



DIARY DATES

October 7th	4.00-7.00pm	Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening
October 8th	3.30-5.00pm	Year 9 Sports Studies Info Evening
	6.30-7.30pm	Workshop – Building Resilience in Young People
October 10th		Mental Health Awareness Day
October 14th		Year 10 iMedia Careers & Esports Event
October 15 th	8.30-8.55am	College Talk Year 11 - Army and Navy
	6.30-8.00pm	Year 11 Info Evening – English, Maths and Science
October 16 th & 24th		Nasal Flu Vaccinations ALL YEARS
October 22nd	8.30-8.55am	College Talk Year 11 - CEMAST
October 24th		Non-Uniform Day
		College closes for Autumn Half Term Holiday
		College re-opens for second half of autumn term.
November 3rd		House Games in PE
November 3 rd -8th		Year 11 Revision evening - parents/students
November 6th	6:30- 8:00pm	D of E Bronze Marwell Walks
November 8 th & 9th		Remembrance Event at Fair Oak
November 9 th	10.00-11.30am	College Remembrance Event
November 11th	11.00-11.15	Hampshire Book Awards Winners Webinar
November 19th	8.55-9.55	Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening
November 20th	4.00-7.00pm	INSET DAY
November 24 th		Year 11 Trial Exams
November 25 th - December 5th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
December 6th		Christmas Concert
December 16 th & 17th	6.30pm	College closes for Christmas Holidays
December 19th		

Assemblies this week: CARE Assemblies - Mental Health

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

Dear parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Wyvern and this has included many opportunities for parents to come into college to find out how they can support with different aspects of students’ education. Thank you to those of you who have come in. Staff have been really pleased to meet you. Last Thursday we had the information evening for the new year 7 parents on supporting their child to achieve well academically; we have also seen lots of you at this week’s career fair, the year 11 PE information evening and the Duke of Edinburgh information evening. Next week we have year 11 parents’ evening on Tuesday, the year 9 sports studies information evening on Wednesday and our learning support workshop on resilience.

I think it is fair to say that the winter bugs have begun early this year. We have seen a lot of illness amongst students for the last two weeks. In the first two weeks of term our attendance was significantly above the national average and it has dropped to 92.1% last week - the lowest for over a year and below the national average for the first time in a year.

It can sometimes be difficult for parents to know when to send a sick child into school and when not to. We have had some children who have felt really unwell coming to college and we have sent them home because they are poorly and we have other students staying at home with a mild cold. There are NHS and department

for education guidelines about managing specific illnesses. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

Government Guidance: Is my Child too Ill for School?	Stay at home	Attend college	Further Guidance
Chickenpox	✓		Keep your child at home until all the spots have crusted over.
Common cold		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a fever.
Conjunctivitis		✓	Get advice from a pharmacist about how to manage.
Cough		✓	Send your child to college
Covid	✓	✓	Send to college if they have mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough. If they feel really unwell or have a temperature stay at home.
Ear Infection		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a high temperature or a severe pain.
Flu			
Hand, foot, mouth disease		✓	Send to college
Head lice or nits		✓	Treat the lice or nits at home
High temperature or fever	✓		Keep your child at home
Impetigo	✓		Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can go to college 48 hours after treatment starts.
Ringworm	✓		See a pharmacist unless it's on their scalp – see a GP. Can come to college once they've started their treatment.
Scarlet Fever	✓		Needs anti-biotics from a GP. Can come to college 24 hours after starting anti-biotics.
Sore throat		✓	Send your child to college unless they have a high temperature
Threadworms		✓	Get advice from a pharmacist.
Vomiting	✓	✓	Send to college if vomiting is due to anxiety, gag reflex or a reaction to something they <u>have seen</u> , tasted or smelt. Keep at home if they also have diarrhoea due to a stomach bug – send in 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhoea.

Please remember that early morning aches and pains often pass, so don't keep your child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class. When you send your child to school with minor aches or pains, tell the school staff and they will phone you if your child continues to have symptoms.

Above all else, we want to work with you on resolving any issues which might explain why your child has a pattern of absence or poor punctuality. Indeed, we know that it is only by working together and giving your child one firm, united, common message that we can improve it. So please do get in touch with us so we can work together.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

THE GREAT WYVERN SWITCH OFF'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, during our house assemblies we launched 'The Great Wyvern Switch Off'. This initiative encourages our students and staff to reduce their screen time in favour of other activities. We've shown students how to look up and track their screen time and will award P1 points for all students taking part with a P2 for the most reduced time in each tutor group. Please do encourage your children to take part and perhaps take part yourselves?



