



Thursday 16th October 2025

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DIARY DATES

October 22nd	8.30-8.55am	College Talk Year 11 - CEMAST
October 24th		Non-Uniform Day
		College closes for Autumn Half Term Holiday
November 3rd		College re-opens for second half of autumn term.
November 3 rd -8th		House Games in PE
November 6th	6:30- 8:00pm	Year 11 Revision evening - parents/students
November 8 th & 9th		D of E Bronze Marwell Walks
November 9 th	10.00-11.30am	Remembrance Event at Fair Oak
November 11th	11.00-11.15	College Remembrance Event
November 19th	8.55-9.55	Hampshire Book Awards Winners Webinar
November 20th	4.00-7.00pm	Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening
November 24 th		INSET DAY
November 25 th - December 5th		Year 11 Trial Exams
December 6th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
December 16 th & 17th	6.30pm	Christmas Concert
December 19th		College closes for Christmas Holidays

Assemblies w/b 20/10/25: Headteacher Assemblies - Safeguarding

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

Dear Parents and carers

We have been honoured to show a large number of families around the college during the school day in an effort to help families and Year 6 pupils to make their final decision about school preference for next September. We are so proud of our students and the way they speak to visitors about their school. We had so many families commenting on what a credit the students were to us that we wanted to share that feedback with you as well. Walking around the college it is impressive to see how our students not only engage in but also contribute to lessons, conduct themselves in an exemplary way on the corridors and demonstrate what courteous and pleasant people they are.

This week, we have really noticed the dark and cold mornings and evenings. Please do check your child's bike if they are cycling to college to ensure it has lights: the law says they need to have working lights on the front and back of the bike and a back reflector as well. They must also wear a cycle helmet if they are cycling to college.

We do not permit hoodies to be worn in college; we have keep a high standard on uniform because we know it can be very divisive when some students wear fashionable variations of uniform items or expensive branded or logoed items. This creates fashion trends which allows cliques of students to set themselves above others and creates the breeding ground for peer pressure and bullying.

Recently there has been some significant safeguarding concerns reported in the press regarding Whatsapp where hundreds of school children at Ribston Hall School and Tewkesbury Academy were added to a group chat without their consent where they saw age inappropriate and illegal content, including sexually explicit images. This is a good time to remember that online, your child is only as safe as the least safe person they are in contact with. The default setting in WhatsApp allows anyone to add a number of people to a group chat without their permission. At Wyvern, we have seen students adding others to groups chats that they have not wanted to belong to. So, it is important to help your child block, delete and report any incidents where this

happens. You can disable the default setting through the “who can add me to groups” tab in the privacy settings section.

Action for Children is an organisation which offers free, down-to-earth advice for parents across the UK. You can browse the articles on the most common parenting questions, written by experts. Or you can talk 1:1 via live chat with a qualified parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. They will connect you with a parenting coach for judgment-free advice and emotional support. The parenting coaches have seen it all and solved it all! They're qualified and experienced and qualifies professionals. It's all free and no topic is too big, small or embarrassing. They're on hand to support you when you need it. Visit: [Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

With best wishes
Mr Rule

PARKING IN KNOWLE PARK LANE

We have been contacted by the management company responsible for Knowle Park Lane which is a private unadopted road in the vicinity of our college.

I am once again writing on behalf of Park Meadow Management Limited, a company setup for and run by the residents of Knowle Park Lane to maintain and manage the private unadopted road.

There continues to be concern from residents regarding the start and end of the school day as parents continue to park along the road and on footpaths.

This inconsiderate and dangerous parking restricts vehicle access and blocks footpaths, forcing children, parents, residents, and other members of the public to walk in the road at a busy time.

Parents mounting the kerb and parking on footpaths have also caused damage to the road and footpaths which residents then have to fully fund the repair of since the road is unadopted and not maintained by Hampshire County Council.

There additionally continue to be instances where residents and the parking control wardens receive verbal abuse from parents who have been asked to move their vehicles.

This cannot be allowed to continue and must be resolved!

There is to be no stopping, waiting or parking along the road, footpaths, landscaped areas or private access roads and visitor parking bays are for permit holders only.

Parking is to be limited to the car park managed by the Parish Council ONLY.

