



Thursday 14th March 2024

Issue 24

Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Fri 8th – Mon 18th March		Yr11 GCSE Food Nutrition NEA cook days
Thursday 14th March		Option forms issued to Yr8 students
Thursday 14th March	6.30pm	Cluster Vocal festival at Thornden Hall – tickets on sale now
Sunday 17th March		All Star basketball game - trip
Tuesday 19th March		Yr9 vaccinations – Teenage booster
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd March		Peter Symonds College interviews being at Wyvern
Thursday 21 st March		Rock Your Socks – World Down Syndrome awareness day
Monday 25th March		Yr8 Options form deadline
Tuesday 26th March		Yr8 HPV vaccinations
Tuesday 26th March		Yr11 Parents Evening
Wed 27th & Thurs 28th March		Yr11 GCSE Drama performances
Thursday 28th March	2.55pm	College closes for Easter break – normal college day

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to meet with teachers for year 8 parents' evening last night and for those of you supporting our choirs in the Vocal Festival tonight at Thornden Hall which will also involve students from the junior and infant schools which are linked to Wyvern.

Some of you will be aware that we have had some staff absences in Science and Maths this half term. I am sorry that some students have not been able to have specialist teachers for all their lessons in one or both of these subjects. We have prioritised the year 11 classes to ensure they remain on track with preparations for their GCSE exams. We have additional specialist staffing for Science starting after Easter. We have also begun to recruit for next academic year, in areas where we know vacancies will occur and have been fortunate in attracting strong applicants; mainly teachers with considerable experience who wish to move schools. This is the case in Languages, English, Science and we are now also about to recruit for Maths too which is usually the hardest subject for recruitment - so if you do know any good Maths teachers then please encourage them to apply! We have also recruited well to our support staff posts, growing our Behaviour Support team, Safeguarding team and Admin team. You can always find details of any staff vacancies on our website under the "joining us" section.

We have further strengthened our Behaviour Support systems and processes. We now have alternative school placements set up with Swanmore College and Wildern School. One-day placement in another school is an alternative sanction to suspension. Like suspension, it involves a student completing a day of learning outside of college. Unlike, suspension, it means the student does this at another school, rather than at home. We are now currently using alternative school placement for those who disrupt the internal exclusion room and get their day of isolation there wrong, in terms of the work they do. Section 29A Education Act 2002 empowers schools to use this sanction and parental consent is not required in order for a school to direct a student to an alternative school placement, though parental support is something we do value with all our sanctions.

Next Thursday, 21st March, we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day, through Portsmouth Down Syndrome association. Students and staff will be encouraged to wear bright socks, with their normal Wyvern uniform, as part of the Rock Your Socks initiative. If you wish to find out more information about this day [please click here for more information.](#)

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. [Click here for more details.](#)
- **Step Back in Time to Anglo Saxon Winchester.** The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun session with an Anglo-Saxon theme. Come along and join in with some maths related, interactive activities. [Click here to find out more.](#)



Catering News

Our caterers have a regular bulletin, where you can find details of our special dishes to celebrate different food and cultural event. [You can read these on the Catering page on our website.](#)

This month there are some wonderful Easter Cakes available.



General College Notices

- Last Thursday saw Wyvern enjoying **World Book Day** to the maximum! Departments came as characters (and authors) from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, and students were given the opportunity to participate in quizzes, games, and writing competitions – more to follow with this for winners! The College was alive with the buzz generated by sharing ideas and experiences of books and reading from Year 7 right up to the Senior Leadership Team! - for lots of photos and news of how the college celebrated World Book Day 2024 [click here to read our Latest News article.](#)
- **Book Fair Update.** As part of our WBD celebrations we held a Book Fair. We managed to buy 24 new books for the library with the commission from the money spent by students and teachers at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Students and parents can view the new books by finding the library catalogue on the 'links' section in Edulink, and then clicking on the Book Fair info box on the left of the home page as shown below. The resources will also be displayed inside the entrance of the library in a few days' time.



- **Hampshire Music Service Choir Spectacular** – [click here to read how two of our students were involved in this event at the Anvil.](#)
- **Policing Eastleigh Newsletter** – [click here to read the latest newsletter.](#)

Careers News

- **Outreach Festival 2024 – Southampton University.** This fantastic festival is back and It's a great time to check out the incredible science going on. [Click here for details of the programme.](#)
- **Junior Chef Academy** – [click here to find out](#) more about this exciting opportunity for budding young chefs. To read about how to apply – [click here for the letter to parents.](#)
- **Childcare Apprentice Practitioner** – Brooks Early Years are offering apprenticeships where you can earn a salary whilst gaining childcare qualifications. [Click here to find out more.](#)
- **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/.](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 More information about the event will come out in due course, but for now I am just looking for volunteers.
- **SHREK PHOTOS – LAST CHANCE**
Families of the cast of SHREK should receive a reminder email 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.
We have extended the order date to Monday 18th March 2023. Paper copies of the order form are available from the Finance Office.

