: every student has the right to learn, and the responsibility to let others do the same. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home if needed.

A Culture That Balances Accountability with Care

Our pastoral approach remains rooted in this principle: Firm standards, high expectations, clear consequences — and just as much support.

We make no apology for setting clear boundaries. But we also provide pathways back, opportunities to reflect, and the help needed to make better choices. Students who need to reset are given that chance — but students who are already making good choices deserve to see that those standards are upheld for everyone.

Thank you for standing with us in this work. Our partnership with families is vital — and together, we can continue to build a school culture where learning, kindness and ambition flourish.

Warm regards, William Emeny

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral & Behaviour)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Life's Better by Bike - free cycling activities in Eastleigh!

This autumn, families are invited to take part in CycleTogether Eastleigh - an initiative offering free cycling activities across the borough.



Organised by Eastleigh Borough Council in partnership with Sustrans and supported by Hampshire County Council's <u>Life's Better By Bike</u> campaign, CycleTogether Eastleigh aims to make cycling accessible, safe and fun for everyone.

Activities include:

- Bike safety checks
- Guided rides
- Skills and confidence sessions
- Trailer trials

Let your parents, carers, and staff know they can book their free place at **CycleTogether Eastleigh events** and enjoy a great opportunity to get active and explore the area by bike.

Life's Better by Bike – free cycling activities in Eastleigh!.pdf

Spotlight UK, Free school meals activities:

Spotlight UK have been working for 16 years to help to create new positive memories for children through fun activities.

We believe all children should get the same opportunities to have fun and be able to access fun activities without financial restraints.

We have been providing discounted activities for children on free school meals including swimming, bowling, laser tag, ninja warrior, donutting and discounted days out to Chessington, Thorpe Park, 4 Kingdoms etc where as a charity we pay for the activity or day out at full price and then charge just a fraction of the normal price to children on free school meals so that the activities are more affordable and accessible for all (meaning we pay the difference)

We do this through our charity fundraising and money we raise in our charity shop.

We aim to help improve mental health, increase confidence and self esteem and social interaction through a mix of activities just for children at discounted price and activities for the whole family at discounted price.

We also provide a number of free activities throughout the year.

We have a yearly fee of £5 per person which helps to subsidise activities and helps with a buffer in case people do not attend activities.



CAREERS NEWS

This week's Unifrog Webinars:

The best of both worlds: study business and make a positive difference Virtual

Do you want to use business and management as a force for good? In this webinar, you'll find out what it's like to study a degree in management for social change with UCL's Professor Nina Seppala. You'll learn how the degree uses knowledge from management, entrepreneurship, and political science to help you design ethical and sustainable solutions. Discover



what kind of careers this programme could unlock for you, from building social enterprises to working at forward-thinking corporations.

Thursday 2 October @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up or Share

The future of work 2030: how to develop high impact "un-LLM-able" skills



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Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT are radically changing how work is carried out in many industries, and having a dramatic impact on graduate recruitment. Join Professor Stephen Todd (UCL School of Management) to explore how you can develop high impact skills that AI can't replicate. He'll also share key ideas and ways of thinking from business, engineering, and art and design which can help you build the deep foundations you need to succeed in a post-LLM world.

Thursday 2 October @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up or Share







- How can we help you?

 > Our dedicated team are here to assist you through every step of your apprenticeship
- journey
 We can help you with CV
 skills and guidance on other
 applications methods to increase your chances of securing interviews We can offer you help with
- interview techniques to ensure you are ready and prepared for any interviews you are shortlisted for
- > We can help match you to our list of apprentice vacancies





Join us for an exciting evening at the Lymington Town Sailing Club exploring the diverse career opportunities in the marine industry!

Aimed at Year 9 students upwards, parents and carers, this event is perfect for anyone looking to dive into the world of marine professions.

Attend presentations, explore exhibition stands, connect with industry professionals, discover diverse career paths, and gain valuable insights into the marine industry.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Scan the QR code to register your place.

For more information, please email lisa.fox2@hants.gov.uk

Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath House, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE





Hear from employers including...

