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DIARY DATES

Monday 14th July 6.30pm
Tuesday 15th July
Friday 18th July 12.30

Summer Concert
House Games & Sports Day

COLLEGE CLOSING FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Start of Year 25-26

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of 2 September INSET days
Wednesday 3rd of September - Year 7 students only
Thursday September 4th – all other years.

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

ASSEMBLIES FOR THE COMING WEEK: PL Celebration Assemblies

Dear parents and Carers,

New Beginnings

As we approach the end of the academic year, this past week has been a celebration of new beginnings. We were delighted to welcome our newest members of the Wyvern family – our incoming Year 7 students. On Tuesday, students from all our feeder schools joined us for their Year 6 Transition Day, where they took part in a wide variety of activities designed to help them settle in, make friends, and begin their secondary journey with confidence and excitement. We hope they can emulate the current Year 7 students who have set records for the lowest number of behaviour points, detentions and suspensions and the highest average PRIDe scores. We were also pleased to welcome a record number of Year 6 students who are not in our feeder schools or catchment area but who are also joining us in September from other local settings. Yesterday evening, we welcomed their parents and carers to our Year 6 Parent Information Evening.

We have several members of staff who are looking forward to new beginnings in September. Mrs Lowe in PE, Ms Ding, our cover teacher and Ms Charles, our librarian are all retiring after serving our college and local community for many years, with distinction and commitment. Miss Hampton and Mr Archer-Lock in Maths have secured promotions in other schools as they develop their careers. We also have some staff changing schools due to relocation: Mr Harrison in Drama, Ms Harper in Geography and Mrs Hooper in ICT/Creative media. We have also had some teachers who have been with us temporarily this year, who have successfully secured their next steps: Mr Kimber in PE, Mr Price in Art and Ms Lea our cover teacher. Mr Male is leaving to work for the local education authority. We wish all of them very well indeed and thank them for all the work the support they have given to our students.

Subject Awards Evenings

As head teacher there are some things I do out of duty and there are many things I do out of pleasure. It was a real pleasure to spend Monday evening with so many Year 9 and Year 10 students (and their parents) at our first ever subject awards evening. There are of course many, many other students in these year groups who are deserving of praise and recognition for their continual hard work, strong attendance and excellent behaviour. We have tried throughout the year to have a wide range of praise events: praise breakfasts, the praise trip to Thorpe Park and a new system of P1, P2 and P3s. We hope that throughout the year students will get some positive recognition for what they get right. We will make the subject awards evening an annual event and hope that over the course of their time with us at Wyvern, a wider number of students will be able to attend one of them. We have the key stage 3 awards evening tonight and I look forward to it being as inspiring as the key stage 4 one.

College Improvement

The SLT has been working on the CIP for the next two years. We will be able to share this with you when we have finished it but the headlines of it are all based around making every lesson count and have the biggest impact it can:

- **More students in more lessons:** improving attendance to college, and attendance and punctuality to lessons; further reducing the number of students coming out of class to use passes and go to the toilets.
- **Greater teacher continuity in lessons:** reducing the number of cover lessons and staff absence and ensuring that teachers are effectively trained to consistently deliver the best quality lessons. We have reduced the number of split classes (those with multiple teachers in one subject) for September but we want to reduce these even more for September 2026 by reviewing our timetable construction methods.
- **More learning in lessons:** making sure that we give each student the right level of stretch and challenge in their work, raising expectations for the quality and standard of work that students produce and supporting them to meet these higher standards.
- **More progress across lessons:** improving the quality of home learning, academic enrichment: tracking students' progress better and intervening earlier when students are not on track. This involves reviewing our Year 7 and Year 8 assessment, by reporting more clearly to parents what their child's attainment is and how this compares to age related standards of work.
- **Less disruption to lessons:** we have seen big improvements to behaviour at break times, in communal spaces and on issues like bullying, vaping and anti-social behaviour. We now need to have a concerted effort to minimise disruptive behaviour in lessons to protect other students' learning. So we will be putting in place measures to address the problem of students routinely disrupting lessons and routinely doing detentions for it.

Regards
Mr Rule

COMMUNITY NEWS



EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

[Click here the find our about this summers Eastleigh Active Summer Programme](#)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE POINT

Click here for [details of the Points summer holiday activity programme](#) and here for their [Saturday Term Time club](#).

ART AND HISTORY ACTIVITIES – IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS SUMMER

As the Summer Holidays are fast approaching, Southampton City Council are pleased to announce that we have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained this Summer!

We have planned programme of history and art workshops cover everything from fun family walking tours to hands on workshops and all day wrap around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. We also have the return of Tudor House and Garden's Summer Fete!

More details, including how to book, can be found on these two flyers: [Flyer 1](#) & [Flyer 2](#)

HAMPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2025

Get ready to turn up the volume this August with our summer enrichment activities!

[Click here for more details.](#)



Southampton Mela is on this weekend - Mela Festival - Art

Asia <https://artasia.org.uk/mela-festival/>. The main event in Southampton is on Saturday 12th 12:00-9:00 then they have a community day on Sunday 13th 12:00-6:00.



And the Eastleigh Mela is on next Sunday (20th) 11:00-17:00 - AWCA Mela 2025

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/upcoming-events/awca-mela-2025>

A vibrant poster for Wyvern College's Summer Concert. The background is a bright yellow and orange geometric pattern with floating musical notes. At the top, the Wyvern College logo (a yellow dragon) and name are in a dark blue box. The title 'SUMMER CONCERT' is in large, bold, orange-outlined letters. Below it, the date 'Monday 14th July 2025' is in purple. Further down, the event details 'Music from 6pm', 'Concert begins 6.30pm', and 'Refreshments served' are listed in purple. The ticket information 'Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyvern-college' is also in purple. A QR code is located at the bottom center.

