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## DIARY DATES

31 <sup>st</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> April		Celebration Assemblies
1 <sup>st</sup> April		Year 9-11 Catch up Boosters for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis
4 <sup>th</sup> April		Last day of Spring Term
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Art Sessions
22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Beginning of Summer Term
5 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May		Summer Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Beginning of Summer Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	15.00-16.30	History Club Trip to Winters Hill

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parent Newsletter Update - Changes to Uniform and Lesson Permissions

We hope this message finds you well. As we approach the Easter break, we would like to inform you about some important updates coming into effect after Easter regarding our uniform standards and the procedure for students requesting permission to leave lessons. We are sharing these updates now to ensure you have plenty of time to discuss any queries with our pastoral team and to replace any uniform items over the Easter break if required.

At Wyvern, we maintain high standards for uniform because it helps create a positive and focused learning environment. We enforce strict uniform expectations to prevent situations where some students wear fashionable variations, as this can lead to peer pressure, bullying, and negatively impact students' self-esteem. Allowing fashionable or designer items could also put undue pressure on parents to purchase expensive clothing to keep up with others. Our aim is to avoid publicly highlighting differences in fashion or financial status among students. Additionally, adhering to a consistent uniform fosters self-discipline and prepares students for professional expectations in their future careers. We strongly encourage our students to express their creativity and individuality through their character, accomplishments, and positive contributions to the school community, rather than through their clothing or personal items.

### Uniform Standards - Proud of Wyvern (POW)

We remain committed to maintaining high standards in students' appearance and appreciate your continued support in upholding these expectations. A professional and inclusive learning environment benefits all students, fostering a sense of belonging and focus. To ensure consistency across the school, we will be introducing clearer digital systems from next term to help monitor and uphold uniform standards effectively. One key update is regarding temporary uniform passes. **If there is a valid temporary reason why your child cannot wear the correct school uniform, please ensure you notify the pastoral office in advance by email or give your child a written note which they need to show their tutor.** The pastoral team will then issue a **temporary uniform pass** to your child, or your tutor will sign the written note, clearly indicating the expiry date. This pass or note will prevent your child from receiving POW points up until the expiry date if they are challenged by staff about uniform infringements during the school day.

To support consistency, uniform infringements will be logged digitally by staff throughout the day. POW points are used solely to record uniform infringements, ensuring consistency in monitoring and addressing any recurring issues. If a student receives multiple POW points for uniform infringements, threshold sanctions will apply. These sanctions will include detentions or time in the internal exclusion room. Students with uniform issues may be placed in our internal exclusion room until the issues are resolved, e.g. school shoes are brought into school by the parent. Tutors will also endeavour to contact and work with parents to resolve any recurring uniform concerns.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of some specific areas where we have seen repeated uniform issues:

- **Nose studs are not permitted** – having it done recently is not a reason for a nose stud or retainer to be worn in college.
- **Trainers, of any kind, including Nike and Mallets, are not school shoes** – students must wear formal school shoes that comply with our uniform policy.
- **Our uniform policy is socks or tights, not both** – please ensure your child follows this expectation.

We are also excited to introduce new praise categories next term:

- **P2 Award** for students with perfect POW records over a term. 10 house points.
- **P3 Award** for students maintaining a perfect POW record for an entire school year. 50 house points.

These awards will recognise and celebrate students who consistently meet our uniform standards, which the overwhelming majority of our students do.

For your convenience, we have attached a **reminder of the school uniform policy** along with a **set of frequently asked questions about uniform expectations** to help clarify any concerns.

### **Uniform Expectations in Warmer Weather**

We would also like to reassure families that, as always, we take a reasonable and pragmatic approach to uniform expectations during periods of hot weather. The health, safety, and comfort of our students remain a priority, and we will continue to monitor weather forecasts carefully. On particularly warm days, we will notify students and families in advance of any temporary adjustments, such as permitting students to remove blazers and jumpers, or allowing them to wear their PE kit to school. These decisions will be communicated clearly through our usual channels and will reflect the same common-sense approach we have always taken to seasonal changes.

### **Permission to Leave Lessons**

From next term, we will introduce a new system involving **Permission to Leave Lesson Lanyards**, which students must wear whenever they leave a lesson without a pre-issued pass. This new procedure allows staff to quickly identify students who have legitimate permission to be out of lessons, helping us maintain high standards of attendance and safeguarding.