Year 7 Notices

- This week assembly was delivered by Mr Rule on the theme of Women's history month. The messages around historic and current gender stereotypes and toxic masculinity were powerful – please do ask your child about the assembly.

Last week we celebrated World Book Day and I think Year 7 really enjoyed seeing staff dress up and guessing which character from which book they were as well as the other activities going on around the college.

I am inviting Y7s to apply for eight possible positions as Assembly Assistants starting on the first Monday back after the Easter break. The role would mean being able to be in college by 8am every Monday in order to support setting the hall up for our weekly assembly – such as organisation of the chairs, ensuring any other furniture is put to the side along with other jobs pertinent to specific assemblies. Their tutor will share information about how they should submit their application (it does not have to be long). The details they need are – their name & tutor group. Why they think they would be good at this role, why they want to do it, details of any other responsibilities they have / have had both inside and outside of college and a signature from their tutor in support of their application. The deadline is Tuesday 19th March at 3pm.

Across Year 7 last week 1076 achievement points were earned which is fantastic! The tutor group with the highest number of achievement points for the week was 7L2 with 130 – well done to all of you!

Yr7 Pastoral Team

- **Contributions to D&T Material Costs.** Please click here to see a letter attached from the Technology Department regarding a request for contributions towards the cost of materials used in technology classes.
- **Yr7 Globe Theatre Trip** - On a mercifully dry day at the end of February, 90 Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern gallery in London. We had a superb day – a tour of the Globe Theatre from one of the experts there, and then a Drama workshop at the rehearsal rooms used by the actors. The students were amazing – full of wonder and interest in their tours, and then fully participating in the workshop which explored the power relationships between Prospero and Caliban at the beginning of The Tempest.
Tate Modern gave us an opportunity to broaden our own visions as we encountered modern art and artistic comments on the world, and all in all it was a superb trip. It was a joy to take the Yr7's out on this trip – Thank you

Year 8 Notices

- No Notices this week
Yr8 Pastoral Team

Year 9 Notices

- On Tuesday next week, the school age immunisation nursing team is visiting Wyvern, to administer the Teenage Boosters vaccinations for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polis & Meningitis ACWY to all Yr9 students who have had an E consent form will need completed by the deadline today.
Students will be notified on the morning of the vaccinations, what time they will need to make their way to the Dance studio. If possible, we would recommend that students wear short sleeved white uniform shirts on the day, to help when the vaccination is administered.
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

Yr9 Pastoral Team

Year 10 Notices

- The deadline for work experience is slowly approaching for the March 29th 2024. We have started to sit with students to login to EBP South website, to ensure that they have applied before the deadline.

If students have applied on EBP South but do not yet have a confirmed placement: there are a number of jobs still available. EBP South will be working over the Easter holidays. Please bear in mind that this process can be slow as they are also processing own placements, and waiting on employers to respond to them.

If students would prefer to find their own work placement: please ask for an own placement form from Mrs Allen or myself. I do recommend finding an own placement if possible, as the process guarantees a placement and is a lot quicker.

If students have not yet applied for anything: it is important that this process is started as soon as possible. There is a guide available which we will email out shortly to all Year 10 students and parents. If you still have any questions after reading the guide, please contact myself or Mrs Allen and we can answer your questions or set up an in-person appointment to go through the process with you.

Please do remember that you cannot apply for both an own placement and an online placement with EBP South as they will charge, if cancelled after confirmation. If you would like to do an own placement since booking through EBP, then please let me know asap. **The charge only applies in the event that you have accepted a placement with EBP or confirmed an own placement, and later change your mind.**

Kind Regards
Mrs Gough – Careers Leader

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Year 11 Notices

- This has been the absolute best week ever to have worked in the year 11 office, we have fully supported year 11 NEA students completing their food and nutrition practical's and happily scooped samples of their excellent work! Well done to all involved!

Student exam entries are now live on Edulink, it is really important that parents support students in checking this information, students have been issued with a paper copy of the statement of entry in tutor this week. Please check students legal name as this is how it will appear on GCSE certificates. Please notify the exams office of any errors e.g. incorrect spellings as there is a charge for you to amend this after certificates have been issued in the summer.

Our Period 6 Extra Support and Revision sessions are now taking place. Please encourage your child to attend these additional sessions that will be running up until the GCSE's. The timetable will be issued on Fridays each week, for the following week. [Click here to view on our website.](#)

- Reminder – Yr11 booking system for the virtual parents evening on Tuesday 26th March, is open for bookings. If you have not made your appointments yet, please do using <https://wyvern.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Our Careers Leader Mrs Gough is also available on the 26th if you wish to make an appointment for any Post16 advice.

Yr11 Pastoral team