Thursday 18th January 2024

Issue 17

Next Week's Diary Dates

Date Friday 19 th January Friday 19 th January	Time	Event Non-uniform day for students – funds raised for Shrek! Yr11 reports issued of PFG range to parents
Sunday 21st January		Shrek production student rehearsals
Tuesday 23 rd January	4pm-7pm	Year 10 Virtual Parents evening
Tuesday 23 rd January		Year 8 Marwell Geography trip
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 19 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
Tuesday 27 th February		Onsite Yr8 Parents Options info evening
Wednesday 28 th February		Yr7 Globe Theatre
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,

Shrek

This week we have been continuing rehearsing and preparing for the school production of Shrek. Over 120 students are involved in this, acting on stage, helping backstage, front of house and with technical support including lighting and sound. It is great to bring together so many students with different talents and interests and for them to experience being part of something that gives them sense of belonging and achievement.

To help raise money for the costs of running the production, whilst keeping ticket prices down, students have taken part in a Shrek Bake Sale today and tomorrow they will be able to wear non-uniform for a donation of £1.00. Hopefully students will be able to wear something green to show their support for the Shrek production.

If you would like to come and see Shrek, please see below details on purchasing tickets.

New Website

Our new college website has gone live this week. I would like to thank those parents who helped us in the initial stages to understand the pitfalls and mistakes that we need to avoid and to suggest how we might make it easier for parents to find information. I would also like to thank Mrs Tyler who oversees our marketing for leading this project.

We hope that the format is more user friendly in the navigation of the site and that it shows more effectively the ethos of the college. We are at present continuing to review and update the content and add further information.

Update on Changes to Behaviour Management Processes

A couple of weeks ago, I informed you of the changes we would be making to the behaviour management systems in the college. I am pleased to report that we have seen a significant decrease in students using toilet cubicles as social spaces and we have seen a decrease in the number of detentions that need to be set.

We have been able to now set a "same week" detention for C3 department detentions (of 30 minute) but at present have not yet with the longer 75 minute ones – we have adjusted the detention rota to ensure more capacity for these and hope to catch up in the next couple of weeks. I know that previously the length of time it has taken for students to do their detention has been a source of frustration for both students and you as parents and carers.

As I have said previously, the majority of our students go through the whole of the year without getting a single detention which is fantastic. I appreciate the many parents who have written in to say they welcome these changes and for those of you who have supported the college when your own child has needed to be sanctioned. When students get the same united message from college and home then students are more likely to make the right behavioural choices.

For the students who have not been happy with the changes, we have reminded them that it is fair and reasonable to expect them to comply with the rules. If they do not like the consequences then they should not break the rules. What they cannot do is break the rules, knowing the consequences and then complain about those consequences.

Online Safety Issue: Chroming

'Chroming' refers to a recent drug trend where people inhale the fumes of intoxicants such as aerosols, paint, or solvents to experience a high. The name came from the original act of sniffing chrome-based paint.

Although using inhalants isn't new, recent social media trends are adding a new dimension of peer pressure through the 'TikTok Challenge'. The challenge, also known as 'WhipTok' has sparked renewed interest among teenagers, who are being encouraged to try this dangerous practice.

Chroming can take several forms:

- Sniffing: Inhaling vapours directly from a container, such as a nail polish remover bottle.
- Bagging: Inhaling vapours, like air freshener spray, directly from a plastic or paper bag.
- Huffing: Inhaling petrol, lighter fluid, or other vapours soaked into fabric. The worries are that some young people may think chroming is a 'safer' way to get high rather than misusing street or prescription drugs.

Products used in chroming, like spray paint bottles and markers, are easy to purchase and don't have the same restrictions of some drugs or age limitations like alcohol. They are also unlikely to draw attention from teachers, parents, caregivers, or the police.

Why is it dangerous? As well as the short-term effects typical of substance abuse, experts have warned that 'chroming' can lead to long term brain damage and also damage to internal organs

With best wishes Mr Rule

College Vacancies

• **Choir Leader –** we are looking for someone to lead our wonderful Community Choir. <u>Please click here for more and to check our website for other vacancies.</u>

Community Notices

 ICON Football Sessions - Age 2-U14's Boys and Girls - Professional Football Coaching Sessions run by ICON Sports Coaching - are regularly held at Wyvern throughout the week - various sessions from Age 2 - U14 are available. <u>Click here for more information</u>. Free Taster Session Available To book contact www.iconsportscoaching.co.uk / Call Steve on 07415 888851

General College Notices

Second hand uniform

Thank you to those of you who have donated second hand uniform, this is very much appreciated by our parents/carers who access this support.

