



## Next Week's Diary Dates

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

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

### A busy week

Wyvern has been busier than ever this week. We have had House competitions in PE lessons, the Scholastic book fair, our local PCSOs talking to students about County Lines, Cross Country Championships, GCSE music performance showcase, rehearsals for GCSE Drama performances, the celebration of World Book Day and Yr11 NEA cook days.

Wyvern was also selected to participate in national benchmarking tests for year 11 standards of literacy and numeracy this week – as if year 11 students haven't sat enough exams! The sample of students who undertook these tests were superb and although the results are not shared, we know the national sample will be used to compare educational standards across different countries.

### Behaviour

Having just analysed the latest behaviour data for the college, I'm pleased to report that there have been significant reductions in many anti-social behaviours including physical aggression, verbal abuse and bullying. The crackdown on students sharing a toilet cubicle has all but eliminated this behaviour which has significantly reduced vaping in the cubicles.

Where physical aggression does take place, it is almost exclusively in year 7, often as a result of play fighting escalating, as it was last year and the year before. We also continue to educate students on the dangers of physical aggression and in how to manage disagreements and conflict.

We have seen a reduction in detentions being given, an increase in attendance at detentions and a reduction in waiting time for detentions.

### Parental support

We have always benefited from strong parental support for the sanctions we set and by working with parents to give a common message to students, we can make clear to them the boundaries and expectations they need to guide them in making the right choices. However, in the last two weeks we have seen an increase in

the number of parents challenging sanctions. This surprises me as the rules (PRIDE and RESPECT) are well known to students, easily accessible to parents on our website (Behaviour policy) and have not changed. Nor have the consequences, which are equally well known.

Although government guidance on behaviour management makes clear schools do not need parental approval or consent when setting detentions and using isolation or suspension, we do value parental support. When students think their parents won't support the college they believe the rules don't apply to them and boundaries about acceptable behaviour become blurred. So please do support us in our efforts to maintain high standards.

### **Safeguarding: TikTok Challenges**

Sadly, in the news this week, another bright, kind and talented boy died as a result of chroming (inhaling toxic chemicals) - a worrying trend that I recently wrote to you about. Tommy-Lee Billington, from Lancashire, was just 11 years old when he died on Saturday at a sleepover. His dad, has blamed TikTok for the culture of viral challenges that many young people get swept along with.

Most TikTok challenges are harmless and often involve dancing, singing and sport. However, some challenges peer pressure children into doing dangerous things such as eating inedible objects, eating or drinking risky amounts of food or drink. Recent challenges have included the blackout challenge (holding your breath or being choked until you pass out); the silhouette challenge (taking and sharing videos of yourself naked in silhouette) and chroming.

So, for this week's safeguarding item I would like to offer advice on Tiktok. First of all, it's important to note that the age restriction for this social media platform is 16. However, if you have made the decision to allow your child to access it then you might like to control their use of it. Use family pairing (also known as family safety mode). This enables you to control the settings on your child's account from your phone. You'll need to download TikTok and link your account to your child's. Then, go to your profile, tap on the three line menu button at the top. Tap settings and privacy - family pairing - parent. Follow the same steps on your child's phone but choose.

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**

- **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>
- Eastleigh Active (previously Park Sport) is the school holidays programme held by Eastleigh Borough Council to encourage children and young people aged 5-16 to get active by trying something new and picking it up as a regular hobby. It is funded by the Council's SportWorks team as well as the Local Area Committees, Parish and Town Councils, and is supported by a broad range of partners including sports clubs, activity providers and facilities. "Spring into action this Easter!" The Easter 2024 programme will run both weeks in the Easter holidays, Wednesday to Friday, with promotion starting February and continuing up until and including over the live programme days. 🏊 Spring into action with #EastleighActive this Easter! Fun and friendly activities for 5-16 year-olds... 🏊 Register for Free Swimming 📅 Book onto the Activity Sessions [www.eastleigh.gov.uk/eastleighactive](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/eastleighactive). [Click here for more details.](#)

## General College Notices

- **SHREK PHOTOS**



Families of the cast of SHREK should have received emails offering them photo prints of the portraits and production pictures. If you have not received this please let Deb Tyler know [d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk). **The closing date for orders is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.** Paper copies of the order form are available from the Finance Office.