BRiCS Development Peter Symonds College Sees **Scott White and Hookins** Your Sports Education **Barton Peveril College** Sparsholt College Totton College Winchester University British Army Southampton PETA **Wyvern Nursery** Leidos Hoard-It **Bournemouth University Richard Tauntons College** Prysmian Eastleigh Council

Careers at Sea



all careers

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER '25

Informal sessions are open to all parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND

(diagnosed or not) across Hampshire.

· Share experiences, ideas, and information

Access peer support and signposting to services

They provide an opportunity to:

space

WYVERN CAREERS



YEAR 11 CAREERS FAIR 2025

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

WYVERN COLLEGE SPORTS HALL

SEN SESSION (QUIETER, LESS CROWDED)
5PM TO 5.30PM

MAIN SESSION 5.30PM TO 7PM

ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS
AND PARENTS WELCOME



Hampshire wide online Lunchtime SEND Parent carer Get Togethers

25th September - 12-1pm



Zoom Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

- Discuss Local Issues & Topics That Matter to You
- Share Your Experiences and support your peers
- Help us Feedback to help shape Services

no need to book just join us online
 For any queries contact: Participation@hpcn.org.uk

Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending this session. They will be available to offer 1:1 support to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.



We encourage parents to join us as a representative for their area!

Connect with other parent carers in a safe and welcoming



Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network as a Representative!

What is the purpose of a forum?

Parent Carer Forums are an organised group of parents and carers from a local area, with children and young people aged 0-25 with a disability or any additional needs including mental Health.

Their aim is to work in a solution focused way to make sure that services in their area meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

Forums provide the opportunity to tell the Local Authority, Health and other services, what life is really like based on real lived experiences.

Using in-person get-togethers, surveys and online support we work to gather views - Together we are enabling voices to be heard.

Legislation and why we do what we do



October 2025





2nd October, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -

8th October, 10-12pm: Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ **SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support**

14th October, 10-12pm: Havant Get Together - Horizon Havant, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2AY

21st October, 10-12pm: Eastleigh Get Together - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH

22nd October, 8-9pm: online Evening Get Together - - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

- · Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young

For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the Basingstoke session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will affer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

Hampshire .

The role of parent representatives

- · To help inform decision, makers about the experiences of parent carers
- . To ensure that parents' views are fed into decisions about children's services at a strategic level.
- · Aim to reach a common understanding between professionals and parents about how effective local services are for children with disabilities.
- · The hope is the combined information and perspectives can result in joint planning and co production opportunities that can help lead to more effective services.

What it may involve to be a parent rep:

- member of Hampshire Parent Carer Network if possible

 Providing and circulating written feedback from those meetings you attend.

- Training, where relevant
 Promoting the organisation to help us raise our profile

Hampshire Parent Carer Network will

- Support you in this role, with advice and practical help
- Pay your expenses for the work that you do, your mileage to attend meetings, parking and/or transport costs.
- Provide training and personal development

Can you help?

In terms of time commitment, it's entirely dependent on what you are able to offer. We know many of you will be juggling caring responsibilities alongside other commitments. So even if it's one hour a month, that would make a difference. Participation training and support will be provided

September 2025







- 2nd September , 1-2pm : Bridging the Gap -Sunshine support -Transitioning with SEND requirements and an EHCP - Book via Ticket tailor
- 4th September, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet Hampshire GU51 5FA -
- 10th September, 10am: Basingstoke Get Together The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ
- 11th September 10-11am: Online Bridging the Gap Masking with Ellie -Book via Ticket tailor
- 11th September, 7-8pm: Online Bridging the Gap -Mindfulness for parents - Book via Ticket tailor
- 15th September , 1-2pm : Online Bridging the Gap Mental Health Toolbox: Lived Experience & Tips with Ellie - Book via Ticket tailor
- 17th September, 10-12pm: Winchester Get Together Bodger Farm Community centre, SO22 4QB
- 19th September, 7-8pm: Online Bridging the Gap -Mindfulness for parents - Book via Ticket tailor
- 23rd September ,10-11am : Bridging the Gap -Executive Functioning with Ellie - Book via Ticket tailor
- 25th September, 12-1pm pm: Online Lunchtime Get Together Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT
- 25th September, 7-8pm: Online Bridging the Gap understanding Vagus Nerve, fight and flight for parents - Book via Ticket tailor
- 26th September 10-12pm: Alresford The Swan Hotel, 11 West Street, SO24
- 26th September, 10-11am : Bridging the Gap -Sunshine support -Transitioning with SEND requirements and an EHCP - Book via Ticket tailor
- 29th September 10-11am: Online Bridging the Gap Masking with Ellie -Book via Ticket tailor