We have been asked to send you this message and advising that:

1. Knowle Park Lane is a private road with warden patrolled parking control and that you are not to stop, wait or park along the road or in its visitors' bays.
2. A uniformed member of staff attends Knowle Park Lane at the end of the school day to act as a 'Parking Assistant' and encourage parents to not stop, wait or park along the road or in its visitors' bays and instead use promoted pickup / drop off locations
3. The Lapstone pub has now instigated a scheme whereby a parking permit can be purchased and then used as a voucher in the pub for hot or cold drinks, ice cream as a way to encourage responsible parking and in return to support a local business. The pub has removed its parking camera scheme; however they respectfully ask parents that there will be times when there are private events booked (often Wakes) where there will not be any parking available.

There are further details of this scheme on the Lapstone social media sites

PARENT TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT

We have vacancies for 2 Parent Trustees that we want to fill this term. The aim is to have our new trustees join us, if they are able, for the Full Trustee Board Meeting on Monday 8th December 2025.

As a parent governor or trustee, your role is:

- To bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed – you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body
- No different from other governors or trustees

Parents are elected to the board, not appointed (unless there are fewer candidates than vacancies).

All parents are eligible to stand, and all are entitled to vote, should we have more than two candidates stand for the vacancies.

Timetable for Parent Trustee Recruitment

- **Applications** to be received by Friday 24th October.
- **Parent Ballot** (if needed) will take place Thursday 6th November to 12.00 on Monday 24th November.
- **Votes will be counted** on the afternoon of Monday 24th November and candidates contacted.
- **Result** announced on Thursday 27th November via the parent newsletter.
- Monday 8th December- successful candidates to be invited to attend their first **Full Trustee Board**.

Before considering whether to apply we would urge all those interested to read through Trustee Recruitment Information - you will find this and other important documents on the Trust Governance page of our web site along with the application form.

If you have any questions, please email clerk@wyvern.hants.sch.uk



POPPY APPEAL 2025

Royal British Legion Poppies are now available at our receptions.

There are a limited number of pin badges (suggested donation £1).

Paper poppies – any amount.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Undergraduate Experience Day: **EASTLEIGH**

Hosted in partnership with The Point

Sunday 9 November 2025

9:30am - 2pm

The Point, SO50 9DE

Book your place:
nscd.ac.uk/experience-day

the point
EASTLEIGH

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Need a Helping Hand?

Visit The Fountain Pantry at
The Fountain Cafe, Shorts Road

**EVERY THURSDAY 10AM TO 12PM AND EVERY
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10AM TO 1PM**

For £6 a week you can choose a selection of food,
including fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and store
cupboard essentials, which will be worth on average

Sign up here £15.



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or visit: www.fairoak-pc.gov.uk/fountain-pantry/



The Fair Oak Library has Royal Support! Their effort to create a published book of creative art and writing has received a letter from the Queen. They have also decided to extend the deadline to 1st November so students have half-term to complete their work.

FAIR OAK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**CALLING ALL YOUNG
WRITERS & ARTISTS
AGE 5-16!**



**WRITE
A MAX-500
WORD STORY
OR POEM.**

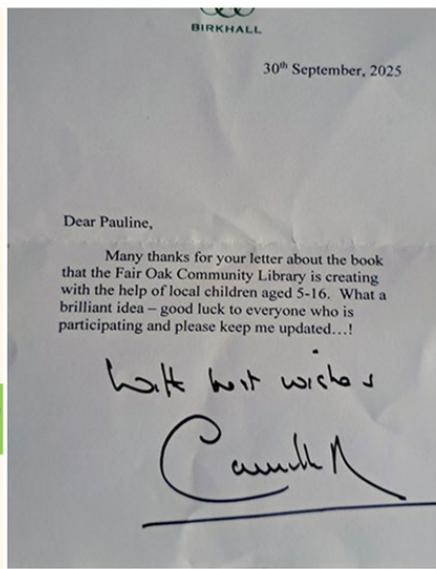


**OR DRAW A
PICTURE OR PAINTING**

Extended until 1st November

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

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



meet in grief café

**Saturday 8th November
Saturday 13th December**

2:00 - 3:30pm

**The Fountain Café,
Shorts Road, Fair Oak**

Research shows that we heal better in groups. Would you like to share your grief or just sit and be with others in a safe space? Maybe you have lost someone who has died or have experienced the breakdown of a relationship. Your relational grief is welcome here.

