



Thursday 11th January 2024

Issue 16

Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 15 th January		Spartan Challenge during Pe lessons this week
18 th & 23 rd January		Year 8 Marwell Geography trips
Friday 19 th January		Non-uniform day for students – funds raised for Shrek!
Friday 19 th January		Yr11 reports issued of PFG range to parents
Saturday 20 th January		Shrek production student rehearsals
Tuesday 23 rd January	4pm-7pm	Year 10 Virtual Parents evening
Wednesday 24 th January		Yr11 Trip to Oxford – Poetry Live
Thurs 1 st - Sat 3 rd February		Shrek – College production, including Saturday matinee
3 rd & 4 th February		DofE New Forest walk – groups A & B
Friday 9 th February	2.55pm	College closes at normal time for half term
Monday 12 th February	8.25am	College reopens after half term
Tue 20 th – Fri 23 rd Feb		Year 11 Trial Exams English, Math & Science
Sunday 25 th February	9am	Booking system for Yr8 Parents evening goes live
Wednesday 13 th March	4-7pm	Year 8 Virtual Parents evening
Thursday 14 th March		Cluster Vocal festival at Thornden Hall

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summary of the week

This week saw the launch of our Friends at Wyvern association. This is a group of volunteers, drawn from staff, parents, families and wider friends of the college who want to help shape the culture of the college, by deciding how students' educational experience can be enhanced and then organising activities to fund these projects. We will be providing regular updates about the Friends at Wyvern, including how you can join.

This week we have had year 11 students visiting Southampton Art gallery, year 8 students visiting Fort Nelson, year 7 and 11 year group photos and Shrek rehearsals.

Tutor time work on anxiety

This term, students in all year groups will be studying a unit of work on anxiety as part of their tutor time curriculum. We know that most people suffer anxiety at some point in their lives and that an increasing number of people, including students have suffered since the pandemic.

Students will be learning what anxiety is, the varied symptoms associated with it, how "avoidance" of anxiety-inducing situations increases anxiety, how "exposure" to them can help students overcome their problem, but only if the exposure is incremental, built up slowly and done regularly.

Students will be studying how common negative thought loops can make them anxious and will be learning how to identify and challenge these. We are hoping to include more units in the tutor programme in future. We hope that by getting students talking about mental health and sharing their thoughts and experiences of anxiety, we can take the stigma away.

Safeguarding: child on child sex crimes

This week the National Police Chiefs' Council published its report. It says that in 2022 there were 106,984 reported cases of child sexual offences - a 7.5% increase on the year before. The police say they are dealing with a growing trend in the number of offences committed by children on other children, including rape and sexual assault. Another category of offences involves indecent images of children taken by children, sometimes with consent, sometimes without.

It is a crime to take, make, share or distribute an indecent image of a child under the age of 18. The NPCC believes young men are now growing up "three clicks away" from watching violent, abusive or even illegal

videos on pornography platforms. This, officers say, is encouraging them to adopt similar behaviour in sexual situations, or to demand videos and pictures from girls.

Senior police officers want the government, which is carrying out a review, to more tightly control access to pornography.

Susie Hargreaves, chief executive of anti-abuse charity the Internet Watch Foundation said these were crimes that could "happen in any family, to any child". "Having an internet connection and a webcam without supervision is like leaving a door open for the world's worst predators to approach, speak to, groom and ensnare your children," she said.

Pupils Press

I was very pleased to read the 1st edition of our Pupils Press 'For the Pupils, By the Pupils, before Christmas. It has been very well put together by the press club with a variety of articles, please see the link below, to access. We look forward to future publications.

Shrek college production – During last term and the recent weeks, it's been a pleasure for me to see so many students involved with the rehearsals for Shrek, our college production at the beginning of February. Lots of hard work has been put in from students, teaching staff and support staff in getting students rehearsed as well as working on scenery and costumes. Tickets go on sale this evening and I hope that parents and families will be able to join me in what is going to be a spectacular show, including our own live student orchestra for the performance.

