Thursday 16th October 2025

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DIARY DATES

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		Year 10 Assessments
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 3 rd	3.00-4.00pm	Enterprise and Marketing Christmas Fair
	7.00-9.00pm	Romsey Abbey Choir Concert
December 6th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
December 16 th & 17th	6.30pm	Christmas Concert
December 19th		College closes for Christmas Holidays

Assemblies w/b 03/11/25: Safeguarding - Anti-bullying

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

Dear Parents and carers

Tomorrow we are holding a non-school uniform day to raise funds for our Kindness Challenge. Each tutor group will raise money from students paying £1 to wear non-uniform. With the money they raise, they need to plan how they will spend it to in an act of kindness for other people. The tutor group can spend it however they want. Within each year group, the tutor group with the best way of spreading kindness with their money will win 100 house points. Please do support our kindness project here by paying £1 for your child to wear non-uniform tomorrow.

Halloween is next week, during the half term holiday and it is a popular time for students to be with their friends outside in the community and at parties. We know that many families and organisations might take advantage of the half term break to hold bonfire night celebrations early too. This should be a time of fun and we want students to be able to enjoy such events safely. However, as previous years have shown, when large number so teenagers are out and about, groups which supply drugs and vapes to young people are also very active, sometimes with weapons to protect what they want to sell. It is therefore important that students are aware of this danger and take precautions to keep themselves safe.

Our advice to students is that they should make sure they tell you where they are going, who they are with and let you know if this changes by phoning you; they should have fully charged their phone before they go out. They should have on their phone the number of several safe contacts who they could call in an emergency; that they should call these if they see or hear anything that does suggest there could be trouble; that they should not have cash with them which provides them with the easiest excuse for not buying anything they don't want to.

Following on from my message last week about being seen in the dark when crossing roads, Halloween is a time when pedestrian injuries and road traffic accidents increase significantly as people cross the road quickly in the dark, often when distracted by other things.

I give these safeguarding messages about Halloween not to stop young people from enjoying the event but on the contrary, so they can take part in them safely, which is a condition for being able to enjoy them.

I include a second safeguarding alert this week as the pastoral offices have advised me that some students are accessing OME TV. The age limit for OmeTV is 18+. This adult rating is due to its potential for inappropriate content and user behaviour. Despite this recommendation, OmeTV does not verify users' ages, so underage individuals may still use the platform. The platform can expose users to inappropriate behaviour, such as sexualized content, discrimination, or threats, even with its community chat rules. Due to the lack of age verification and the potential for exposure to adult content, it is important for parents to be vigilant here and ensure through appropriate checks and controls that your child is not accessing it. Once again, when some student access adult sites online, there can be peer pressure for others to do the same.

With best wishes Mr Rule

ROADWORKS WARNING

We have received the following information from SGN, the owner and operator of the gas network in our area

High Street Twyford - 20 October until 21 November

Our engineers will be working in High Street, Twyford outside New House to the junction of Main Road. To allow road users to safely pass our work site, we will need to install temporary multi-way signals for the duration of the work.

Main Road, Twyford – 3 November until 22 January 2026.

We will be working in Main Road from the junction of Highbridge Road to the junction of Manor Farm Green. Temporary multi-way signals will be in place to allow road users to safely pass the work site.

Main Road, Twyford Moors - 24 November until 5 February 2026

Our engineers will be working in Main Road, Twyford Moors from the junction of Highbridge Road to the junction of Woodland Drove. Multi-way signals will enable road users to safely pass the work site.

Main Road, Colden Common – January 2026 – end of March 2026

We will be working in Main Road, Colden Common from outside Wessex Park to the junction of Woodland Drove. Multi-way signals will be in place during this time.

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.

<u>Recruitment Information</u> - you will find this and other important documents on the <u>Trust Governance</u> page of our web site along with the application form.

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

COLLEGE CULTURE

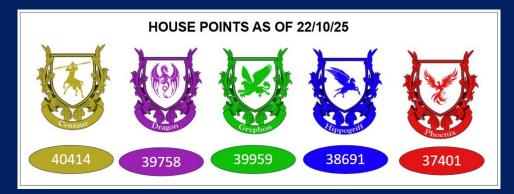
PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

The Friends of Wyvern 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.