£4 and bring money for your refreshments.

We will be in the private meeting room.

For more information contact Kelly
via email: griefcafe@yahoo.com



Electoral Registration 16-17 year olds

Did you know that your child can be added to the electoral register from the age of 16? We would like to promote registration from 16 and voting from 18, as this is currently an under-represented group for democracy. There is a QR code on the poster provided or website [Register to vote - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). If you have any queries, please contact the Eastleigh Borough Council elections team by email - elections@eastleigh.gov.uk.

[Click here for a QR Code](#)

CAREERS NEWS

Esports Competition Win

On Tuesday the 14th October, I took a group of Year 10 Computing students to the Medhurst Esports event at the Hilton Hotel in West End.

We had a great day at competing in the tournament with Toynbee school, playing the game Rocket League, which led us to finally winning the trophy at the end of the tournament.

As well as playing in the tournament students got the chance to speak to various Post 16 representatives about their next steps in groups. They also had the chance to attend the technology fair where they engaged with local and national employers.

Overall, it was a great day out for the gamers!

Kind Regards
Mrs Gough
Careers Leader



UNIFROG SEMINARS

Media and Cultural Studies: Who's Scoring You, and Why It Matters

Virtual

Join this taster session with Lancaster University to explore how data and digital metrics shape our lives - from our health and finances to our relationships and online clout. You'll unpack how numbers and scores influence culture, identity, and decision-making in a world that measures everything. Discover how Media and Cultural Studies helps you think critically about the apps, platforms, and algorithms that define modern life.



Monday 20 October @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

Architecture taster: can building design be a political act?

Virtual

Join the University of Plymouth for a session that explores how architecture can become a tool for social and environmental change. Together, we'll look at how **design** can respond to climate challenges, support communities, and challenge the status quo. Join us to reshape how we build!



Monday 20 October @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR BARTON PEVERIL

[Please click here for information for Year 11 parents from Barton College.](#)

This is a friendly reminder that our **applications are open** and the deadline to apply is **Friday 13th February 2026**. We ask that you continue to support your students' progression and support them to ensure they put their application in as soon as they can.

We have attached a Personal Statement Guide that you can share with your students and parents/guardians. Please note that our personal statement section of the application is different: we ask students to focus on answering **three questions**. The guide provides tips for responding to these questions effectively.

If you wish to arrange an application workshop on this side of term, please do not hesitate to reach out. We will continue to monitor application numbers from your school.

- [For more information.](#)
- [Application link.](#)

FUTURES FOR ALL HALF TERM WORK EXPERIENCE

[Click here for details of these virtual work sessions held during the week beginning 27th October.](#)



CHILDCARE WORK THAT FITS AROUND COLLEGE

Wraparound childcare is care that fits around the school day and can be run by schools or childcare providers.

WHY IS IT GREAT FOR STUDENTS?

- Flexible hours that fit around college or university timetables
- Great experience if you're studying or interested in working with children, health, education or social care
- Build transferable skills and boost your CV
- Extra hours available during school holidays
- Make a real difference in children's lives

WHEN WOULD I WORK?
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.
Many wraparound providers are in easy reach of college.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Holiday clubs may offer even more hours!

SEARCH FIND A JOB

Hampshire County Council



ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP JOBS FAIR

10 February 2026 5-7pm

Thinking of an apprenticeship in engineering?
Come along and meet employers recruiting engineering apprentices for Sept '26

Who should attend?

- Anyone that is thinking of a career in engineering, giving you "skills for life".
- Whether you'll be a school or college leaver in 2026, or just thinking about a change in your career, this event is for you!

Why attend?

- The evening will provide the ideal opportunity to meet and chat to local employers about some of the amazing apprenticeship opportunities available
- Find out about apprenticeship vacancies for September 2026 and how to apply
- Speak to current apprentices about what life is like at SETA
- Speak to SETA staff about your options
- It's FREE to attend!
- Parking is available on a first come first serve basis

Where is it taking place?
Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA)
First Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LJ

When is it happening?
Tuesday 10th February 2026
There are 2 bookable arrival times: 5pm or 6pm

BOOK ONLINE:

https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events_open_evenings.html

SKILLS FOR LIFE APPRENTICESHIPS

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YOUNG AUTISTIC EXPERTS PANEL

We have received a lovely letter regarding our participation in the panel last week.