Next week we will be holding a non-uniform day for students and staff, all donations made will go towards the production. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something green! This is optional.

With best wishes

Mr Rule

College Vacancies

- **TEACHING ASSISTANTS WANTED:** We are still looking to recruit Teaching Assistants. If you or anyone you know might be interested in working in these valuable roles, [find out more by clicking here](#).
- **Choir Leader** – we are looking for someone to lead our wonderful Community Choir. [Click here for more details](#).

Community Notices

- **New Year Deals** – [click here](#) for the offers available from Wyvern Sports & Fitness.
- **New Course Brochure** – [click here](#) to find out about the upcoming courses being provided by Wyvern Community.

General College Notices

- **Hampshire County Council launch important Future Services Consultation** – The County council would like to hear from as many Hampshire residents to help them understand and consider the potential impact of the 13 service changes they are proposing. [Click here](#) to read the full report and the link for the response form.
- **Car parking & driving in the local areas** – Please [click here](#) to read a letter sent to all parents from the Wyvern, Fair Oak Juniors, Fair Oak infants, schools concerning parking and drop off in the local areas surrounding the Wyvern campus, after recent contact from HCC Parking & Traffic Enforcement Team.
- **Update from Eastleigh Police** – [click here to read the latest newsletter](#).
- **Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)** are holding free events for Parents and Carers. [For more information, please click here](#).

- **SHREK – is coming!** The school production of this much-loved musical is taking place on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd of February (with a matinee on the 3rd). [Click here for more information or see the poster below.](#)
- **Non uniform day- Friday 19th January-** Students, can if they wish, wear non-uniform on Friday, for a minimum suggested donation of £1.00. All funds raised will go to the production. The option to pay through Parentmail will be live today or students can pay with cash on the day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something green!
- **Bake Sale for Shrek! – Thursday 18th January** – students will be holding a bake sale at student services on both breaks on Thursday next week. Any donations from students or parents will be gratefully welcome. Cakes & goodies will be on sale to students and staff, prices start from 50p, cash only!
- **Raffle donations required** – As part of our fundraising towards the production, we will be holding raffles on each evening of the performance and we are looking for any donations from parents and local business' towards the prizes.
If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, that you would be happy to donate, or as a business who would be be happy to donate a prize, please can you either contact enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk or items can be brought to our reception up until 29th January – Thank you.



Wyvern Pupils Press – 1st Edition

During last term we have had a group of students working very hard on producing the 1st edition of the Pupils Press. This was completed just before Christmas, but we would like to share this publication with parents as well as students. You will find that it is packed with articles, that the press club have put together themselves, from an interview with Mr Rule, Careers in the railway, to photos from Yr10 science performing a dissection!

[Click here to read the first edition.](#)

Thank you to all the students involved in producing the newspaper, through to the staff that assisted them. We look forward to future publications later in the year.

Career News

Barton Peveril Session Orchestra

The BPSO Strings Project is open to young string players (16 and under) in Hampshire to experience what it is like to play in a string section for a pop band. This is a fantastic opportunity for string players (grade 6 and above) to apply their ensemble skills in a new setting which will include a free workshop led by Adam Broughton.

Students will work alongside singers and instrumentalists from Barton Peveril's Popular Music Performance Course towards a spectacular performance in the College's Rose Theatre.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Free, online, and national [King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2024](#) are now open!

This programme is for students across the UK in Year 11, 12, and 13, who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are interested in becoming a doctor or dentist.

A session on other careers in healthcare with six professionals currently working and teaching in the sector (nursing, dietetics, clinical science, etc.)

Lectures will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6-7.15pm. Our first lecture will be on Wednesday 14th February.

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is Monday 15th January 2023.

Year 7 Notices

- Year 7s are generally looking very smart and wearing the college uniform with PRIDE. It is helpful if parents can ensure that children are wearing the school shoes that you have invested in.

Also, just a reminder that at Wyvern students are not permitted to use any electronic device including mobile phones. This rule has been in place for over five years, students are regularly reminded of it via assemblies and it is in place for a wide range of reasons.

