



Thursday 6th November 2025

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DIARY DATES

November 3 rd -8 th		House Games in PE
November 6 th	6:30- 8:00pm	Year 11 Revision evening - parents/students
November 8 th & 9 th		D of E Bronze Marwell Walks
November 9 th	10.00-11.30am	Remembrance Event at Fair Oak
November 10 th		Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week (10 th -14 th November)
November 11 th	11.00-11.15	College Remembrance Event
November 19 th	8.55-9.55	Hampshire Book Awards Winners Webinar
November 20 th	4.00-7.00pm	Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening
November 24 th		INSET DAY
November 25 th - December 5 th		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 6 th		DofE Silver Practice Walk
December 11 th -12 th		Art/Photography trial exams Year 11
December 16 th & 17 th	6.30pm	Christmas Concert
December 19 th	12.30pm	College closes for Christmas Holidays
January 5 th 2026		INSET DAY
January 6 th 2026		Students return to college – all years.

Assemblies w/b 03/11/25: HT Assemblies – CARE - Remembrance

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

Dear Parents and carers

It has been great to see the students again after the half term break and finding out what they have been up to. I am pleased to say they have had a very good first week back. It has been straight back into learning for Year 11 as the modern foreign language speaking exams and Drama performance exams take place and for Year 10 who are undertaking assessments in some of their lessons across the next fortnight. A quick reminder that tonight we have our Year 11 revision evening - where we run practical workshops for parents and their Year 11 child on how to revise effectively. However, there has been lots of opportunity for fun too. Rehearsals for this year's production - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - are well underway and students have been practising for the Christmas Concert; we have students on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions walks this weekend and we have House PE competitions in PE lessons this week too. In tutor time, students are deciding how to spend the money they raised on non-school uniform day to generate kindness, and this is a house competition too. At Wyvern our motto is Think Grow Care and we believe in giving students the opportunities to develop personally and socially, not just academically.

Recently the Children Society published its annual "Good Childhood Report" which collected the views of thousands of children across the country to provide data on what children are thinking and feeling; what the state of their wellbeing is and what the issues are that affect them are. I'm sure we would all agree that children and young people thrive when they feel good about themselves, and have strong, supportive relationships with those closest to them. This report though shows that over one in seven children (aged 10 to 15) were unhappy with their appearance. For girls it's even worse, with more than one in five unhappy with how they look, making it the area of life that they're most unhappy with. Through this research they say their self-esteem is shaped by unrealistic beauty standards, harmful stereotypes and social media scrutiny. Girls in particular feel the weight of comparison, often left feeling like they don't measure up. Young people spoke

about the rise of misogyny and incel content online, which distorts ideas of masculinity and affects how they see themselves and treat others. They shared that most bullying is appearance based but that there has been a recent increase in bullying based on race, sexuality, or special educational needs. The pressure to fit in and be popular can drive children to be unkind to others just to secure their own place in a group. This cycle of exclusion and peer pressure is damaging, and young people want it to stop. Young people told reporters that social media plays a dual role. While it contributes to harmful comparisons and a fear of being constantly judged, it also offers connection and community. Some young people spoke positively about how online spaces helped them build friendships and find support among peers. They want to see more done to tackle the root causes of low self-esteem, bullying, and harmful online content.

There is clearly a great deal for us as adults to think about here, both as professionals in school and as parents at home. At Wyvern we will certainly be reflecting on how we can redouble our efforts to tackle these issues in our curriculum and assembly programme. At the same time, young people told researchers that constant exposure to negative news was another concern. Young people said they're overwhelmed by the state of the world and wish more positive stories were shared to balance the narrative. At times it can seem that we are living in an age of grievance, where anger, complaint, conflict and entitlement define the way that people communicate with each other rather than appreciation, understanding acceptance and respect; where people define others by their worst moments and demonise those who simply take a different view.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday - a time to remember servicemen and women who thought not about what their country and fellow citizens could do for them but what they could do for their country and fellow citizens. To all our service families, thank you for your service and sacrifice. Wyvern students will be honouring all service personnel, past on present, on Tuesday with 2 minutes silence and many will be proud to represent the college and other local community groups on Sunday in the different events across local communities.

