



Thursday 25th January 2024

Issue 18

Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 29 th Jan – Friday 9 th Feb		Yr11 Revision for Trials
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 Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Exciting Changes Ahead: Your Input Needed

I hope this message finds you well. As we kick off the new year, I am thrilled to share some exciting developments that are underway at Wyvern to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment of school. We believe that a positive and vibrant learning environment contributes significantly to the overall success and wellbeing of our students.

House System Relaunch

In September 2024, we will relaunch our college house system to foster healthy and fun competition among students and to enhance students' feeling of community and making a positive contribution to something larger than themselves.

Each student's participation in house competitions, extra-curricular activities, and earned praise points will contribute to their house's total points.

A live house points leader board displayed on digital screens around the college will add an extra layer of excitement.

Students in Years 7-11 will have the opportunity to vote on house names during the week beginning 19th February. Termly house assemblies will further strengthen the sense of camaraderie.

Praise and Reward Systems Enhancement

Starting this February half-term, we will be progressively phasing in improvements to our praise and reward systems.

Changes include increasing the number of postcards sent home for P2 achievements, introducing milestone rewards for praise points, and organising more praise events for students to recognise their achievements.

To make praise more visible, we're considering turning on achievement notifications for parents in Edulink.

Your input on this matter is crucial, so please take a moment to share your preferences in our achievement notifications survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Pu7q00LsYh>.

Friends of Wyvern

We are thrilled to announce the recent launch of the Friends of Wyvern, our new parent-staff-student association.

This group aims to fundraise for projects that enhance the overall educational experience and welfare for Wyvern students.

The first AGM has been held and now we are seeking your input on identifying key projects to fundraise for. Your thoughts and suggestions are vital, so please participate in our fundraising projects survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/nKwWZBedH3>. We will be surveying students too.

We hope you share our excitement about these initiatives. We are committed to keeping you updated as we progress, and your feedback is invaluable.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in creating a vibrant and fulfilling educational experience for our students.

Best wishes,
Mr W Emeny
Assistant Headteacher



College Vacancies

- **Choir Leader** – we are looking for someone to lead our wonderful Community Choir. [Please click here for more and to check our website for other vacancies.](#)

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. [Click here for more information.](#) Free Taster Session Available To book contact www.iconsportscoaching.co.uk / Call Steve on 07415 888851

General College Notices

- **What to do if you think your child has measles?** – the UK Health Security Agency, UKHSA, have asked us to forward to parents and carers guidance if you think your child has measles. There is at present an increase of cases in London and the West Midlands, not in the South- East, but the UKHSA wish for parents to have the information available. For guidance, please click [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)
- **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.](#)

•**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 tickets](#) or see the poster below.



Bake Sale – Thank you – thank you for all the donations we received of baked items, we had enough to sell over two days! and raised over £220.00 – thank you

Non-uniform day- Friday 19th January- we raised over £940.00 from non-uniform day, if there are any students who still haven't made their donation, this can be dropped off at Finance office, or donations made online through Parentmail.

•**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.

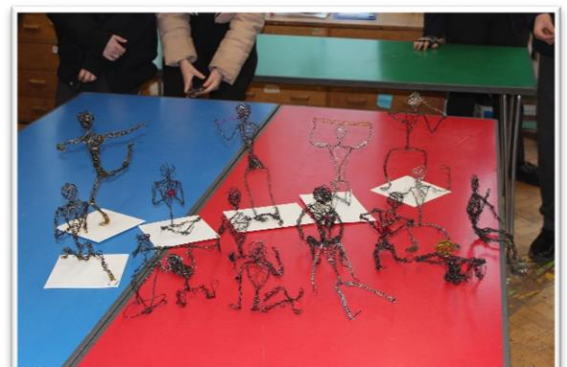
If you would be happy to donate an item for the raffle, or as a business who would be able to donate a prize, please can you either contact enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk or items can be brought to our reception up until 31st January – Thank you.

Our staff entering into the SHREK spirit of the non-uniform day!



Art Trip to Southampton Art Gallery

Year 11 students recently visited Southampton Art Gallery. They took part in a wire figure workshop (check out the results right) and received an informative talk focusing on the colours red and blue in some of the key works on show. They were also able to enjoy two special exhibitions and the current parts of the permanent collection that are on show. [Southampton Art Gallery](#) and the neighbouring [John Hansard Gallery](#) are both free to enter. Find out more by clicking on the gallery name.