Students without a permanent pass must:

- Request permission from their teacher to leave the lesson, excluding the first and last ten minutes.
- Receive and wear a **Permission to Leave Lesson Lanyard** from their teacher.
- Place their mobile phone on the teacher's desk during the time they are out of the class. This is to address a relatively infrequent, but important issue we have in college of a small number of students out of lessons co-ordinating meet ups and then causing disruption.
- Return the lanyard immediately upon their return to the lesson.

Teachers will log each instance digitally, ensuring accurate records and efficient management of permissions. Only one student at a time will be permitted to leave a lesson without a permanent pass to ensure minimal disruption.

Students with permanent passes will continue to follow existing procedures as indicated on their passes.

We understand that adapting to these changes may require preparation and discussion. Our pastoral teams are ready and available to support you should you have any queries or concerns. **Please do not hesitate to get in touch before the Easter break if you require assistance with correcting uniform issues or clarification.**

Thank you once again for your ongoing support in helping Wyvern uphold our proud standards and high expectations. We look forward to your continued cooperation in ensuring a smooth implementation of these updates.

Warm regards,

William Emeny  
Deputy Head Teacher

## COLLEGE CULTURE

### House Games Round Up

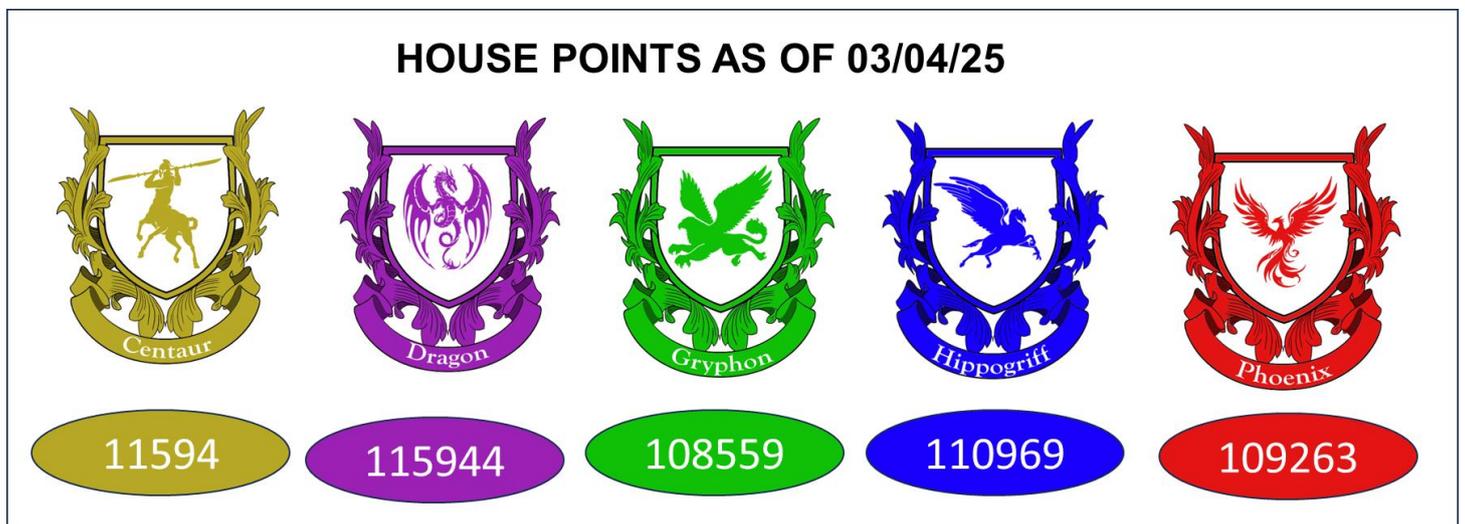
Our first house assembly of the term was a little different, as we our house captains were hidden and tutor groups had to solve several puzzles to find out where, and a code to open a box full of chocolate.

Our second house assemblies were back in the hall with all house students together. Gryphon impressed us with their singing of Adele's "Someone Like You", hitting an average of 80.1decibels. We also had a competition to see how many balls could be passed from the front to the back of the hall by every student in 4 minutes - Centaur house won that one.

This term has also seen several competitions taking place.