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A square QR code located at the bottom center of the poster, used for purchasing tickets.

WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT NEW

Online Safety Newsletter

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

Teen Project Hampshire

Wyvern College are delighted to announce the continuation of our partnership with Personal Best Education to deliver their [Hampshire Teen Project](#) this Summer holiday at Wyvern College. An enriching programme offered to students aged 11-16 who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals, giving them the opportunity to take part in a range of engaging activities.

[Click here for more information and how to book.](#)

GENERAL NOTICES

Message from Southern Gas networks about local gas works

I am contacting you regarding our project to replace the metal gas pipes in Winchester Road, Fair Oak and Spring Lane, Colden Common.

We need to replace the old metal pipe with new Polyethylene pipe to continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply. Our contractor, I&G contractors, started this project on 2 June in Fair Oak for approximately twelve weeks.

Who are SGN?

As the owner and operator of the gas network in your area, we provide commercial, Industrial and domestic properties with a gas supply in your community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Spring Lane

Our engineers will move to Spring Lane From 14th July for approximately six weeks. We will need to close the junction of Spring Lane and Main Road.

How will this affect you?

- Please allow additional time for your journeys.
 - Please check with your local bus company to be aware of any delayed busses or suspended bus stops.
- Ongoing information on our project will be available on our website.

We understand that a road closure causes inconvenience to the local community, and we will use the quickest and safest engineering techniques to ensure that we complete the project as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Xelabus services September 2025.

We have been advised by Xelabus that they will no longer be operating the HCC tendered Service 506 for Durley. In addition, they have also decided they will no longer operate the commercial Service 502 from Wyvern to Bishopstoke afternoon journey.

As soon as we hear anything from Hampshire about the new service provider for the current 506 service, we will let you know

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Lost Property

All lost property will be available to view / collect from Reception between 3 - 4pm on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July 2025. Please come along and check to see if you can find any items that have been misplaced. **Any items not claimed after the 11th July 2025 will be disposed of or recommissioned into our 2nd hand uniform stock. Thank you.**

CAREERS NEWS

BARTON PEVERIL YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 OPEN EVENTS

[Click here for details of these events on the 24th & 25th of September.](#)

YEAR 7 NOTICES

Just over a week to go (not that I'm counting) until we can wave goodbye to both mine and Yr 7's first academic year at Wyvern and enjoy the summer holidays. However, in typical Wyvern fashion we will still be cramming lots of things into the last few days.....

We have the rescheduled and eagerly anticipated new look Sports Day with its mixture of traditional athletics events and fun all-inclusive House Games. I have had a sneaky peak at the House Games running order and cannot wait to see the results of the various teamwork tasks that have been built into the schedule. I can guarantee that they will produce some laughs and lots of memories to look back on. I wish all of the competitors' good luck and look forward to cheering them on from the sidelines.

We also have our Awards Evening to look forward to, where pupils have been nominated and chosen for awards based on effort and achievement in every subject. This will undoubtedly prove to be a glorious evening and one where we can really celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of those pupils who have gone above and beyond this year. As well as department awards there will also be some new special Wyvern Awards for pupils who have impressed outside of the classroom environment and who we are immensely proud to have representing Wyvern in and around the local community.

On Monday morning the pupils will have their final celebration assembly of the year where we will be rewarding those with excellent attendance, conduct and effort. We will also be giving out awards that the children themselves have been voting for - your son or daughter may well go home with the coveted award for 'comedy genius' or the highly sought after 'most likely to survive a zombie apocalypse' or perhaps they are seeking the notoriety of holding 'the year group foghorn' title? I have stressed to the children that this is all in the name of good fun and should be entered into and responded to in this fashion. So hopefully no tears or tantrums when I present the 'Romeo and Juliet' award to the couple that may have broken up the night before!

As the hot weather continues please may I stress the importance of sending your child into school with a water bottle (or two) and with some sun tan lotion as we have a few that are arriving unprepared and are really struggling with the heat and lack of fluids.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

Here we are amidst another pending heatwave as we are quickly approaching the end of term and another academic year. The next week or so can be a tricky time for our students (and indeed us as staff) because most people are excited about the forthcoming holiday and the promise it holds, and everyone is also increasingly tired and less tolerant of each other.

Those of you I speak to will know that I do my best to "put a lid on" as much as possible at this stage of the year especially where squabbles are concerned. I would really appreciate you monitoring interactions at home on mobile phones / group chats as things heat up over the next week both literally and potentially figuratively! I know that many of my own friends and family members who don't work in a school think that we're all winding down now but I can assure you that as I write this, I am far from winding down.

I am really looking forward to the Summer Tea party that a group of twelve of Year 8s have been invited to. To keep costs down, I have made the scones, Mrs Goss has made millionaire shortbread (a slight deviation from the promised chocolate brownies but with insufficient chocolate in her cupboard she was very resourceful in making these) and my office currently smells like a cream tea! I have had worse starts to my day.

We also have the Awards Evening tonight (Thursday as I write this) which I am really excited about. Having an opportunity to come together and celebrate some of our students' successes is amazing. I hope those of you who attend feel as proud as we are of these Year 8s.

House / Sports day is now next Tuesday as you know, and this is always a wonderful day – good luck Y8 and hopefully more have you have signed up!

Finally, next Friday is our annual Celebration Assembly as you know, and we are busy putting this together for the year group. Once again, I need to extend thanks to so many of you who have very kindly donated prizes for this; I received £50 worth of £10 gift vouchers from one family which is extraordinarily generous and thoughtful. Five Year 8s will thoroughly enjoy these! Thank you all once again!

Mrs D.Howard
Pastoral Leader Year 8

YEAR 9 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No notices this week.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

No notices this week.