



Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Wed 28 th Feb – Mon 4 th March		Scholastic Book Fair – see below for info
Wed 6 th March		Yr11 GCSE Music recordings day
Wed 6 th March	3.10pm	Friends of Wyvern meeting
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day
Fri 8 th – Mon 18 th March		Yr11 GCSE Food Nutrition NEA cook days
Sunday 10 th March	9am	Booking system opens for Yr11 Parents evening
Wednesday 13 th March	4-7pm	Year 8 Virtual Parents evening
Thursday 14 th March		Option forms issued to Yr8 students
Thursday 14 th March	6.30pm	Cluster Vocal festival at Thornden Hall – tickets on sale now
Sunday 17 th March		All Star basketball game - trip
Tuesday 19 th March		Yr9 vaccinations – Teenage booster
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd March		Peter Symonds College interviews being at Wyvern
Monday 25 th March		Yr8 Options form deadline
Tuesday 26 th March		Yr8 HPV vaccinations
Tuesday 26 th March		Yr11 Parents Evening
Wed 27 th & Thurs 28 th March		Yr11 GCSE Drama performances
Thursday 28 th March	2.55pm	College closes for Easter break – normal college day

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Options evening

I was delighted to see so many year 8 parents and students at the annual Options' evening this week and to also see so many of the year 9-11 students volunteering to help out by sharing with parents and students about the courses they are taking. We are fortunate to have a talented set of staff which means we can offer over 20 different optional subjects, including academic, technical, practical and vocational courses. Our three-year Key Stage 4 (yrs9-11) means that students get to start the courses earlier than in most schools and specialise in those subjects they care most about.

Another advantage of this model is that year 11 students get to finish the courses earlier than in other schools and so they can begin their revision earlier in their final year. Year 11 students have just completed their second set of trial exams and have been working really hard in preparation for their GCSEs this summer.

Attendance

As we continue to encourage excellent attendance at college, we have launched our first half termly attendance challenge with the students: 100% attendance from 26th February to 28th March will, receive an Easter egg reward. It is open to all students regardless of previous attendance. The new approach is not just about rewards but also raising awareness of the importance of attendance for academic success and personal development.

Interestingly, for the three half terms so far this year, Wyvern attendance is significantly above the national average at the start and end of each half term but dips in the middle to below the national average, but overall Wyvern attendance remains above the national average.

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting your child's strong attendance.

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

- **OVER 60'S TABLE TENNIS** - In conjunction with ICON Sports Coaching we offer table tennis for all abilities welcome, whether you are new to table tennis or have regularly played. Equipment provided, coach on hand to guide you. Free Taster Session. £2.60 per week Tuesdays 4.45-5.45pm - Wyvern Sports Hall.
- **FREE CONCERT - WYVERN COMMUNITY CHOIR** in conjunction with Eastleigh Operatic Society are participating in an informal mixed repertoire concert - on **Wednesday 27th March** this will include music from The Sound of Music and Les Miserables - bring your own food and drink. 1930 Main School Hall, finish at approximately 21.45 [Click here for more details](#). If you are interested in joining our Community Choir - the new term starts on Wed 17th April for 13 weeks at 1830-2000 @£49.50 - enrol on our website - <http://www.wyverncommunity.schoolactivity.co.uk>
- **MEGA QUIZ NIGHT** – Hamble Valley Rotary Club is holding its annual mega quiz on **Friday 8th March** 2024. Entry includes a Fish & Chip Supper. [Click here for more details.](#)