- We had our inspirational photography competition which was won by Freddie in Hippogriff house (see below)
- The Geography department ran a vexillology (flags) competition, with P2s being awarded for the winning students in each year group. Overall Hippogriff won with 75 house points being awarded for the competition.
- Miss Hussey organised a food bank donation drive and house points were awarded for each donation. Dragon house brought in the most items and were awarded 34 house points. It was great to see our students thinking of and helping those less fortunate than themselves.
- The PE department organized a fantastic house dodgeball competition, Centaurs won for Years 7 and 10, Dragons for Years 8 and 9, and Gryphons for Year 11.
- World Book Day saw the library team running a competition, with Centaur receiving the most house points.

Going into the Easter break, here are the house point standings:



### OUT NOW

The [latest edition of thisTerm@Wyvern](#) which rounds up all the best news stories and more from the last term. Click on the (left) button to access.



*Freddie's winning photo*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WYVERN COMMUNITY CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing?

Then why not come along and join our Community Choir, new term starts on Wednesday 30th April register your interest with us for a free taster session - email [community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:community@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) or call 023 80 692678 10 weeks @£46.50. [Click here for more details.](#)

### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME.

Children and young people from low-income families in Hampshire can look forward to an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals over Easter, courtesy of Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive benefit-related free school meals during term time. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

There are over **150 sites delivering activities across the whole of Hampshire** over the Easter holiday period. Schools, childcare providers, community groups and sports activity providers are amongst those delivering schemes.

We are now inviting eligible families to book their free school holiday clubs. Information on available schemes and how to book on our Family Information Services Hub (FISH), using the following link.

[Family Information and Services Hub | Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)

### FAIR OAK 1<sup>ST</sup> SCOUT GROUP – SQUIRREL SECTION

We are looking to establish a Squirrel Section – for 4-6 years old and would love to hear from any families that would be interested in joining the team. [Click here for more details.](#)

## Discounted Events South

### Dodgeball

8th April | 4:45pm - 5:30pm | From £3.50  
Unit 11e The Wren Centre, Emsworth, PO10 7SU

### Ocean Play

14th & 26th April | 4pm - 5:30pm | From £3.50  
Havant Leisure Centre, Civic Centre Rd, PO9 2AY

### Monkey Bizness

15th April | 6:15pm - 8:15pm | From £3.50  
Unit 1, Frater Gate Business Park, Aerodrome Rd,  
PO13 0GW



Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
For more information visit the events calendar on our website  
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## Discounted Events Southampton

### Family Tenpin Bowling

1st April | 6pm - 8pm | From £3.50  
Auckland Rd, Southampton SO15 0SD

### Partyman

7th and 16th April | 4:30pm | From £3.50  
L10 Southampton Road Swan Shopping Centre,  
Eastleigh SO50 5SF

### Monkey Bizness

10th April | 6:15pm | From £3.50  
234 Empress Rd, Southampton SO14 0JW

### Romsey Rapids

12th April | 11am | From £3.50  
Southampton Rd, Romsey SO51 8AF



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## NEWS ROUND UP



Our Year 7 netball team have had quite the season. Nearly all the players were new to netball, and in the first two terms together achieved something no other Wyvern team has managed - they got through to the Hampshire Finals held at Southampton Sports Centre on a very sunny day at the beginning of April.

This was a real baptism by fire - with so many of the teams more experienced than themselves. However, the team never lost enthusiasm, or humour, whilst playing their 14 matches! Well done to Steph, Rosa, Anna, Niamh, Alyssa, Lauren Hancock, Flora, Serayah, Grace, Tayla and their very new Miss Willsher for this landmark season. Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing their progress next year.

## HAMILTON TRIP

Sixty Performing Arts students went with Wyvern staff to see "Hamilton" at the Mayflower Theatre at this week. They had seats up in the balcony and a brilliant view of the stage. It was an incredible show- all staff and students were stunned by the spectacular performances and it was a wonderful experience seeing the musical performed live. The powerful voices, non-stop music, driving pulse and seamless transitions from song to song, scene to scene was incredible to watch. The story was told entirely through song/ rap and the music provided an intricate rhythmical accompaniment which drove the story from start to finish. It was an unforgettable experience and our Wyvern students, all members of the cast of the college production, were fantastic ambassadors for the college.



## GENERAL NOTICES

**SPOTLIGHT UK** SPOTLIGHT UK SOUTHEAST

**YOUTH SUPPORT NETWORK**  
For 8-16 year olds



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New activity support group for children who have experienced loss or separation



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New activity support group for children in care, foster care, or who are adopted



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New activity support group for children with siblings with mental health issues or long term physical disabilities or terminal illness



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**YOUTH CARERS NETWORK**  
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New activity support group for children who are young carers



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### ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

[Click here for the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter.](#)

### CAMHS Parents and Carers Events

There are some upcoming free events about mental health that families might find beneficial. [Please click here for more details](#) and here for their [Embracing Autism seminars](#).