To book onto the Bridging the Gap sessions use our Ticket Tailor link: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn

<u>Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health</u> Services: How to cope when your child can't.

<u>Building resilience in your young people – a parent workshop</u>

We are offering the following face to face parent workshop on 8th October at 3.30-5pm in the school hall.

A supportive workshop with Hannah and Rachael (Wyvern's friendly educational psychologists).

We will explore what resilience means, what impact it can have and how you can further develop it in yourselves, your young people, and others.

Places are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the form in the link to secure you place, and we will be in touch.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcVpY0ZNr7pa7uPG1poW-5-bnbFXuo84Asr0Klf7lhmlMVNQ/viewform?usp=header

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental and vocal lessons have had a very positive start this year. We do still have spaces available for: violin, flute, cello, brass (trumpet and trombone), singing and guitar- please send me an email if you would like your child to have a free taster lesson in any of these instruments. Alternatively, if you want to go ahead and complete the application for lessons for the year, the form is available to complete on ParentMail.

Many thanks Miss Wood

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality, engaging learning experiences in science, we use a range of digital platforms to support student progress and assessment.

These platforms include:

- Educake for formative quizzes and homework
- AQA Exampro for exam-style question practice
- Merit for interactive learning and assessments
- Testbase for curriculum-aligned assessment materials
- Onscreen for digital assessments
- Seneca Learning for revision and interactive learning

Each of these platforms collects basic personal data such as student names, login credentials, and performance data. This allows teachers to monitor progress, tailor support, and provide feedback. No sensitive or special category data is collected.

To comply with data protection regulations and ensure transparency, we require your consent before your child can use these platforms.

You will be asked to select Yes or No for these platforms via the update information tab on Edulink.

Why is consent needed?

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September Sparx top readers:



YEAR 8 NOTICES

Autumn is definitely creeping up on us as the temperatures this week have seen a noticeable drop. With this in mind please can I draw your attention to Wyvern's uniform policy on coats:

Coats	Sensible warm waterproof coats. Excessive logos are not allowed, nor are coats made from denim, real or simulated leather, real or simulated fur.
Outer garments (tops)	Any outer garment that is not a coat (such as those made of nylon, jersey, sweatshirt or other non-waterproof fabrics) is not permitted to be worn. This includes jumpers and hooded tops.

This week we are focusing on pupils' rights and responsibilities, and we will be exploring themes such as feeling safe, being heard and wanting to learn. We shall be delving into what we as individuals and as a group can do to protect and promote our rights, how to look after the rights of our friends and families but also recognising that by having rights we also have associated responsibilities. This may prompt some interesting dinner table conversations.....

This week I wanted to celebrate those pupils who have been awarded points for 'actively contributing' in lessons, those students who are really engaging with their learning, are asking astute questions and are getting involved

in group tasks. Our top three so far this term are Tate (8C1), Sam (8P1) and Lilah (8D2) - well done and keep it up.

Year 8 Team

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Year 9 Options

I know the vast majority of Year 9 students are really enjoying the options which they have chosen. I have reminded students via our bulletin that the deadline for requesting a change of options is Friday 26th September.

I would be grateful if you could chat to your son/daughter at home and let me know if there are any concerns with options that I am not aware of.

Regards Simon Stocks

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Nasal Flu vaccinations:

Dear parent/carer

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH138184

Session date: Thursday 16th and Friday 24th October 2025

Year Group: Year 11

Link to website: Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from Children's flu vaccine - NHS

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, 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