- **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

## Music News

- Miss Wood took a group of Year 8-10 singers out to our local primary schools to lead vocal workshops in preparation for the vocal festival. 12 of our singers led warm-ups and helped work on songs for the festival at Fair oak infants, Stoke Park infants and Juniors, Upham and Durley. It was a fantastic experience for our singers, who are developing their leadership skills as well as being ambassadors for the school. The younger children were really excited to see the older students and inspired hearing them sing. We are all excited for the Wyvern cluster schools Vocal Festival taking place on Thursday 14th March, 6.30pm.
- **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.

## World Book Day Challenges



We have set a number of challenges for our to celebrated World Book Day and we are happy for families to join in. [Click here to see our challenges](#).

In our next issue will be show you the wonderful array of characters portrayed by our staff on the day.

## Careers News

### National Careers Week

- As it has been National Careers Week, we've have taken part in the celebrations by inviting a wide range of companies such as NHS, Land Rover, One Horton, BAE Systems, Tandem Electrical, 12cp Barristers Law, Winchester University, Navy, Army, B&Q, Trant Engineering, Dutton Gregory LLP, Eastleigh Council.nc2 Engineering, Surrey Fire Station and Wembley Stadium.

- All the year groups throughout the College were very fortunate to have the companies take time and see them during assembly and in their lessons. Barton Peveril also attended the event, where they did two amazing learning sessions about Psychology and Criminology to our Year 10 Geography students. Alpha Apprenticeship and South Hampshire also did a working workshop with the Year 11's ensuring that they are prepared to start applying for roles.



- The week hopefully inspired and allow students to gain ideas of where their future could lead them to. I wouldn't be able to do the event without the Employers, Learning support Team, Teachers and Students. So a big thank you to everyone you supported the event!
- **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](#).
- **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](mailto: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.

### Cross Country Success

U12 and U13 Cross Country County Championship were held this week with 5 Wyvern students involved. The event was held at Down Grange Sports Complex in Basingstoke and all 5 students were representing the Eastleigh and Winchester District.



Notable performances:

- In the U12 Girls race - Lyra finished in a superb 13th place and qualified to compete for Hampshire in the South-East Cross-Country championships.
- In the U12 Boys race - Jack finished in an outstanding 10th place and qualified to compete for Hampshire in the South-East Cross-Country championships. Also, in the same race Lincoln finished in very respectable 22nd place.
- In the U13 Boys race - Jasper finished in 19th place - One place of the qualification for the next stage. Bryce finished in 95th place with the race consisting of 120 participants.



All students competed incredibly well in tricky conditions and represented the college very well.

Good luck to Lyra and Jack at the South-East Cross-Country championships in a few weeks' time representing Hampshire.

## Year 7 Notices

- This week is National Careers week and we welcomed two guest speakers from the NHS into our assembly. Year 7 listened really well as we heard about the various types of employment opportunities within the NHS both clinical and non-clinical – I wonder if they could explain the difference between these two areas to you? We heard about various roles within the NHS some clinical and some non-clinical. Opportunities within administration, IT support, teaching as well as the many different roles more directly involved with patient care. Here is a clip that Y7 tutors are showing this week that the NHS ran out of time to play <https://youtu.be/hdiGX52r7mc?si=HRhE-cxukd91tICS>. Students have also been learning about apprenticeships. The following students ranked in the Top 3 for earning the highest number of achievement points last week from Monday – Friday: Bailey (23), Gemma (17) and in joint third was Reef (16) & Fin (16) – well done to you and to the many others who are not far behind! Keep up the excellent work.

Year 7 Pastoral Team

## Year 8 Notices

- Year 8 Assembly this week was part of the Careers Week programme, with a guest speaker, Mark Salathiel, from BAE Systems talking about opportunities in STEM. The opportunities for young people in STEM are massively growing and the variety of routes into this area are becoming increasingly wider. Apprenticeships, both at post-16 and through the graduate pathway are huge opportunities for students, not just in the defense sector, but all technology sectors. It is really important that students have their horizons broadened and are given experiences and opportunities outside their current thoughts for their own careers. Many of the careers which will be followed by children currently in Year 8 do not yet exist; with growth in areas like green technology, AI, virtual reality, social media and drone technology. Following on from this, Year 8 will be guided through the options process to ensure their choices of subjects reflect the career pathways for them.