General College Notices

- **FRIENDS OF WYVERN UPDATE** - Thank you to everybody who contributed a response to the student and parent consultations on fundraising projects for the Friends of Wyvern. 
Our next meeting is on the **6th March at 3:10 PM** where we will select our first fundraising projects and decide on events to run to work towards raising the target funds to turn your requests into reality for our students!
If you would like to get involved in Friends of Wyvern please do get in touch (FOW@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) and anyone is very welcome to come along to our next meeting. We will update you on what our first fundraising projects will be soon.
Many thanks for your support,
William Emeny - Assistant Headteacher
- **YEAR 11 GCSE PERFORMANCE EVENING- THURSDAY 7TH MARCH** - We are holding a performance evening for our Year 11 GCSE Music students on **7th March, 6pm**. All Year 11 music students will perform either their solo or ensemble pieces, and this is an opportunity for parents and friends to come and see all the brilliant performance work that our students have produced. You can reserve your seat for the event for free on the ticketsource website: [GCSE Music Performance at Wyvern College event tickets from TicketSource](#)
- **WORLD BOOK DAY** – is coming on March the 7th. [Click here to find out about how the college library will be celebrating the day](#)
- **WYVERN CLUSTER VOCAL FESTIVAL** This year's festival is on **Thursday 14th March at Thornden Hall**. See the poster below for more details. Tickets can be bought via [Wyvern College & Cluster Schools Vocal Festival | Thornden Hall](#). Tickets usually sell fast for this popular event.
- **VISITOR LANYARDS** - We now issue all visitors with a lanyard. Once you have completed your visit, please can you sign out and return your lanyard to Reception when you depart. Thank you
- **SPORTING NEWS – U16 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL** – Our boys basketball squad has been successful in getting through to the finals, next week, being held at Solent University. The students have played 9 league games since October and won every one! so they have qualified for the play offs which is the top 4 teams across both leagues who then play against each other for the championship trophy. We played the semi final against Romsey on Monday and won 61-59! So the final is next week at Solent university against Mountbatten. The students are also in the Hampshire cup semi final and are unbeaten in all competitions. They have played 13 games in total and have a 100% record! - Good luck for next week.
- **REMINDER FOR PE KIT** - during the colder months students are encouraged to wear extra additional layers during their PE lessons to keep warm. As well as the Wyvern PE shirt, students can also wear a Wyvern Navy/gold rugby shirt, which is purchased through Skoolkit. Additionally, plain navy leggings or

plain navy tracksuit trousers and a plain navy sweatshirt can also be worn. These items must not have any logos on, they need to be plain navy – Thank you

Careers News

- **STAAR** (Summer Time Advanced Aerospace Residency) will run on Monday 22 – Friday 26 July 2024 and Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August 2024. Students who wish to apply must be available for these dates. There are 20 spaces available for each week of the residential - with 40 spaces available overall. Please see the below link to our Summer Time Advance Aerospace Residential programme for Year 9s to help them excel in STEM with a week residential that we are hosting at Royal Air Force Museum Midlands This free experience is open to all students interested in aerospace science and is open to the nation! <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/midlands/schools-and-colleges/staar/>.
- **SETA APPRENTICESHIP BULLETIN** – [click here for the latest issue](#).
- **TOTTON COLLEGE APPRENTICESHIP AND CAREERS EVENING** – 6th March – [click here for more details](#).
- **MOCK INTERVIEW DAY**. On the 24th of April 2024 we will be having our Mock Interview Day for our Year 10 students. So if anyone would be willing to give up half a day to help interview the students, then please do get in touch with myself Mrs Gough at j.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk More information about the event will come out in due course, but for now I am just looking for volunteers.

Year 7 Notices

- This week Mrs Johnson-Kemp delivered a World Book Day assembly. She spoke passionately about reading and her personal reading journey. She encouraged all students (and indeed staff) to read. I agree with her when she said that when someone says “I don’t like reading!” it usually means that they have just not found the right book to read. She read to the students which was lovely and not something we tend to do as parents of older children is it yet they are frequently read to in their English lessons, alongside reading independently, all the way through to the end of Year 11. Perhaps we should read to our teenagers this weekend or get them to read to us? It does not have to be for a long time but I think that could be a wonderful thing to do.

At the time of writing this, some Y7s are very excited to be going to the Globe theatre this week – I am sure you look forward to hearing all about it.

