



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Issue 20

## Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.55pm	College closes at normal time for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8.25am	College reopens after half term
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Year 11 Trial Exams English, Math & Science
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		Celebration Breakfast
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Booking system for Yr8 Parents evening goes live
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		Onsite Yr8 Parents Options info evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Yr7 Globe Theatre
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March		Scholastic Book Fair – see below for info
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	4-7pm	Year 8 Virtual Parents evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm	Cluster Vocal festival at Thornden Hall – tickets on sale now

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the students who were involved with the production last week and to all the parents who supported their child, with being in the production. The show was amazing and I was so proud to see our students put on such a high standard. My colleagues Mr Harrison & Miss Wood, in their article below, have shared my thoughts exactly.

Secondly, I am very pleased to be able to share with you the Ofsted report of our college which was published last week, following the inspection in December. You can read the full report here <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50238970>

As you can see, Wyvern remains a good school. Unlike schools where a full inspection takes place, Wyvern has not been given separate grades for different areas of college life. When a good school is being re-inspected, it is subject to a short inspection to see if it remains good and the decision is that it does or it doesn't.

The first paragraph in any inspection report gives a short description of what life is like in the school. Ours says, *“Wyvern College is inclusive with a strong community feel. Pupils respect diversity and feel confident to be different. Relationships are very positive. As one parent said, ‘My daughter has flourished due to the positive role models and encouraging culture at this school.’ Pupils feel safe and enjoy attending. The school's values of ‘think, grow, care’ underpin all aspects of school life. There are high expectations for what all pupils can achieve. The school strives to provide the same high-quality education to all pupils, regardless of their starting points or the challenges they face. Pupils consequently achieve well”.*

The report goes on to praise the college's behaviour management work, anti-bullying work, extra-curricular activities, curriculum design, SEND provision, safeguarding, teaching, character education, personal development work, careers programme and college leadership.

The inspectors have set the college two improvement priorities, both related to further developing the quality of teaching and learning in lessons. Firstly, the need to share the very best teaching practice across the college so that all subject areas are as good as the very best. This is about ensuring we have greater consistency in the quality of teaching. Secondly, more effective checking of students' learning in lessons so that the pace of the lesson and the level of difficulty to the work is better suited to all learners.

The inspectors evaluated the English, Maths, Languages and History departments in detail but also observed lessons in many other subjects. The inspectors said they found students to be polite, friendly and articulate, keen to talk about everything that is on offer at Wyvern and proud of their school.

Far from being content with these successes, we will continue to work hard to improve the college further. In addition to the Ofsted targets that have been set, we want to continue to tackle poor attendance and behaviour as well as the causes of these; to make lessons more engaging and fun; to personalise the curriculum more so it better meets the needs of all learners; to continue to strengthen SEND provision.

It has been a busy end of this half term, with lots of students getting involved in college events. I hope they are able to re-charge over the half term holiday and welcome them back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

With best wishes  
Mr Rule

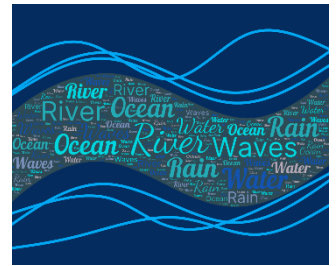
### College Vacancies

- Our website is updated regularly with current vacancies within Wyvern: Cover Team, Cleaners our Nursery & the After-School Club [Click here to find out more.](#)

### Community Notices

- **The Wyvern Cluster Vocal Festival** is taking place on **14<sup>th</sup> March at Thornden Hall** and the senior choir are busy preparing songs with this year's theme 'Rivers and Oceans' and will be joined by choirs from our infant and junior feeder schools.

The event is always a huge success, please ensure you secure your tickets via the Thornden website: [Wyvern College & Cluster Schools Vocal Festival \(ticketsolve.com\)](#)



### General College Notices

- **Lost property** – We have a large selection of unnamed items that are currently in our lost property. If your child has lost an item during this last term, please ask them to check the lost property which can be accessed by a member of the Finance Office staff. Any items that we still have by the end of this week, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, will be disposed of.
- **WORLD BOOK DAY** – is coming on March the 7<sup>th</sup>. [Click here to find out about how the college library will be celebrating the day.](#)
- **Kids Eat Free** – Find out about where families can save money during the holidays by going to [Places Kids Eat Free in School Holidays & Half Terms 2024 \(moneysavingcentral.co.uk\).](#)

### Careers New

- **EDT Inspiring Careers Programme** - [Click here to read their latest newsletter.](#)
- The BAE Apprenticeships are now open for applications. [Click here to find out more](https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships) or visit their website on <https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>.
- **Transform with T-Levels** – [click here to find about more](#) about this South Hampshire College Group Event.
- **Yr10 Peter Symonds Taster Days** – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June – see below for booking info



### **Shrek: an amazing success- Congratulations and Thank you**

We want to express a huge well done and thank you to all the cast, band members, and technical team involved in Shrek. It was an immense week and incredibly demanding but you have all risen to the challenge, remaining focused and professional and delivered the most wonderful performances.

A special well done to the incredible band who took on the huge challenge of learning the music score- 25 numbers and a huge amount of concentration. Your performances for every show were superb- your ensemble skills and musicality were fantastic and completely brought the show to life.

Your commitment to the show has been astounding. Thank you, parents, for all your support with rehearsals, shows and commitments, and for being a fantastic audience.