Thank you!
Dr Walker, Mrs Wiseman and Miss Read

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.



by bike.

Organised by Eastleigh Borough Council in partnership with Sustrans and supported by Hampshire County Council's **Life's Better By Bike** 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

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

EVENTS FOR YOUNG READER & WRITERS

Fair Oak Community Library

Fair Oak Community Library are advertising a book that they are trying to create based on local students work.

This could be a great opportunity for creative students to get involved with the community through writing a poem or story (max 500 words), painting, or drawing.

Submissions accepted from children aged 5-16, with entries accepted until the 14th October 2025.

Email hello@fairoakcommunitylibrary.org for more information and/or submissions.

FAIR OAK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS & ARTISTS
AGE 5-16!



WRITE
A MAX-500
WORD STORY
OR POEM.

OR **DRAW A**
PICTURE OR PAINTING
ENTRIES IN BY
14TH OCTOBER 2025

**GIFT VOUCHERS AS PRIZES
TO THE TOP 3!**

SUBMIT TO THE LIBRARY OR EMAIL AT
HELLO@FAIROAKCOMMUNITYLIBRARY.ORG

Get your creative work **PUBLISHED** in an actual book!

1 week left to submit your entries

Waterstones Whiteley
presents

Meet the Author

with

Sophie McKenzie

Waterstones Whiteley are delighted to welcome the million-copy-selling, multi-award-winning Sophie McKenzie, the author of the phenomenally successful *Girl Missing*.

Sophie will be talking about writing for children and young adults and, in particular, will be introducing us to her new book *Lessons in Death*, the first in her new series *Murder Academy*.

There will be the opportunity to ask Sophie questions and to get your books signed.



Wednesday 15th October 2025
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ticket Price: £10
(Includes a copy of her new paperback '*Lessons in Death*')

For tickets or more information ask in store or phone/email: 01329 761969 | farehamwhiteley@waterstones.com

COLLEGE CULTURE

Paulton's Park Praise Trip – Back Again for 2026!

We are delighted to confirm that we will once again be running the Paulton's Park Praise Trip this year. Last year's trip was a tremendous success – we took over 500 students for a celebratory day out, and we hope to take even more this year.

The Praise Trip is one of the highlights of the Wyvern year, and it is our way of rewarding students who consistently meet our high expectations. The selection criteria for the trip is as follows and will apply from the start of the academic year:

- No unauthorised absences.
- 97% or higher punctuality to lessons.
- No truancy.
- No more than three C3 sanctions.
- No C4 sanctions.
- Achieving an average PRIDE score of 7 or higher in the summer term PRIDE reports.



Dates for the Praise Trips 2026:

23rd June 2026 – Years 7 & 9

6th July 2026 – Years 8 & 10

We are really looking forward to another fantastic day out celebrating the success and commitment of our students.

POLICY UPDATES

At the trustees' meeting on 22nd September, some important updates were agreed to our Uniform and Behaviour policies. These have now been updated on our website and will apply with immediate effect.

Uniform – Key Updates

- **Badges and Stickers:** On their blazers/jumpers students may only wear badges or stickers issued directly by the college (e.g. prefect badges, house badges etc).
- Any other badges must be attached to school bags, not blazers or uniform.
- **Trousers:** Students must wear plain mid/dark grey tailored trousers which cover the ankle. Stretch or jersey-style fabrics (such as polyester-Lycra blends or ponte fabrics) are not permitted, as they do not meet the professional standard required.

Behaviour – Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

To maintain a calm and disruption-free environment, we have reiterated our mobile phone policy: Phones must remain switched off and in bags from the moment students arrive on site until 2.55pm. Students may only use phones on site if explicitly given permission by a member of staff. Teachers may sometimes ask students to use phones in lessons for learning activities.

Any misuse will result in confiscation until the end of the day; repeated or serious misuse will lead to further sanctions, including detentions.

This policy protects learning, supports age-appropriate development, and helps reduce risks linked to mobile phone use. Parents are also expected to support this by setting appropriate restrictions and monitoring their child's phone use at home.

Full details of these updates are available in the About Us → Policies section of the Wyvern College website. Thank you for your continued support. These changes, along with the Praise Trip, reflect our commitment to setting high standards and celebrating the success of students who consistently meet them.