Please don't put your child in a difficult situation by expecting a response if you call or text them during the college day. If there is an emergency we will contact you or your child can speak to their tutor, the year office or indeed any member of staff if they need to speak to you in order to have permission first.

Students who use mobile phones during the college day, without permission, will have it confiscated for the day and ultimately receive detentions. The phone is collected by the students at the end of the day.

On Wednesday Year 7 had their photo taken. This was quite a task but we managed it. They were very chatty and excited but I think a lovely photo will follow and one they will be very embarrassed about in a few years' time.

Remember next week that Year 7s can bring their exercise books home to show you, so do have a look at what they've been doing in class. I am also in the process of looking at the Year 7 PRIDE data and it is fantastic that about fifty Year 7s achieved an average PRIDE score of 4.77 or better! One girl, Amelia R, achieved a perfect 5! Amazing. I shall be writing home in due course to congratulate these students.

Yr7 Pastoral Team

- **Year 7 group photos**

Our photographer was in school on Wednesday 10.1.24 to do a year group photo of years 7 and 11 (separately). If we had your permission to take your child's photograph then they would have joined their year group in the photo.

A proof of the photo will come to you electronically, and you will be able to purchase it, if you wish, online.

Year 8 Notices

- No notices this week

Yr8 Pastoral Team

Year 9 Notices

- We have continued this week checking uniform to ensure it maintains the high standards we expect, we are very pleased that the minor issues we have noticed are being rectified and Year 9 are looking very smart!

If there are any students out there that don't have a log book we need them to come and see their tutor or to visit the year office to organise a replacement. There is a cost of £3.70 for a replacement logbook.

In assembly this week we spoke about a new year, new start – Year 9, please join the group in offering random acts of kindness - every small thing you do will make a huge difference to others.

As a reminder, those involved in Shrek there is a rehearsal this weekend. As a year office we are very impressed with the commitment shown to the Shrek production.....we cannot wait to come and watch!

Yr9 Pastoral Team

- **RPS lessons from February** – as part of the National Curriculum, students in Yr9 will be covering a number of topics regarding Sex and Relationships Education. The lessons should build upon previous knowledge and be informative and educational, thus enabling students to make informed decisions in the future. [Please click here to read more information.](#)

Teenage Booster vaccination – Yr9 students – The school age immunisation nursing team is visiting Wyvern, Tuesday 19th March, to administer the Teenage Boosters vaccinations for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polis & Meningitis ACWY to all Yr9 students.

For your child to receive this vaccination, an E consent form will need completing.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. Access to the consent forms will close **Thursday 14th March**

School Code: **SH138184**

Session date: **Tuesday 19th March 2024**

Link to website: [Teenage Booster : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you have any queries about the immunisation could they please contact the South West Immunisation team on southwesthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk

If your child has any concerns about receiving the vaccination on the day, please contact welfare@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive these vaccinations, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable your child's immunisation record to be updated.

Year 10 Notices

- It has been a pleasure this week for me to read the exceptional Prefect applications submitted. Year 10 have obviously put a huge amount of time and effort into completing these applications in detail with real thought. The average time spent on these currently sits at 55 minutes! A massive well done to all who applied! I know the respective Curriculum Leaders are excited to complete the interview process over the next 3 weeks.

Good luck to all of them in these interviews and I can't wait to share the good news with all the successful applicants.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

- During next week we will be making the trials timetable available for Yr11 students and parents. These are for the final set of trial exams, which are English, Maths & Science. The student's days will follow a similar format as the trials in December.

We will also be offering all students a chance to attend P6 (after College sessions) revision sessions, in these subjects, over the weeks leading up to the trials. This is to support students with revision, as well as revision taking place at home. The timetable for these sessions will be issued weekly, so students can plan for the following week.