Mr Harrison and Miss Wood

### **Cross Country Success**

9 Wyvern students competed at the Year 7 and 8 Eastleigh & Winchester District Cross Country event at Bar End, Winchester. Wyvern had some fantastic individual performances. Year 7s (Boys and Girls) had to run a 1.5km course. Year 8s (Boys and Girls) had to run a 2km course. Top 15 runners in each race would qualify to compete for the district at the county event in March.

Notable performances from students who should qualify were from:

- Jack (Year 7) - 1<sup>st</sup> place with a fantastic performance (right)
- Jasper (Year 8) - 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Lyra (Year 7) - 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Lincoln (Year 7) - 8<sup>th</sup> place
- Bryce (Year 8) - 14<sup>th</sup> place

All 9 students represent Wyvern really well!



### **Year 7 Notices**

- What a wonderful week to finish this half term! The Celebration Breakfast last week was a fabulous occasion even though we needed to slightly tweak our ratio of hot chocolate powder to water so that it tasted more chocolatey according to a few Yr7s !!

Miss Chapman & I had a wonderful time taking a group of Yr7 students bowling and for a basket meal on Monday. Such a pleasure to spend a couple of hours with some fantastic young people. Thank you to Mr Woodward for driving us there and picking us up.

Also, a huge well done to any Yr7s who were part of Shrek! What an amazing opportunity to be a part of this incredible team and also for the time and commitment you have given to your college. You're an inspiration – well done!

Year 7 had an assembly from Mr Rule this week about “grooming”. Year 7s learned about online grooming as well as how people within their own community might seek to use and manipulate them.

As I have said before, please do talk to your son / daughter about how they use their phones and other devices as well as making sure that you check devices and settings so that you can keep your child safe.

This week in the UK is Children's Mental Health week, the aim of which is to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and well-being. If you're participating in this on social media, please consider using these hashtags to connect with others and contribute to the conversation

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek #KidsMentalHealth #MindfulKids #PositiveMentalHealth #YouthWellBeing

I hope that all Yr7 have a safe and relaxing half term and I look forward to seeing them again soon.

Yr7 Pastoral Team

### Year 8 Notices

- No notices this week

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](mailto:southwesthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk)

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

- As we reach the end of this half term and the halfway point of Yr 9 I would like to start by wishing a restful week off to all of our students.

It has been quite a half term with lots of Yr 9 committed to lengthy rehearsals with Shrek, time, I think we can all agree, well spent. A true reminder of how talented our students are.

Contributions have not stopped here as I am aware there have been more girls who have supported with a local junior school netball competition as well as a number who have been busy volunteering as part of their DofE award. It is always great to receive feedback on how they are doing and it has been a pleasure to read some of the words sent in by organisations that some have worked with.

I know the winter months are always tough, dark mornings and early evening feelings, but so many have pushed through this to maintain a high standard. With this in mind, we are now on the up-turn and mornings have become lighter and daylight longer.

As we move into the second part of Yr 9 it is important that they recognise the journey they are about to embark on. Before too long they will effectively become the second most senior group in the school and will start hearing about ideas around how they can become role models and leaders for the younger years.

They will also get their first detailed experiences of talking about where they sit in their subjects academically. It will be a great opportunity for them to take on feedback, but also ask for support and please feel free to contact their teachers any time.

Thank you for your support so far and your continued support in the future.

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](#)

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## Year 10 Notices

- The Prefect application process is coming to an end. I have had endless positive feedback from Curriculum Leaders on how mature, articulate and positive all students have been throughout the interview process.

All applicants will be told after half term if they have been successful or not. Please encourage any unsuccessful applicants that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly and we will give feedback for areas to improve so students have the opportunity to achieve prefect status at a later date. From us a massive well done to all that have completed this process.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

- **Peter Symonds** will be having their **Yr10 Taster Day** on the on the 24th & 25th June 2024. Students will need to registrar direct with Peter Symonds, the booking deadline is on **Friday 16th February 2024**.

Wyvern will not be attending this day with students, as we will be taking them to Barton Peveril and South Hampshire College (Eastleigh College) around this time. We are happy for students to attend Peter Symonds taster day on their own, although they must inform Wyvern in advance, if they are attending. Students will need to make their own way to and from the College.

To register online: <https://apply.psc.ac.uk/year10>

Peter Symonds will also be offering evening open events during October, that both parents and students can attend.

## Year 11 Notices

- Another half term done for year 11! NEA components are already under way in some subjects and we are just 1.5 half terms from the real GCSEs written exams starting.

We welcome students back next half term to Trials 2 exams, this is the final round of formal assessments to be completed in college prior to the public exams and will be in English, Maths and Sciences only. This is good practice for writing stamina, content knowledge and exam technique.

Personalised student exam timetables are available on EduLink and paper copies can be requested if required.

As was the case for the Trials 1 exams before Christmas students can choose to leave site following their second exam.

However, supervised study rooms will be available through to 3pm for any student who would prefer to remain on site.

We hope that students plan time to both revise and relax next week.

Yr11 Pastoral team

- We have published a useful guide for **Parents and Students who are taking exams this summer**. The guide has been published on our website and on the noticeboard on Edulink.

It a very useful document that provides a lot of information in relation to the GCSE exams, it may answer any questions you have about the exams and there is a useful section about supporting your child during the exam period. The link to the website is [A-Parent-and-Students-Guide-to-Exams-2024.pdf](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk/A-Parent-and-Students-Guide-to-Exams-2024.pdf) ([wyverncollege.org.uk](https://www.wyverncollege.org.uk))

With Regards

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