William Emeny
Deputy Headteacher

SUBJECT AWARD PHOTOS

If you have let the college know that there was an issue with your photos, please be assured that the photographer is now back and will be sorting re-prints and re-takes. We hope to have everyone's photos to them by half term.

Celebrating DofE Achievements: Bronze and Silver Students Present Their Summer Expeditions

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver students proudly concluded their summer expeditions with a series of engaging presentations to parents, staff, and peers. These presentations marked the final step in their journey, showcasing not only the skills they developed but also the knowledge they gained along the way.

Each team chose a unique topic to explore during their expedition, reflecting the diverse interests and experiences of our students. From practical advice on first aid while walking to insightful discussions on nutrition during DofE, the presentations were both informative and inspiring. One group delved into the history of crimes in the New Forest, uncovering some fascinating tales from the region's past, while others focused on the flora and fauna they encountered, highlighting the rich biodiversity of the area. A particularly popular topic was the wildlife spotted during their journey, with students sharing stories and photos of the animals they came across.



The event was a celebration of resilience, teamwork, and curiosity. Parents were invited to attend and were treated to a thoughtful and well-prepared showcase of the students' hard work. For many, it was a moment of pride to see how far their children had come—not just in miles walked, but in confidence gained.

We were also thrilled to award certificates to those students who had completed their entire Bronze DofE awards. Their dedication across all sections—volunteering, physical, skills, and expedition—deserves special recognition.

Congratulations to all our DofE participants. Your commitment, creativity, and courage are a credit to our school community.

HELP WITH EDULINK

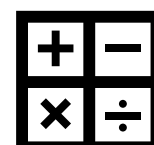
We have had a few queries this week about using Edulink. [Please click here for our online guide to using the app.](#)

If you are still experiencing issues please can you send an email to edulinksupport@wyvern.hants.sch.uk and we will try and help you as soon as we can.



Celebrating Success in the UKMT Maths Competition

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievements of two of our students, **Holly in Year 11** and **Emily in Year 10**, who recently took part in the prestigious UKMT Maths Competition for Girls.



Both students demonstrated outstanding skill and perseverance, with Holly earning a **Certificate of Merit** and Emily achieving a **Certificate of Distinction**.

The competition attracts some of the most talented young mathematicians from across the country, making their accomplishments even more remarkable. Holly and Emily's success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and genuine passion for mathematics.

We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing what they will accomplish next.

Instrument and vocal lessons:

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

CAREERS NEWS



Careers in renewable energy: watt's it like?

Virtual

Discover what it's like to work in this fast-growing, impactful field. Hear from industry experts about their daily routines, career paths, and the skills that drive innovation in solar, wind, and other clean energy sectors.

Get inspired, ask questions, and learn how you can power a sustainable future through a career in renewable energy!
Monday 6 October @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)



Careers in medicine healthcare: making a lasting impact

Virtual

Working in healthcare and medicine can mean making a lasting impact on people's lives. Do you want to know more about industry roles and what a typical day looks like? This webinar will give you an insight into what it's really like to work in healthcare from the experts from the NHS, College of Paramedics and British and Irish Orthoptic Society. Discover the top tips you'll need to succeed to start your dream career in healthcare!

Monday 6 October @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins – [sign up](#)

CAREERS FAIR ROUND UP

This week's Careers Fair was a great success. There were a lot of exhibitors who came from as far as Bournemouth and Portsmouth. It was so nice to see and meet parents with students having conversations about their next steps or even further steps regards to university and work.

Thanks to AE Systems, BAE Systems, Barton Peveril, Bournemouth University, BRiCS Development, Careers at Sea, Dutton Gregory LLP, Eastleigh Council, Hampshire & IOW Fire Service, i2i Teaching Partnership SCITT, Itchen College, PETA, Peter Symonds, Prysmian, Richard Taunton College, Royal Air Force, Scott White and Hookins, Sees, SETA, South Hampshire College Group, Sparholt, Steve Willis, Totton

College, University of Portsmouth, University of Southampton, Williams Garage, Winchester University, Wyvern Nursery and Your Sports Education.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Chelsea FC post 16 college programme will be running an open training session at Sparsholt College in October this year this will be open to all prospective players to attend for the 2026/2027 year.

- [Click here for details for female players](#)
- [Click here for the details for male players.](#)

Local Careers Events

[See last week's newsletter for more upcoming careers event.](#)

HELLO YELLOW – World Mental Health Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness for Young Minds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters.