HOUSEPOINTS

The house point totals as we draw to the end of this half term, are as follows:





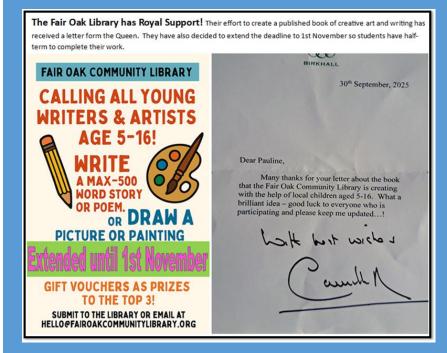
POPPY APPEAL 2025

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









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. 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

Meet the Author

Darren Shan

Come along and meet Darren Shan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his international bestselling book *Cirque due Freak*. Atmospheric, funny, realistic, moving and terrifying, Cirque du Freak has been thrilling readers for twenty-five years and is now available in a stunning anniversary edition. Darren will be signing copies and meeting readers.

Book a ticket in advance to secure a place in the queue and a copy of the *Cirque du Freak*, to be collected on the day, and which Darren Shan will the dedicate and sign for you.

There will also be copies of the book available to purchase from the bookshop on the day, so feel free to pop along and get a copy then and meet Darren Shan.



Where: Waterstones, Southampton West Quay

When: Sunday 9th November 2025

Time: 2pm

£7.99 for admission & copy of Cirque du Freak (incl. fees)



CAREERS NEWS

UNIFROG SEMINARS



Law in the age of AI: myths, risks, and realities

Join the University of Law for this session exploring how artificial intelligence is reshaping the legal landscape. We'll separate hype from truth, examine emerging risks, and uncover the real-world impact on legal practice, ethics, and justice. If you're planning a career in law or legal tech, this is your essential guide to staying ahead in an ever-evolving profession.

Thursday 23 October @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up or Share

Behind the screens: exploring CGI animation and VFX Virtual

This interactive session with Norwich University of the Arts will show you how CGI and VFX bring together creativity and technology in film, games, and animation. You'll have the opportunity to debate whether realism always means 'better', explore the different roles in production, and collaborate to design a new creature ready for CGI. You'll also discover the career pathways open to you in animation and visual effects. Monday 3 November @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up or Share







WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT



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.





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Mrs Applin.

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We will be visiting the D-Day beaches and cemeteries as well as other Second World War battlefield sites and museums. The trip will run from 8th July – 10th July 2026. Students will be staying in a hotel based around Caen. The trip will be beneficial for students studying GCSE History as our Medicine and Health course focuses on the development of battlefield medicine, which saw huge advances in World War II. The trip will also allow students to put one of the twentieth century's most important events into historical context

Click here for a letter with more details and how to apply.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

It was such a privilege to take the students from 10L2 to visit Fair Oak Infant School this week. They had prepped different activities for the year R and 1 children to experience during their STEM week. The Wyvern students were polite, kind, engaging and excellent with the children. The Year 10 students taught them about energy (year R) and forces (year 1) and asked them really thought provoking questions. They enjoyed the discussions with the younger children which sometimes ended up totally off topic! They were excellent role models and we are very proud of them all.

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YEAR 11 NOTICES

As we enter the revision period for trial examinations, which begin on Tuesday 25th November, we would like to invite you to an event we are delivering this year on Thursday 6th November 2025.

To kick-start trial examination preparation, we would like to invite you, together with your son / daughter to a revision evening from 6.30pm - 8.00pm on Thursday 6th November.

During the evening, we plan to run a series of workshops to help parents support their son/daughter through key GCSE's by modelling specific techniques and approaches. Workshops offered will be:

- English Language & Literature: completing effective revision in 20 mins
- Maths (F Tier): How to get the most out of past paper revision sessions
- Maths (H Tier): How to get the most out of past paper revision sessions
- Science (Triple): Effective use of different revision techniques
- Science (Combined H&F): Effective use of different revision techniques
- Geography: Top ideas for creating effective revision resources
- History: Ensuring what is revised gets remembered

We hope you can join us at this event and ensure you are well placed to give your son/daughter the very best support during this crucial period.

We expect the evening to be well supported and would be grateful if you could sign up to the event on EduLink, selecting the workshops you would like to attend.

Timings for the workshops are set out below and each parent will need to build their own schedule using EduLink. Please note there is a maximum limit for each workshop, and we will need to operate a first come first served based on the lists generated on the system. If you need assistance booking on please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Workshop 1: 6.30 – 6.55pm
Workshop 2: 7.00 – 7.25pm
Workshop 3: 7.30 – 7.55pm

Mr Stocks Deputy Headteacher