### Kooth Support

Check out Kooth's bumper newsletter that provides some tips for support student wellbeing – in particular exam stress [Kooth bigger bytes newsletter for education this April](#)

## KID EAT FREE (OR GOR £1) THIS EASTER

Please click [here](#) to see a list of locations taking part in this scheme.



### VE DAY 80: SHARE YOUR MEMORIES



*Do you or your family have photos or stories of past VE Day celebrations?*

*Help us honour this historic day by sending us your photos/stories to form part of a history display*

SEND TO:  
COMMS@FAIROAK-PC.GOV.UK  
BY 18 APRIL 2025 OR DROP THEM OFF AT  
THE CAFE OR COMMUNITY LIBRARY

With the memories collected, Wyvern History students will curate a display at the Fountain Cafe on Thursday 8 May 12.30pm - 3.30pm

# SECOND-HAND UNIFORM HUB: GIVE, GET, SUPPORT!

Got unwanted Wyvern College uniform items?

DONATE THEM TO FRIENDS OF WYVERN SECOND-HAND UNIFORM HUB! WE'LL RESELL THEM, WITH ALL PROFITS FUNDING MORE SEATING AND CANOPIES AROUND SCHOOL.

BRING YOUR CLEAN, OUTGROWN UNIFORMS TO THE SCHOOL RECEPTION ANYTIME.

EVERY BLAZER, TIE, OR PE KIT YOU DONATE HELPS US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PROJECT.



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## CAREERS NEWS

### APPRENTICESHIPS NEWS

#### Engineering Vacancies

If anyone interested in a career in engineering to keep an eye on the SETA [apprenticeship vacancies](#) page on our website, and signpost interested young people there too. Don't forget to have a look at the [Govt Apprenticeship Website](#) as nearly 95% of all apprenticeship adverts (whatever the sector) will appear there.

As several vacancies have closed just recently, there are currently **11 LIVE VACANCIES** on SETAs [website](#). Some vacancies have closed, with some due to close this week, and a new one (CooperVision) in Chandlers Ford, nr Eastleigh.

Click here for the latest [SETA-Engineering-Apprenticeship-Vacancies-Bulletin-24\\_03\\_2025.pdf](#)

Click here for details of an [Engineering Workshop Taster Day](#).

**Hairdressing Apprenticeship:** Haringtons in Winchester is looking for an apprentice, so please complete the application form if you are interested <https://www.haringtons.com/working-in-our-salons>

[Click here to find out more about ABP Apprenticeships.](#)

#### BARTON PEVERIL OPEN EVENING

We are excited to announce that booking is now open for our Year 10 May Open Event. Please see the wording below that you can use to help us promote our event to your students:

Join us on Thursday 1st May, 16:30 - 20:30 at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College for an exciting opportunity to:

- Explore our facilities
- Research all courses on offer and QXTRAs!
- Speak to our current students and teachers
- Enjoy the College's vibrant and energetic atmosphere

To Secure Your Ticket: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college-events](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college-events).

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your student to explore an outstanding sixth form college.

#### YEAR 7 NOTICES

Friday saw us celebrating our fabulous year group with an end of term praise assembly. A multitude of awards were given across a range of categories, and it was lovely to acknowledge the achievements of so many pupils. As part of these awards each tutor recommended one pupil for the 'good egg' award - our unsung heroes and heroines who just go about their day being cheerful, helpful and a being positive role model to those around them.

The following were our Year 7 Good Eggs:

7P1 Freya, 7P2 Roma, 7G1 Isla, 7G2 Ellie, 7H1 Rosa 7H2 Daniel  
7D1 Phoebe, 7D2 Ryley, 7C1 Indie, 7C2 Libby

We also had another inductee to the P3 club - Maks Dylag. His languages teacher has expressed the following 'an exceptional effort on a recent French homework. Maks created an entire game that his classmates could actually play to help them learn their numbers 60 - 100. He built this activity from scratch and we all really enjoyed playing it'. I took this game along to the Pastoral Leaders meeting and we were all so impressed by the time it must have taken to build the basketball style game from scratch, the attention detail and the fact that it wasn't just playable but was also educational and really good fun. Well done Maks!