Careers News

- **Solent Partnership are running an Apprenticeship Evening** in collaboration with Totton College for young people and their parents/carers. Last year's event was a huge success. [Click here for a flyer that has a QR code on it](#) where individuals can submit an expression of interest to attend.
- **Barratt Apprenticeships** – [click here for the latest newsletter](#).
- **SETA Taster day** – [click here to read details of the upcoming event for those interested in engineering](#).
- Don't Forget: **Live Online Q&A session for Students and Parents on National Apprenticeship Week!**
Tuesday 6 February 2024 5.30 – 6pm
Join us this National Apprenticeship Week for a Live Q&A session dedicated to parents and students hosted by our Apprenticeships Manager, Helen Mitchell and Senior Apprenticeship Liaison Officer, James Clements.
Find out more about apprenticeships with Sparsholt College Group (Sparsholt Campus, Andover Campus and University Centre Sparsholt) and get all your questions answered!
Register by using: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-apprenticeship-week-parent-and-student-qa-session-tickets-800041113507>

Year 7 Notices

Year 7 France and Germany Trips – Launch this week

- We are excited to be launching our three day trips to France and Germany, [Please click here for the France trip letter](#) and [click here for the Germany letter](#) for information regarding applying and paying the deposit attached.

Globe Trip - Limited spaces – Closing date tomorrow

- **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](#).
- Another week and what a week it has been. Y7 assembly this week was about the holocaust and delivered by Mr Rule. They have also been learning about this in their history lessons.

I am really excited to be taking our TOP PRIDE students on a bowling trip in a couple of weeks. If your child received an average PRIDE of 4.92 or better in November then please look out for the letter which I think will be sent via Edulink.

I'm also looking forward to our next Celebration Breakfast next Wednesday – well done to all of those invited for having the highest number of achievement points in their tutor group at that time.

I hope you have bought your tickets for our Shrek production next week – Wyvern shows are always spectacular and good luck to everyone involved.

My office is inundated with many issues related to students "spreading rumours" and I know I have spoken to some of you and your children about this. We would greatly welcome your support in tackling this issue and encouraging students not to share something that they have been told unless they consider the follow: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

If it is not all of these things then they probably don't need to make themselves part of the problem by spreading rumours about others.

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.

Year 8 Notices

- This week (and last) Year 8 have had incredibly successful (if quite cold and wet) trips to Marwell Park with the Geography Department. It has been wonderful to hear their stories from the days out and hear of the positive feedback about Wyvern students from members of the public and Marwell staff. Hopefully, everyone has now either thawed out or dried out.

Next week we will be having the next of our all-years Celebration Breakfasts in the Hall. This month we have invited those students who have gained the most achievement points (P1s), and so we will be having a hot chocolate, juice, croissants, pain au chocolate and fruit buffet during tutor time on Wednesday next week. Congratulations to all of those invited. Year 8 have collected 86,272 achievement points so far this year (up to and including 23rd Jan), which a huge number!

Also, this week we have had a group of Food Tech students running a breakfast pop-up cafe for staff (and others), organised and catered by Year 8 students themselves. It was much appreciated and has set a high bar for the group that will be taking over next time.

Lastly, during this week we have focussed on Holocaust Remembrance. Our assembly, taken by Mr Langdon (Curriculum Leader of History) showed students how even today we need to learn lessons from the past and ensure that the steps which lead to the holocaust are not repeated. Millions of people, from a range of ethnic, religious and political groups were killed in the holocaust, but the erosion of freedom and the extinguishing of hope happened incrementally in the years leading up to it. Students have been asked to think deeply about how we can create a better society, which ensures that this can never happen again.

Yr8 Pastoral Team

- **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 21st 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.

Year 9 Notices

- No notices this week

Yr9 Pastoral Team

- **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

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Year 10 Notices

- Thank you to all Year 10 Parents who attended Tuesdays Parents Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for staff, parents and students to focus on making progress towards the GCSE's next summer. I had the opportunity to meet with some really supportive parents, and these evenings really help to build the strong working relationship between school and home. Please do let us know if you have any questions following the evening or if you were unable to get an appointment with your child's teacher, please do email them direct if you have a query or concern.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

- This week 68 year 11 students visited the Poetry Live event in Oxford. Mrs Brine-Howe reported that students were "fabulous throughout the day, enthralled in the poetry". Students were able to converse sophisticated about the day with one student describing the performances as "beautiful, more like art than poetry". It is wonderful that students were given this opportunity to bring their subject content to life, thank you to the English and Finance departments for organising this event.