We are very low on jumpers and skirts, so if you have any to donate, please drop them into reception. If you require second hand uniform, please either phone reception 023 80 692679 or email enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk with details of what you are looking for and sizes and we will see what we have in our stocks.

Second hand uniform is free to all parents, you are also welcome to exchange things free of charge, if your child needs a bigger size, and we will re-use the item for our stock. Thank you

- Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are holding free events for Parents and Carers. For more information, please click here.
- 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. <u>Click here</u> to read the full report and the link for the
 response form.
- Eastleigh Policing Update Click here for the latest newsletter.
- Price for Pets <u>click here to find out about a free HCC seminar</u> about planning and budgeting for a family pet.
- •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!



•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 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.

Careers News

- Workplace Engagement for SEND Students. Solent Partners are looking to reach out to
 professionals/people working in business who may be willing to be part of a small group of employers,
 working collaboratively to support our SEND students across the Solent. There may be parent/carers or
 relatives who feel this is something that they would like to be part of in terms of their work and giving
 something back to the community. <u>Click here for more information</u>.
- South West Railway Apprenticeship click here to find out more about these opportunities.
- EY are hosting a number of open office events over the coming weeks for students and their parents and carers in your location. This is a great opportunity to visit a local office, meet apprentices and find out more about the career pathways on offer. Each session runs from 6pm in the evening. Click here for more information.

A visit to Sparsholt College Hampshire

Last week I was invited to Sparsholt College to have a look around with other Career Leaders in the area. I was pleasantly surprised to drive to a lovely country village campus with College facilities and student accommodation altogether.

There were such a wide range of subjects/ apprenticeships to study from Animal

and Zoo management, Game and wildlife, Equine, Fishery studies, Sports, Uniformed Protective Services, Motor vehicles and much more.

During the walk around the campus we were able to see cows being milked, horses being ridden on in the arena, white foxes, meerkats coming up and saying hello to us and llamas waiting to be shampooed and washed by the students!.

The campus is so big that we didn't manage to see it all and we missed out on seeing the horticultural and the sports area.

If any students are interested in finding more about Sparsholt then they are welcome to do pop into my office. Please also look at the website to book for the Open days available throughout the year.



Julie Gough - Careers Leader

Year 7 Notices

This week Year 7 enjoyed a PE assembly delivered by our Curriculum Leader for PE, Mr McCracken. A great assembly were students reflected on previous sporting achievements as well as looking forward to the year ahead.

About fifty Y7 students have received praise letters from me congratulating them on their recent PRIDe scores – students with a score of 4.77 or better should have received this letter via email. I would like to publicly congratulate these students as well. If 50 students are receiving a 4.77 or better this is a high benchmark and something to be celebrated.

Two students from each tutor group, will also be invited to our next Celebration breakfast. The criteria this time was Achievement Points. Tutors have also nominated two students each from their tutor group to come to a separate "hot chocolate" event with me – I am in the process of organising this. So, overall lots to feel proud about and to celebrate!

Yr7 Pastoral Team

Year 7 Group photo – link available

Our school photographers, Yellow, have emailed out a link to parents' emails, with the order packages for the Year Group photo. If you have any questions or queries, about receiving the link, please contact us via enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk. If you have a queries about the ordering, please contact Yellow direct.

Globe Trip - Limited spaces

Yr7 Globe trip - The English department are running an exciting cultural visit to London to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. This will be a valuable and enriching experience for students in Year 7 as they will gain a unique insight into Shakespearian performance and stagecraft. Please click here for more details.

Year 8 Notices

This week we had a lovely email from the organisers of the Eastleigh Basics Bank, who we did a collection for before Christmas. I'd like to pass on my thanks to all of the parents who supported their children by allowing them to buy extras in their weekly shop, or raided their cupboards for any surplus tins, packets and household basics. Your support is much appreciated.