As usual our praise assembly was a lot of fun and involved some significant audience participation. At Christmas we dressed the tutors up as snowmen, so at Easter it seemed only fit to continue with this activity but this time we went for dressing them up as a bunny rabbit.



Year 7 have kicked started their charity fundraising campaign with a highly successful Easter Egg tombola. Thank you so much to everyone who very kindly donated an egg - we had in excess of 120 which was amazing. The money is still currently being counted but we were bombarded with customers, so we are very optimistic! – *Update the total is £273!!!!*

Please can we ask that as we move into our final term that you use this opportunity to restock stationary items, double check on uniform and shoes and make sure that your child has water bottle in preparation for a hopefully sunny and hot summer.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and we wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Mrs Taylor-Watson,  
Year 7 Team

## **YEAR 8 NOTICES**

The weather has been glorious this week and I hope it continues for us all into the break. We enjoyed our spring term celebration assembly this week and I would like to personally thank all the parents and carers who donated chocolate gifts for it. With the donations from some of you and some savvy spending of my praise budget by Mr Woodward & Miss Chapman we were able to give out over 65 prizes in the event yesterday which was wonderful!

We looked at how Easter is celebrated both at home and in some other places / countries such as Sweden, Italy and Antigua. Our Assembly Assistants all received an Easter egg of their choosing as a thank you for their weekly effort and commitment in preparing the hall for the year group – big thanks to Violet, Bobby, Sebastien, Holly, Jack & Ellie for their on-going commitment.

Miss Chatterley was revealed as the tutor / teacher who has issued the most P1s this term with a staggering 2764 – Year 8 were not surprised! Some tutor groups won prizes for various successes and there were several individual winners within categories such as 200+ P1s since January, attendance at an extra-curricular event and no late marks all term. We then held a raffle for the entire year group and there were lots of happy winners! I am sorry to say that Year 8 did not enjoy my April Fools joke anywhere near as much as I did! Feel free to ask them about it.

In praise news for the last week (and it does look different to yesterday), our top tutor groups for P1s is 8H1 with 433 P1s, 8G2 in second place with 361 and 8D1 in third with 348. Come on D1! So close! Our top students last week were Harry from 8C1 in first position with 55 points, in second place we have Erwann from H1 with 37 P1s and in third place we have Sophie from D2 & Joe from G2 both with 35 P1s. Well done!

Wishing you all an amazing break and see you soon.

Mrs Howard  
Pastoral Leader Year 8

## **YEAR 9 NOTICES**

Not notices this week.

## **YEAR 10 NOTICES**

No notices this week.

## **YEAR 11 NOTICES**

Dear Year 11

**Engineering Vacancies**

Please see the SETA [apprenticeship vacancies](#) . Plus don't forget to have a look at the [Govt Apprenticeship Website](#) as nearly 95% of all apprenticeship adverts (whatever the sector) will appear there.

As several vacancies have closed just recently, there are currently 12 [LIVE VACANCIES on SETAs website](#). As always, please pass this bulletin on, or feel free to add it into any newsletters etc that go out to families.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Gough  
Careers Leader

We are pleased to launch the additional Evening and Saturday revision sessions for Yr11 students. [Please click here which sessions are being offered](#), these are in addition to the regular period 6 lessons which run each week.

I am sharing this information with Yr11 students in assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and encouraging them to attend should they wish to do so, and they have also seen the schedule during tutor time earlier this week. The additional evening and Saturday sessions have proved popular in the past and some of them are capped at a certain number, therefore places will be issued on first come first served basis. That said, these sessions are not for everyone, and many students may prefer their own independent revision outside school hours. As these sessions are run over and above contracted time, we do pay staff for running the sessions, and we charge to cover some of the costs. Sessions in the evenings are £5 per session and Saturday's are £10 per session.

I will make it clear to students that we do not want them to miss out for financial reasons and if this is the case, please do contact me directly, in confidence, so I can make sure this is not an issue. [s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)

In most cases the sessions are open to all students who study the course, and some sessions will be invite only, more targeted to particular students. Students can speak to their class teacher about if they wish to be invited.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend, please sign up and payment can be made via Parentmail. If your child is registered with us for Pupil Premium, please complete the form, linked to your session that you choose and there will not be a charge.

Any queries around these sessions please do contact me.

Mr Stocks  
Deputy Head Teacher