Year 8 Pastoral Team

- **HPV Vaccination – Year 8 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

- This week has seen Year 9 participate in some Careers events both in their lessons and as smaller groups within the cohort. We have had visits from The NHS, Navy and Construction industry and still have 1 session left with an ex-Wyvern student who now holds a prevalent role at Wembley Stadium in London. A thank you to all those who signed up and how well you have represented the college this week.

Year 9 Pastoral Team

- **Teenage Booster vaccination – Year 9 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.

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## Year 10 Notices

Year 10 Pastoral Team

## Year 11 Notices

- Thank you to Mrs Gough our careers advisor who has arranged so many interesting external speakers to visit year 11 classes this week as part of National Careers week. Well done to those in Year 11 who completed the NFER tests this week. The examiners reported students were well exceptionally well behaved and well organised and that it was a pleasure to come to our school. We would like to remind parents that we are unable to re-schedule detentions on the day that a detention is due to be sat and that Year 11 students are unable to go to a p6 revision session in lieu of any detention set.
- **Prom Dresses**  
We have kindly been gifted a range of prom dresses that we would like to be able to give a good home to, we are not asking for any money for these dresses. If these would be of interest to any year 11 students please come and see Mrs Goss or Mrs Munday. Alternatively, you can email [j.munday@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.munday@wyvern.hants.sch.uk).

Year 11 Pastoral Team

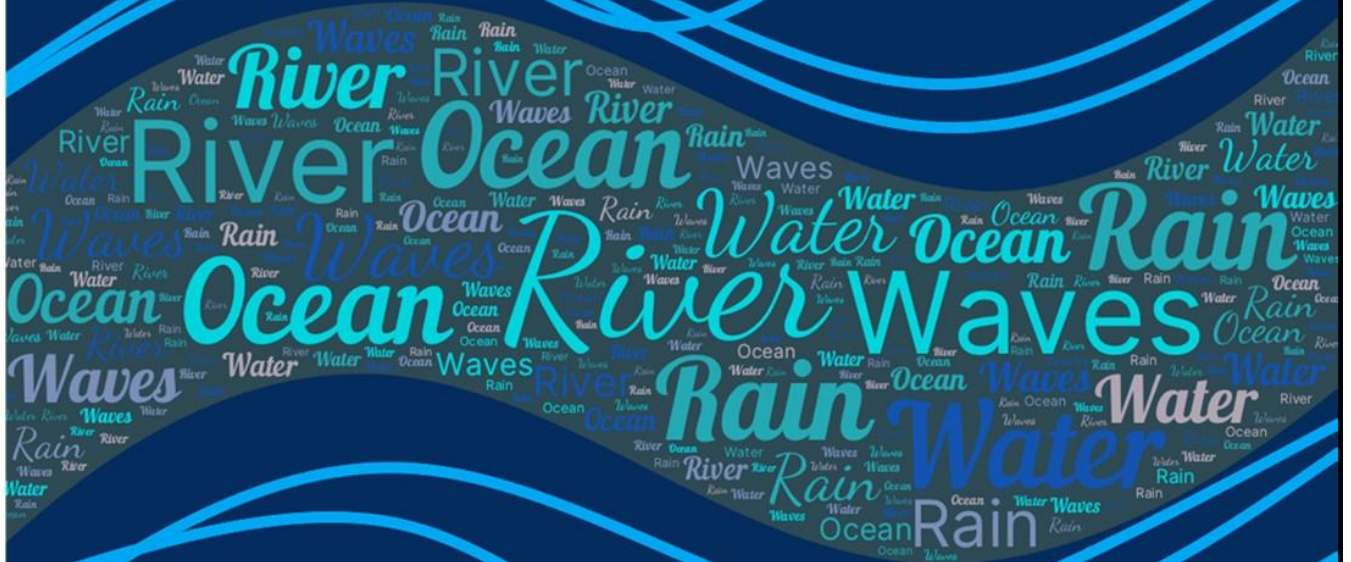


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# VOCAL FESTIVAL

## 2024



Thursday 14th March

Thornden Hall

Thornden School, Chandlers Ford

Tickets from [www.thorndenhall.co.uk](http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk)