



### Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd March		Peter Symonds College interviews being at Wyvern
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>New Dates for next term</b>		
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Yr7 Non-core virtual parents evening booking system goes live
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	8.25am	Return from Easter Break
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April		GCSE Yr11 French speaking exams
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April		GCSE Yr11 Art & Photography exam
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Yr10 Mock interview Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April		GCSE Yr11 PE moderation day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April		GCSE Yr10 Art & Photography - Harry Potter studio trip
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		GCSE Yr10 NEA Food cook days
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Yr7 Non-core subjects' virtual parents evening
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday – College closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May		GCSE exams start
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May		College day switches to 2:1:2 day

Dear Parents and carers,

### World Down Syndrome Day

Every year, on March 21, people across the world celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly coloured socks. March 21 is chosen because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of DS chromosomes actually looks like a pair of socks. We have students at Wyvern with Down Syndrome; they enrich the college with their talents, interests and personal qualities. Indeed, they set the example for others to follow in terms of friendship and care for others. The Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association has been helping us at Wyvern to raise student awareness of Down syndrome and helped in training our staff - you can also find out more information from their website including how to make a donation to support their excellent work. [Fundraising - Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association \(portsmouthdsa.org\)](http://fundraising-portsmouthdownsyndromeassociation.org). This week students have been able to wear bright socks and have learned more about Down Syndrome.

### Safeguarding

**Emerald Chat** is an anonymous chat website that encourages users to make new friends by engaging with strangers. It uses several aspects of popular social media platforms, such as feeds and Direct Messaging to encourage users. The app includes a paid 'Gold' membership, which allows users to send images, choose the gender of user they speak to and 'priority matching'. There have numerous reports of risky behaviour over the last few years. The platform claims to use AI technology and human moderation to detect nudity and other inappropriate imagery within the chats. Emerald Chat can be accessed via web browser. It does not currently have a mobile app, but it can still be used on web browser apps such as Safari. For further information, please visit [Safeguarding Update: Dangerous Chat Websites - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](http://safeguardingupdate-dangerouschatwebsites-safer-schools.org). The platform states that all users must be over 18 years old. However, online safety experts discovered that the age verification is ineffective, with only a self-declaration statement to confirm that the user is over 18.

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

- **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.](#)
- **Easter Fun at Alice Holt Forest.** The Multiply team are hosting a free family fun session at Alice Holt Forest, during the Easter break. [Click here to find out more.](#)
- **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>

## General College Notices

- **Young Carers Action day** - I would like to say what a joy it was to spend time with our Young Carers last week talking about the theme for this year's Action Day which was Fair Futures for our Young Carers. We had 42 students join us and discuss what skills they have as a Young Carer that can transfer into working life after Wyvern. [Please click here to see a couple of](#) examples that are our students completed, these along with the rest were displayed during break time with staff encouraging conversation about what it means to be a young carer.  
Mrs Gilbert
- **Vocal Festival Round Up** – [Click here for our Latest News article](#) about last week's wonderful Wyvern Cluster Vocal Festival.
- **Basketball Success!** Our Under 16 the Southampton east division without losing a game! We have made it to two finals the district and the Hampshire cup. The district final we unfortunately lost but the Hampshire cup final is yet to be played. The students who play in the team come from Year 10 & 11. Congratulations to them and good luck for that final.

## Careers News

- **Sparsholt's BTEC programme and football academy** - in partnership with Chelsea Foundation. CFCF and Sparsholt college are running an open training session during half term and we would like to invite some of the current year 11 students to this. The open training session will include a tour of the college and a training session ran by those who coach on the academy programme. [Click here to find out more.](#)
- **Mock Interview Day - Volunteers Needed** - 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.
- **SETA Apprenticeships** – [click here for the latest newsletter.](#)

## Year 7 Notices

- Here we are in the penultimate week of another term! Year 7s had an assembly this week delivered by Mr Street in relation to World Poetry Day whereby traditional poetry was explored, how language and idioms are actually poetry and also linking musical lyrics to poetry.

