# Thursday 28th March 2024

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## **Next Week's Diary Dates**

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 28th March	2.55pm	College closes for Easter break – normal college day
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 24th - Thurs 25th April		GCSE Yr11 Art & Photography exam
Wednesday 24th April		Yr10 Mock interview Day – see below for more info
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April		GCSE Yr11 PE moderation day
Monday 29th 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 1st May	4pm	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

### Date change from Key Dates

Summer Concert dates have changed to Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers.

## Year 11

I know for year 11 students this will be busy with revision. It is important for them to balance revision work with downtime too and hope they are able to get that balance right. The college is launching its Saturday School programme which involves exam perpetration sessions on Saturdays and also for double periods after school (periods 6 and 7). A lot of what teachers do after school is unpaid and done out of dedication and goodwill; this includes the period 6 revision sessions many have offered throughout the year. However, for the double periods after school and for Saturdays, we do recompense them and therefore there is a cost to students attending these sessions, with financial support for families eligible for Pupil Premium. Please see further information below in the Yr11 Notices.

### Update of work taking place on campus

As some of you maybe aware, we have had ground works taking place on the Wyvern Campus, for a number of months, leading up to the completion of the new automated gates and security fencing at the front of college, to improve the safeguarding of students and staff. We are nearing the completion of this work, please see the letter that is being sent out to both yourselves & Junior school parents updating on how to access the campus during school hours. Click here to view the <u>letter</u> and <u>map of the new gates</u>.

Thank you for all your support this term of the college and the different aspects of our work. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Easter and hope your children are able to enjoy their break.

With best wishes Mr Rule

## thisTerm@Wyvern – new digital publication

We are thrilled to announce the inaugural issue of **thisTerm@Wyvern**, our new digital publication designed to keep you informed and connected with the vibrant life of Wyvern College. In this edition, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and the positive developments within our college community. From the enlightening experiences of Careers Week to the show-stopping performances of 'Shrek the Musical', our

students have embraced a plethora of opportunities to grow and excel. We also bring you a roundup of educational trips, the buzz of extra-curricular clubs, and our impressive sporting successes.

Click here to view this Term @Wyvern - Spring Term 2024

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition. Your stories and accomplishments create the rich tapestry of our college's narrative, and we are excited to share these with you.

In our **Praise and Reward Update**, we acknowledge the invaluable feedback from parents regarding our revamped recognition systems. The introduction of instant praise notifications via the Edulink app has fostered a positive dialogue between parents and their children about their achievements. Additionally, the P2 Praise Postcards initiative has been a resounding success, with over 150 personalised accolades sent weekly to students who have truly gone above and beyond. Congratulations to all recipients – your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Looking ahead, the **Friends of Wyvern** are gearing up for an exciting summer term. We are thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our fundraising projects, a dedicated website, a streamlined donation system, and a calendar of fundraising events. Your support is the cornerstone of these endeavours, and we eagerly anticipate what we can achieve together.

As we approach the Easter break, we wish all our families a time of joy and relaxation. Thank you for your continued support of Wyvern College.

Warm regards, Mr Emeny Assistant Headteacher

## **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.

### **General College Notices**

• Withdrawal of the 502 Xelabus morning bus service from Eastleigh bus station to Wyvern. We have been notified this morning that Xelabus are withdrawing the 502-morning service from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The afternoon service will still operate, with Xelabus collecting students at 15.05 from Wyvern to Eastleigh. The cost of the single ticket will be £1.50.

There is an alternative bus service that is available in the mornings from Eastleigh to Fair Oak, that can be used. The Blue Star, route 2, will get students into Fair Oak Square, a short walk away from the Wyvern campus, in time for the start of the college day. Please check the <u>Blue Star website</u> for the current timetable.

The 502 service is a public operated bus route by Xelabus, it is not a supplied school transport service by either HCC or Wyvern. Majority of students that live in the Bishopstoke area, are within the statutory walking distance of Wyvern campus, therefore students can walk or cycle to the campus. Further information can be found on the HCC Transport website, <u>click here</u>, about assistance for transport and the HCC Home to School transport policy.

• Cashless catering account top-ups - These can be made through ParentMail, or students can bring cash to the finance office during registration.

Please could you ensure that your child has enough funds on their account to be able to pay for any food and drink they plan to buy. Account balances can also be checked on Edulink.

If your child's account goes overdrawn, ParentMail sends automatic payment reminders, please ensure your child's account is brought back into credit if you receive one of these messages.

The daily spend limit is automatically set at £4.00, unless you have told us otherwise. The spend limit can be increased or decreased by emailing <a href="mailto:finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk">finance-office@wyvern.hants.sch.uk</a>. This gives parents the option to top up a larger amount, in the knowledge that the amount a student can spend is capped.

#### **Careers News**

- SETA Apprenticeship News <u>click here for this week's edition</u>.
- **Barton Peveril Year 10 Taster Day** Barton Peveril are holding their Taster day for Yr10 students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone interested in attending the day MUST register with Barton Peveril in advance, please see the letter for more details and deadline of registration. click here to find out how to apply.

#### **Year 7 Notices**

• Well here we are – the final week of the Spring term. In assembly on Monday I asked Y7 if this year had gone quickly and the general consensus was that it certainly had. I am sure, as parents and guardians, it is strange for you to think that two thirds of their first year at secondary school are now complete. I would like to thank and congratulate my Assembly Assistants. Your applications were a pleasure to read – well done!

This week Mr Rule delivered an assembly about the power of influencers on young people and how organisations try to make young people feel inadequate and insecure about how they look in order to get them (or their parents) to spend money on products that they don't need. This is relevant to all of our youngsters and this article from the BBC is really worth a read especially if your child is taking a real interest in skin care for example <a href="Growing skincare use by children">Growing skincare use by children is dangerous, say dermatologists - BBC News</a>.

Top tutor group for Achievement points last week was 7W2 again with 210 and in second place is 7A2 with 208. Also, 7N2 were the winners of the time-line challenge – congratulations and I hope you enjoyed the sweets from Miss Read! Violet S achieved the highest number of P1s last week – well done!

Yr7 Pastoral Team

## Yr7 Virtual Parents Evening - Non-Core subjects - Wednesday 1st May - booking system opening

The booking system for the Yr7 virtual Parents Evening, is going live on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. To book an appointment with your child's teachers, please access using <a href="https://wyvern.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://wyvern.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>. Guide on how to book is available on our <a href="college website">college website</a>. This parents evening is for the non core subjects, eg <a href="not english">not english</a>, Maths & Science, as the parents evening earlier in the year covered the core subjects.

Appointments slots available are limited per teacher, so not all parents / guardians can be seen by teachers with more than one class. Your appointments will each be for 5 minutes and are booked on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to book for one of your child's teacher, but would like to contact them, please email into <a href="mailto:enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk">enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk</a> with your childs details and which teacher you have been unable to book for.

You also have the option to add another person to the calls. You will be sent a confirmation email by School Cloud with your bookings on, please check your spam folder if you have not received it. The link will only work for one person but you have the option to invite one other person to join the calls. Once you have booked your appointments, on the confirmation page select 'Invite Parent/ Guardian' and enter their details. They will then receive their own link to join the video calls.

Please contact enquiries if you have any queries.

Contributions to D&T Material Costs. <u>Please click here to see a letter attached from the Technology Department</u> regarding a request for contributions towards the cost of materials used in technology classes.

#### **Year 8 Notices**

• Contributions to D&T Material Costs. <u>Please click here to see a letter attached from the Technology</u>

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### Yr8 - Options Update

Thank you for your support in submitting the Options Forms for 2024. We have received almost all forms and we will now begin the next steps in the process which is to follow up any courses which do not have enough students to run the course and then any combinations which do not work.

As I said in the Options Evening any student who does not receive all their choices will be seen for a 1-1 interview and parents will be informed. I do not assign any reserve choices without consultation with all stakeholders.

I aim to update everyone before the end of April. If anyone does have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me <a href="mailto:s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk">s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk</a>

Thank you Mr Stocks

#### **Year 9 Notices**

 Another successful term comes to end with Year 9 entering the final phase of the first third of GCSEs after Easter. It has been great to see so many different contributions both inside and out of school with volunteering and extra-curricular featuring heavily.

Careers have been prevalent this half term and there will be more to come in the summer. If you do have any desire to have careers talks please contact us and we can see where we can create careers appointments for any interested students.

There has also been a significant contribution to the new tutor time contributions and it's been great to hear and see the fun that all have had. Look out for more after the break.

With the break in mind and a move to warmer weathers can I please ask that we maintain uniform standards. Please check log books and the website for any more details. If you need any support please contact us.

Yr9 Pastoral Team

#### **Year 10 Notices**

• Happy Easter all, I hope you all have a chance to relax and recuperate after another long term.

This week I have had the pleasure of interviewing 8 exceptional candidates to be Head Prefect. The 5 of us on the panel were astounded by the quality of applicant and the eloquence, passion and intellect that they showed. This has truly been an absolute highlight of my year so far, it was just a shame that I could only pick two to be Head Prefect. Well done all involved!

Next term is going to be really busy for Year 10 including; Mock Interview Day, Mock Exams, Work Experience and becoming Prefects. This is the time we start to think about our future ambitions and plans. Please come and seek advice and help from the Pastoral Office or Careers Officer if we have any burning questions about these events.

Year 10 have some fantastic achievements this term, so many of you continue to excel and show how great a place Wyvern is. Let's make the next the best term yet.

Yr10 Pastoral Team

Yr10 Mock Interview Day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – <u>Click here to see the letter to parents about this</u>
 event

#### **Year 11 Notices**

Our Y11 students are moving into their final term at Wyvern! Where has the time gone...

It was great to have so many positive conversations with students and parents at the Parents Evening on Tuesday and I know there is a lot of hard work going in to prepare for the forthcoming examinations.

On a weekly basis I will endeavour to publish the <u>Period 6 schedule</u> on our website & the link will be found in the newsletter.

We also have our Saturday School Programme for Yr11 students, which will be published after Easter for some GCSE courses.

These Saturday School Sessions are more tailored and bespoke for the students that attend and are over a longer time than the P6 drop in sessions. A majority of these bespoke sessions will run on Saturdays and some subjects will run these on the weekday evening prior to the public exams.

Depending on the subject, only specific students will be invited/targeted to attend these additional sessions, whilst other subjects sessions will be open to all students studying the course.

As these Saturday School Sessions are run over and above colleagues contracted time we do pay staff to deliver these sessions and in order to cover some of the costs there will be a charge for the sessions that students sign up for.

This will be either £5.00 for a session run on a weekday evening or £10.00 for a Saturday session. All sessions will be available through Parentmail for payment to be made.

If there are any issues around paying for a place on one of these sessions please do contact the college in confidence, as we would not want a student to miss out for such reasons. Students on our Pupil Premium register can be supported for sessions which they are invited to / would like to attend.

Details of the Saturday School Sessions timetable and arrangements will be shared in more detail after Easter.

I hope our Y11 students manage to enjoy some rest and recuperation as well as some revision time over the two week break.

Mr Stocks Deputy Headteacher