We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We'll be taking part by raising awareness with students during break times. But most importantly, we want to share the resources which Young Minds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children.

This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

YOUNGMINDS
Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 10 OCT

Is your child going through a tough time?

No matter what your child is going through, we're with you

Call our Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544 or visit youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

#HelloYellow M&S | YOUNGMINDS

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Recognition for Wellbeing Support

Some great news from Miss Gott, our Wellbeing Advisor and Student Garden Leader. Wyvern have achieved the next School gardening RHS award...level 3 (certificate and goodies-including a £50 garden gift card). We also received a certificate from Simon Says for the money raised from the bake sale last academic year



Building resilience in your young people – a parent workshop – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

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 click here to complete the form to secure you place, and we will be in touch.](#)

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Dear parent/carer

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due.

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: Thursday 16th and Friday 24th October 2025

Year Group: Year 7 – 11

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

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

If you have already completed the form, please ignore this message. Only complete one form per child.

From the School Age Immunisation Service

Should you have any queries relating to the vaccination or difficulties completing the consent, please contact the nursing team directly on the details below.

02382 318318

southwesthantsimmunisationteam@southerhealth.nhs.uk

hiowhealthcare.nhs.uk

Moorgreen Hospital, Botley Road, West End, Southampton SO30 3JB

Online Safety Newsletter

[Please click here for our October 2025 edition of the online safety newsletter:](#)

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.



Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

Discounted days out to Merlin Theme Parks to make special memories

Mental healthcare "Pick Me Up" packs

Free and low cost activities including bowling, laser tag, swimming, ninja warrior and fun days out

Peer and parenting support

£5 per person per year.
Register Here →

SCAN HERE

SCARLETT'S SMILES

- Young carers – to give respite from their daily 'duties'
- Children who have a terminal illness or long-term medical condition, or their siblings or parents do
- Children experiencing loss or separation
- Children in care
- Children affected by domestic abuse
- Armed forces families with a parent serving abroad
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN

Visit our website: www.spotlightuk.org
Get in touch: 07804 880072 | scarlettsmiles@spotlightuk.org

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.

COLLEGE VISITS AND TRIP GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS 2025-26 STUDENT

Participation in educational visits and trips forms an integral part of a student's experience of the taught curriculum and opportunities to enhance cultural, sporting and educational activities during their time at Wyvern. [Please click here for our update guidelines for the expected trips this year and the selection criteria we will apply.](#)

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Voluntary contribution request from the Art Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Year-7-Contribution.pdf](#)

Voluntary contribution request from the Design and Technology Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[KS3-donation-letter.pdf](#)

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Voluntary contribution request from the Art Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Year-8-Contribution.pdf](#)

YEAR 9 NOTICES

Voluntary contribution request from the Art Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Year-9-Contribution.pdf](#)

Voluntary contribution request from the Food and Nutrition Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Ks4-donation-letter-Food-Preparation-and-Nutrition.pdf](#)

Voluntary contribution request from the Design and Technology Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Ks4-donation-letter-Design-Technology.pdf](#)

YEAR 10 NOTICES

Voluntary contribution request from the Art Department.

Please see the link to the letter attached for information.

[Year-10-Contribution.pdf](#)

Students who are unwell during the school day.

Please can parents make sure that if their child is unwell during the day, that they know that the child needs to report this to a teacher as soon as possible (rather than message home).

If your child contacts you or messages you to say they are unwell, please can you make sure that you ensure that they get the message that they need to speak to a teacher first.

Parents will then be contacted by the Welfare Team.

Attendance in Year 10 is much improved this term, and we cannot authorise absences for students who have not been sent home via the correct welfare checks first.

We have had a few students with seasonal viruses, and we will send children home if they are unwell, but they do need to be sent to the Welfare Office by staff in the first instance.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

I know many of you have organised your bookings for the Parents Evening on Tuesday 7th October and we look forward to updating you on how students have started in their final year.

I would also like to give you advance notice of another event we will be running on Wednesday 15th October from 6.30pm - 7.30pm, which is titled 'Year 11 Information Evening for English, Maths and Science. I will write with more details early next week but wanted to give you a date / time for your diaries.

Mr Stocks
Deputy Headteacher.

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

There is still some availability remaining to book appointments for Tuesday 07th Oct, both for our subject teachers and for our Careers Leader, Mrs Gough.

These are set as separate events, so if you want a careers slot, you will need to select the careers evening event and make sure that the appointment does not clash with your other teacher appointments.