I would like to thank the students who have applied to become Assembly Assistants – this is a wonderful representation of these students and their commitment to their college and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their letters. This bodes really well for other future opportunities within the college.

I would like to just remind parents that if you have a query pertaining to a lesson or subject area, please email the subject teacher in the first instance or the Curriculum Leader. Email addresses can be found here on our website [Contacting the College - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#).

Our Yr7 boys football team have made it through to the District Cup Final, being held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. They won against Mountbatten 2-0 to get through to the final – Congratulations & Good luck for next week.

7N3 achieved the highest number of achievement points last week totally 222 – fantastic effort – well done! 7L2 – you were one achievement point lower this week – still an amazing effort!

The following students achieved the highest number of achievement points from Monday to Friday last week – Ayush K (30), Anna F (29) and Emily C (25). Well done everyone!

Yr7 Pastoral Team

- **Year 7 Geography Rivers Trip** –The Geography department is offering the opportunity Year 7 students to visit Monks Brook River in Eastleigh, in order to collect primary data outside the college environment, which supports the unit of work we complete in Year 7 on River features and processes. [Click here for a letter about this trip](#).
- **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.

## Year 8 Notices

- **HPV vaccinations** - On Tuesday next week, the school age immunisation nursing team is visiting Wyvern, to administer the HPV vaccinations for all Yr8 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](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)
- **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.
- **Option Forms** - Thank you for those students that have returned their completed Option forms. Reminder for those that have yet to return theirs, the deadline is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries about your child's options, please contact [s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)

## Year 9 Notices

- No Notices this week  
Yr9 Pastoral Team

## Year 10 Notices

- **REMINDER** - The deadline for work experience is slowly approaching for the March 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## Year 11 Notices

- **Reminder** – for those students who have not purchased their Prom ticket, the closing date is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be purchased through Paretmail.
- **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.](#)
- This week Peter Symonds Admissions Team have been interviewing Year 11 students for a place at the College. The Team have said all the students have all been arriving on time, smartly dressed and very well mannered. So, thank you to the students and good luck! I would also like to thank Mrs Striker, Mrs Allen for helping with the event and Mrs Charles and Mrs Babington for hosting it over 3 days in the Library.

Mrs Gough  
Careers Leader

- **Reminder** – Yr11 booking system for the virtual parents evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> if you wish to make an appointment for any Post16 advice.

- **Year 11 NEA Cooking Day** - We are thrilled to share with you the resounding success of the Year 11 NEA Cooking Day, which took place recently with a focus on two exciting themes: increasing fibre in the diet and exploring international hotel breakfast options.

The event was an enriching experience for our students, offering them a unique opportunity to delve into the world of culinary arts while learning about healthy eating habits and global cuisine. Here are some highlights from the event:

**Creative Banana Bread variations:** Many banana breads were expertly crafted by our students, showcasing their creativity and culinary skills. Notably, one group took a bold step by adapting the classic banana bread recipe to create a delicious mango bread, infusing a tropical twist into this beloved baked treat.

**Mastering Croissants and Pastries:** Our students demonstrated exceptional skills in pastry making, mastering the art of crafting croissants and various pastries with precision and finesse. From flaky layers to buttery goodness, their creations left us all impressed and craving for more.

**Exploring Korean Glass Fruit:** In an exploration of international cuisine, some students ventured into making Korean glass fruit, a delightful and visually appealing delicacy. This endeavor not only expanded their culinary horizons but also fostered appreciation for the rich diversity of food cultures around the world.

**Overwhelming Breakfast Pancakes:** The classrooms were abuzz with excitement as students whipped up batches of fluffy pancakes, turning our school into a breakfast haven. The aroma of freshly cooked pancakes filled the air, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for all.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication throughout the Year 11 NEA Cooking Day. Not only did they showcase their culinary talents, but they also gained valuable insights into the importance of healthy eating and cultural diversity in food.

Thank you for your continued support and we now finish all the NEA projects and work and focus on the revision for their final written exam.

Miss Hussey  
Food & Nutrition Lead