The Basics Bank operates out of Wells Place in Eastleigh and are open 10am-3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. It would be nice if we could all continue to support their work by carrying on with donations throughout the year. They continue to support local individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties, and all our donations and contributions go direct to those that need them.

Options

This week, we have launched the Options process in Year 8 and in the coming weeks it will involve:

- Y8 assembly on Tuesday 30th January
- an RPS lesson to look at Options choices for all students
- an Options Evening for parents and carers at Wyvern on Tuesday 27th February
- Y8 Subject Parents Evening on Wednesday 13rd March

Students will be issued with their Options form after the Parents Evening on 14th March 2024, which will need to be filled in by parents and student together. In the meantime you are welcome to take a **first look** at the option choices available on the college website, <u>click here to access</u>. As the process progresses, we will issue parents with further details.

 HPV Vaccination – Yr8 students – we have been notified that the school nursing immunisation team will be holding a vaccination session at Wyvern on Tuesday 26th March, for ALL Yr8 students to receive their Human papillomavirus vaccination. This is free from the NHS.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. Access to the consent forms will close: **Thursday 21**st **March**.

School Code: SH138184

Session date: Tuesday 26th March 2024

Link to website: HPV: 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 the vaccine, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

Yr8 Pastoral Team

Year 9 Notices

- No Notices this week 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/Petanus/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

No Notices this week

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

During assembly last week we were visited by NCS-National Citizenship Service who gave students an
outline of the programme and how students can sign up for this summer. <u>Please click here for more</u>
information, places are going very quickly!

Yr11 Trials 2

In assembly tomorrow (Friday 19th January) I will be sharing the following detail with Year 11 students:

- Yr11 Trials 2 timetable The timetable for the trial exams after half term is now available on our website <u>Click here</u> to view. Students will be sent their own personalised timetable closer to the start of the trials. As you will see from the timetable this will be for CORE subjects only and students will have an exam timetable for these 4 days. This will mean that students can leave site and go home after their second exam or remain on site in a supervised study room through to 2.55pm.
- Extra Support & Revision Pre-Trials 2- over the next 3 weeks, leading up to half term, we will be offering Yr11 students a chance to attend extra support & revision sessions for some of their subjects. The majority of these will be run after College, 2.55pm 3.55pm P6 session, some will be before college starts in the mornings.

These sessions are voluntary, but we have found in the past that these have helped students with preparing for their exams. Please click here to access the P6 timetable for next week.

I would be grateful if you could discuss the sessions on offer with your son/daughter and agree which ones they might target. It is important that students find a balance in terms of teacher led revision, independent revision and 'down-time' and you are integral in supporting our students to get this right.

As we move through the term, we are hoping our staff will become more proficient with EduLink and hopefully many of these sessions, and the registers, will be available for you to see.

A copy of the weekly P6 Session schedule will be published through this newsletter, as well as being available in tutor bases, and I know tutors will be promoting sessions.

Our main programme of extra support & revision sessions will then restart in March, after the completion of the second round of trials, this enables students to continue to use this form of support through to their GCSE's.

You will also be sent an updated data sheet with Projected Final Grades in the next few working days.

Yr11 Pastoral team

Next Week

• Year 11 Design & Technology students are now starting to make their final GCSE products. They may need support sourcing and purchasing materials, although we do provide where possible.

Please can you encourage your child to make sure they are ready for their second day off time table next week which can be hugely impactful if they prepare themselves for the day.

If you have any questions please contact the class teacher direct or enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Deadline for A02 is Friday 29th February to allow for marking and moderation.

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Yr11 Poetry Live - Trip info

For those students that are attending the Poetry Live trip next week, please find the details below, that has been shared with the students. If they need to check if they are attending the trip, they can check the list outside of the Finance Office.

Date - Wednesday 24 January 2024 - Location - New Theatre, Oxford

Timings:

0815 – Meet at the coach to be registered

0830 - Coach departs - if you are late you miss out!

1045 – Conference Begins

1500 – Conference Ends

1700 – Approximate arrival back at Wyvern

INFORMATION

Students will be given a Poetry Live Magazine on arrival – this will essentially be their ticket into the venue. Don't lose it!

Students MUST bring a packed lunch and drink. They will not be allowed to leave the site and there is nowhere to purchase food.

Any further questions please speak to Mrs Brine-Howe E4