With best wishes
Mr Rule

PARENT TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT UPDATE

We only received one application for the role of parent trustee, and therefore we are delighted to welcome Boshko Gjorgjiev to our trustee board, who is one of our Year 7 parents.

We do still have a vacancy, and we will be re-opening the application process toward the end of this term.

COLLEGE CULTURE

SUBJECT AWARD PHOTOS

If you asked for re-prints of the photos that you ordered, they are now ready for collection from the Finance Office.

The house point totals as of the 5th of November:



COMMUNITY NEWS

REMEMBRANCE EVENT



We Will Remember

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY — 9 NOVEMBER 2025

The Fair Oak and Horton Heath Community will meet at the War Memorial, Fair Oak Square from 10.45 am for a short service of Remembrance.

ALL WELCOME

StThomas'
FAIR OAKS
HORTON HEATH

Girlguiding
WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



We are looking for volunteers aged 14+ for our Multi Sports Club for who have learning and/or physical disabilities.

We are a friendly and relaxed club and do a variety of activities throughout the week: Swimming, Football, Sports, Basketball and Crafts on Thursdays, Fridays, Sunday mornings and evenings and Saturday afternoons

We are based in Wildern, Hedge End, Thornden and Harefield.

If interested, please look at our website for further details:
<http://www.multisportsclub.org.uk/>

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CAREERS NEWS

UNIFROG SEMINARS

Applying to apprenticeships: the dos and don'ts Virtual

It's likely you'll apply to more than one apprenticeship, so it can be tricky to keep track of them all. Join experts to help you find ways to manage multiple applications and avoid the common traps when applying to more than one role, so you can increase the chances of being successful in your applications.

Tuesday 11 November @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)



21st century leadership Virtual

Want to lead with confidence in today's fast-paced world? Explore essential leadership skills with this practical session from the European School of Economics. You'll hear directly from an expert in entrepreneurship to learn how modern leaders inspire teams, make smart decisions, and drive change. Plus, you'll get an insider's view from current ESE students and find out what

it's really like to study at one of Europe's top business schools.

Wednesday 12 November @ 15:00 UK time - 45 mins - [sign up](#)

BAE Systems Maritime and Land Defence Solutions: Virtual Apprenticeship Information Session Tuesday 25 November 2025, 17.30 – 18.45

Interested in apprenticeships in security and defence?

Join BAE Systems Maritime and Land Defence Solutions for a live online event exploring a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities for September 2026

We'll tell you all about our company and our apprenticeships in engineering or business services at Portsmouth (Hampshire), Cowes (Isle of Wight), Glascoed (Monmouthshire), Radway Green (Cheshire) and Washington (Tyne and Wear).

After the presentation, our panel will answer your questions about careers at BAE Systems and our apprenticeship roles.

The event is recommended for students, parents/guardians or careers professionals interested in Level 3 – Level 6 apprenticeships.

Our ambition is to be recognised as the leading employer in the defence and security sectors for valuing diversity, equity and inclusion. We'll be sharing information about the welcome and support you can expect to receive as a BAE Systems apprentice in Maritime and Land Defence Solutions; whatever your background, gender and needs.

[Register Here](#)



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/events/open_evenings.html

SKILLS FOR LIFE APPRENTICESHIPS

Supporting Tomorrow's Engineers

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT

Online Safety Newsletter

[Click here for the latest edition of our online safety newsletter](#)

Thank you.

By buying our blazers, parents have helped plant 372 trees!



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

This week all you Year 7-10 students will receive details about the role of Anti-bullying Ambassadors and how they can apply to become one. Click on this link for more information about this important work. Applications will close on Friday 14th November.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 10TH to 14TH NOVEMBER



YEAR 7 NOTICES

In the next few weeks year 7's will be undertaking a unit of work on puberty and body image as part of their Religious and Personal Studies (R.P.S.) lessons. Please click here for a letter from our Curriculum Head, Mrs Adams, about the content of this module.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

No notices this week.