Last week Mrs Munday and I visited the prom venue again to check on renovations being completed. As you will be aware from our newsletter in November, this year's prom will be held at the Botleigh Grange Hotel on Thursday 27th June. The hotel is under new management and complete refurbishment and I am pleased to report the banquet hall update is well underway with all new décor, carpets and toilets in time for our arrival. We hope to have the letter with full details to parents and students in the coming weeks.

- **Reminder** for signing up to NCS-National Citizenship Service summer events, students were given a talk and an outline of the programme during assembly last week. [Please click here information, places are going very quickly!](#)

Yr11 Pastoral team

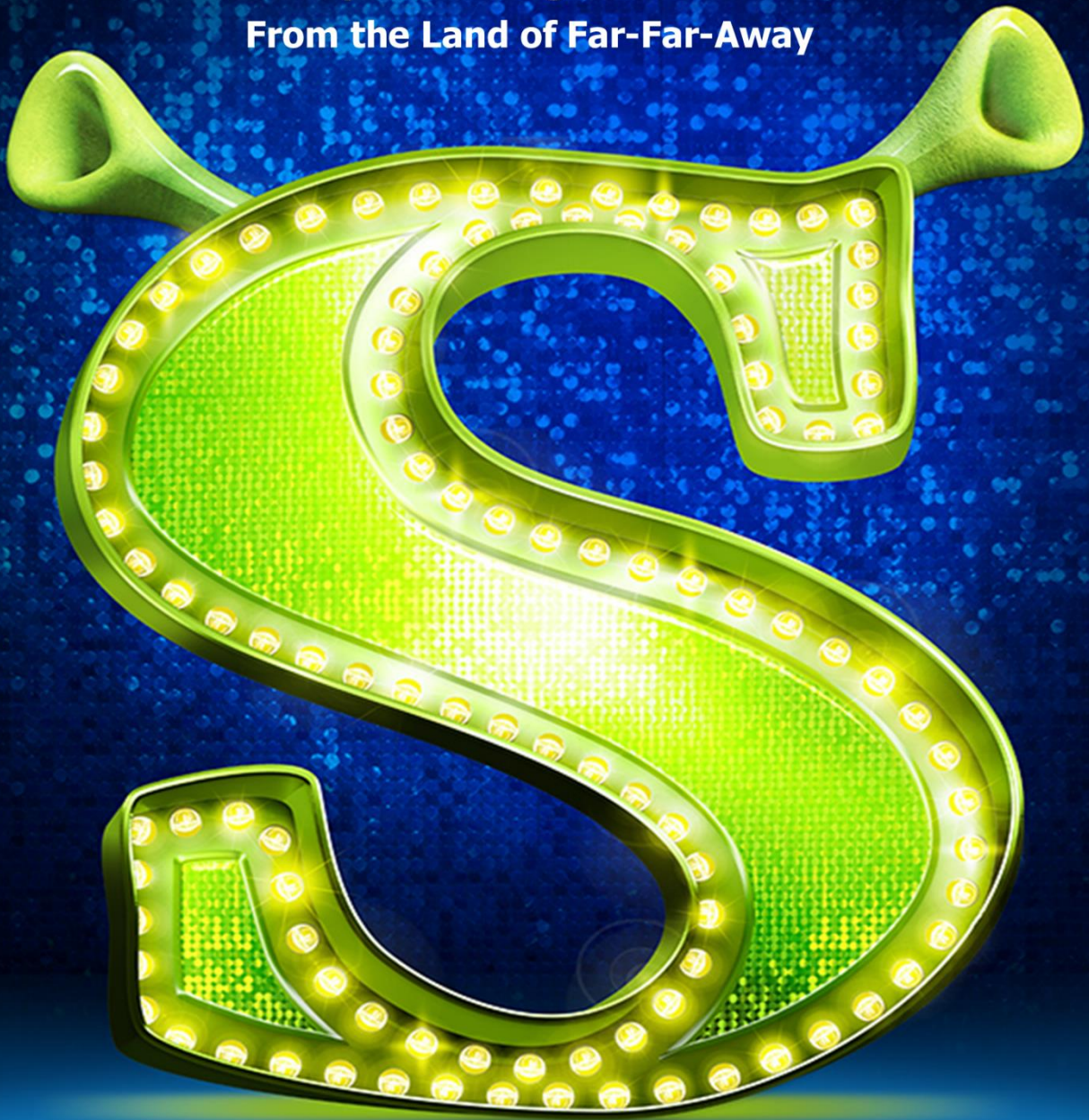
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- **Extra Support & Revision – Pre-Trials 2-** leading up to half term, we will be offering Yr11 students a chance to attend extra support & revision sessions for some of their subjects.

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](#)

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
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