I am just writing to say how impressed I was by two of your pupils, Reuben and Chloe. They represented your school at the first meeting of the Winchester and Eastleigh Young Autistic Experts Panel and were fantastic. They took on the role with enthusiasm and were a credit to your school. They will be contacting your senior leadership team soon to share feedback from the meeting.



Thanks for supporting your autistic pupils by allowing them to take part.

Carson

Osborne Outreach

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Access to the electronic vaccination e-consent system is now closed and parents/carers can no longer submit a form. The immunisation consent system will re-open on Friday 17th October 2025 for the nasal flu vaccinations.

AUTISM – PARENT WORKSHOP – SHEPHERDS DOWN

Shepherds Down are running another of our parent workshops on autism. It will take place at Shepherds Down School on Tuesday 25th November. It is free of charge, but parents need to book a place through the Osborne office. Places are limited and always fill quickly. [Click here for more details.](#)

[Click here for more details.](#)



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Are you worried about bullying?
Whether it's happening to you, a friend, or something you've seen — we're here to help.

Come and talk to us!
Staff and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be available to offer a safe, friendly space to listen and support.

Interested in becoming an ambassador?
Drop in to find out more and see how you can make a difference

**THURSDAYS DURING
BREAK 1 IN G3
EVERYBODY WELCOME**
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE MRS EMERY
IN THE YEAR 11 PASTORAL OFFICE



NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR THE WYVERN KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Friday 24th of October will be a non-uniform day at the college and we are raising funds for the Wyvern Kindness Challenge, where each tutor group will be looking to hold a kindness activity using a small grant from the challenge fund.

We would ask our parent to contribute £1 per student using - either through Parentmail or cash on the day.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

The pre-loved uniform stall will be back on Tuesday 28th October between 10am and 12 noon. Come to the college reception where we have a wide range of good quality uniform at bargain prices.

Any donation of uniform items will be much appreciated.



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YEAR 7 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Autumn is here, half term is around the corner, the clocks go back soon, and Strictly Come Dancing is back on the screens - what is there not to love!

Year 8 continue to make me and Mrs Munday proud with their excellent attendance, their impressive uniform standards and their positive work ethic. We are all a bit on the weary side, but everyone is focused and working hard. We have continued our work around freedom of speech and have explored what is hate speech, making sure you have all the facts before you decide to comment on a situation, thinking about others and how your comments could cause hurt or upset but also encouraging open discussion and questioning. This has been quite a challenging topic for all of us but one that I think, in our current climate, has been necessary and worthwhile. Year 8 have responded to this in a mature and insightful manner, and I am really pleased and encouraged by this.

On a completely separate note, I was also immensely pleased and proud of the boys involved in last night's football fixture against Toynbee School. The following superstars represented Wyvern superbly demonstrating fantastic teamwork skills, supporting and encouraging each other as well as showcasing their impressive football skills. Well done to Leo, Jake, Zack, George, Logan, Reuban, George, Radle, Fin, Harry, Indie, Rhys, Ethan, Ethan, Max and Freddie.



This week I want to celebrate and thank those who have been fully involved in their lessons but have been helping each other. Well done to 8C2 for topping the leader board this term for this specific category and to the following pupils for the high individual scores – Seb (8C2), Ethan (8H2) and Alisa (8C2).

Mrs Taylor-Watson
Year 8 Pastoral Leader

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week

YEAR 11 NOTICES

It was lovely to see so many parents at the information evening on Wednesday 15th October. A few parents who were unable to attend have asked if they can be provided with the information and I have asked for all presentations to be made available on the college website - they can be found under Curriculum; Exams and Revision; Year 11 Parent Information Evening.

Please do look out for our next significant event which is our Revision Evening for parents and students on Wednesday 6th November. I will write to you early next week with details of what we are offering and where you can sign up.

Mr Stocks
Deputy Head