Social media – can I please ask that all parents of Y7 children regularly check your child’s phone? I know many of you do from my conversations with you but as more Y7s are bought mobile phones and they’re increasingly accessing apps that technically they’re not old enough to have

(I know it is hard because they tell us “all of their mates have Snap chat / Whats App etc / TikTok”) we’re seeing an increase in incidents that are starting on group chats in the evenings / at the weekends and then coming into school.

I do understand how hard it is but please make sure you know what your own child is doing / saying on these group chats. They’re only twelve after all. Have a great weekend when it comes.

Yr7 Pastoral Team

Year 8 Notices

- We had a fantastic turn out for Options evening this week. It was lovely to see so many of you really engaged and excited for the students on this next step in the Wyvern journey. If you were unable to attend the information evening, a copy of the presentation can be found on our website, along with other information. [Click here to see](#). We have the Yr8 Parents evening taking place on Wednesday 13th March, which is another opportunity for parents and children to speak with their teachers about any further option questions they have. The option forms will be issue to students on Thursday 14th March, the deadline for the completion of these is

Monday 25th March. If your child has any questions they can speak to Mr Stocks direct, or you can email s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

- The Pastoral Office have been pleased to hear students talking about the attendance award currently running where by students with 100% from 26th Feb to the 28th March will receive an Easter Egg..... I'm sure we will have a lot of students one the last day of term coming home with chocolate!

Yr8 Pastoral Team

Yr8 virtual Parents Evening – booking system is open. To book an appointment with your child's teachers, please access using <https://wyvern.schoolcloud.co.uk/> for Wednesday 13th March. Please note, availability of appointments is very limited in total per teacher, so not all parents / guardians can be seen by teachers with multiple classes. We would recommend that you prioritise those subjects that your child would be interested in as an Option subject, we do not expect parents to have to meet with every subject teacher that their child has, the choice is yours. Your appointments will each be for 5 minutes and are booked on a first come first served basis.

Options Advice - If you wish to have a further information about our Options, the co-ordinator Mr Stocks, will also be available for virtual appointments for Wednesday 13th March. Please can you book an appointment through the Options Appointments for Yr8 event, which will show as an option when you sign into Schoolcloud.

You will need to make sure that this appointment does not clash with any appointments booked with the teachers, as it is a separate event.

If you are unable to book for one of your child's teacher, but would like to contact them, please email into enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk or direct to the teacher.

Thank you

Year 9 Notices

- This week Year 9 had a visit from a Barrister in assembly where they learnt all about the different routes you can follow in order to move into a career in Law. This is the start of a few events with students being offered some careers opportunities next week. Please remind them to keep a look out for information to sign up for this through their tutors. The sessions include a talk from The Navy, a Physiotherapist and a member of the Construction industry. It will be allocated on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of 30 students able to attend at this stage. Parents if you would like to ask for a space on your child's behalf feel free to email Mr White, however please remember a space for them cannot be guaranteed if spaces are already full.

Yr9 Pastoral Team

Year 10 Notices

- It was with great pleasure we were able to email all successful Prefect applicants this week. The standard of application was fantastic and all staff involved in the interview process were blown away with the maturity and commitment students showed. As a first job many were involved in helping with options evening last night, with glowing reviews of their effort and engagement with parents and students alike. A really positive start! Well done all!

Please be aware we are in assessment period for Year 10 so please ensure all students have full equipment including calculators and subject specific equipment so they are given the best possible chance to succeed. Good luck Year 10!

- **Work Experience** – reminder that Yr10 students who haven't already, need to apply and make choices on the EBP South work placements [All Together 3 \(work-experience.co.uk\)](https://www.alltogether3.co.uk) or to complete the Own placement form either in [WORD editable format](#) or [PDF printable format](#).

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

- Thank you to Prefects and those in year 11 who helped support at Options Evening this week, staff have fed back how polite, sensible and engaging students were with parents and younger students. It is a pleasure to have the Yr11 being able to share their experiences at Wyvern.

Good luck to the boys' basketball team next week at the U16 cup final at Solent University against Mountbatten.

Yr11 Pastoral team