Yr11 Pastoral team

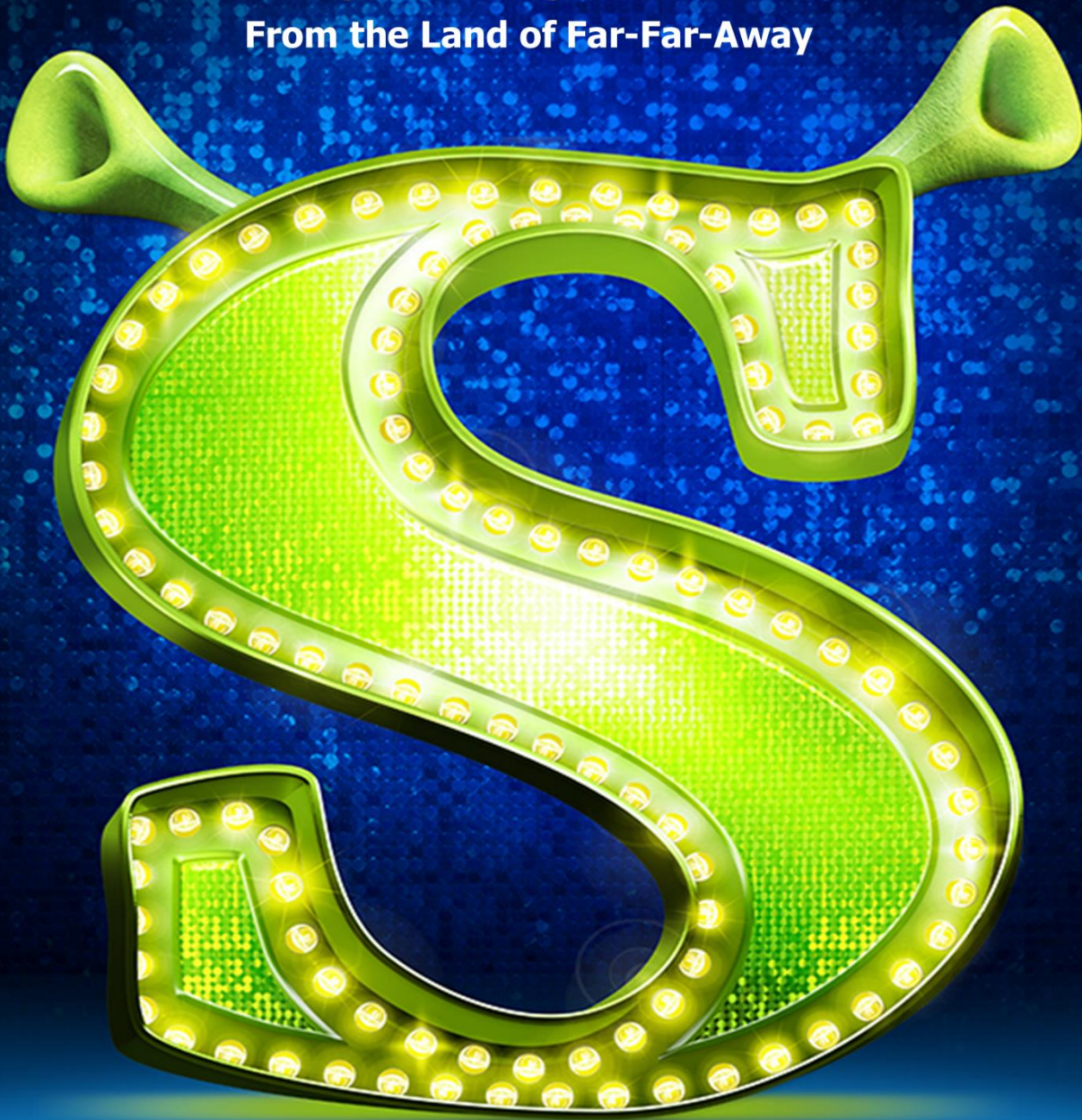
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We are due to swap over to our new Wyvern website during the coming week, therefore if you are viewing the newsletter after our switch over, some of the links may not work. If you experience this problem, the newsletter will be available through Edulink and our new website.

Wyvern College Presents
From the Land of Far-Far-Away



Evenings on February 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2024

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Matinee on February 3rd 2024

Doors Open 1pm for 1.30pm start

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

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