



Thursday 9th May 2024

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Next Week's Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
18 th & 19 th May		DofE walks – Group A & B
Thursday 23 rd May		Yr10 St Hilda's Oxford trip
Thursday 23 rd May		Yr9 Performing Arts trip – Wicked @ Mayflower
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May		Half Term
Monday 3 rd June		College back open from Half Term break
4 th & 6 th June		Yr10 Geography trip to Swanage
Thursday 6 th June	7pm	Wyvern Variety Show – tickets on sale now
Fri 7 th - Sat 8 th June		DofE Practice camp
Sun 9 th – Mon 10 th June		DofE Practice camp
11 th & 13 th June		Yr9 Portsmouth Geography trip
Wednesday 12 th June		Yr9 Parliament Trip
Wednesday 12 th June		MFL Yr7 Parent info evening – more info to follow
Tuesday 18 th June		Yr7 Black Country History Trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 th June		Info evening for Battlefields trip – more info to follow
Wednesday 19 th June		Yr8 Comedy workshop
Monday 24 th June		School Athletics Event
Tuesday 25 th June		Yr10 Peter Symonds taster day
Thursday 27 th June	8.30am	Yr11 only Leavers Assembly – leave site for 10.30am
Thursday 27 th June	10.45am	Late start for Yrs7,8,9 & 10
Thursday 27 th June		Yr11 PROM
Friday 28 th June		College INSET Day – college closed to students

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exam Season

The first week of May has always signalled the start of the exams season for students sitting externally assessed examinations in Yrs11 and 13. The season usually starts with the completion of non-examined assessments (NEA) or coursework as it was once known.

NEA remains in a number of subjects at GCSE and can mean completion of an ongoing process or work that is required to be completed in a very specific timeframe.

At Wyvern, subjects such as PE, Drama and Performing Arts and Modern Foreign Languages have all been completing NEA over the past couple of weeks and I know that there is a sense of relief when this element of courses is completed so that students can fully focus on their written exams and staff can assess the work ahead of submissions to the exam board or visits by externally appointed moderators. It has been great to see so many students engaging in the variety of coursework activities.

I wish all year 11 students the very best in this exam season. It's been heart-warming to see how the Yr11 students have supported each other as they tackle this important milestone together. They have been working hard and I am sure will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

Change to College Day for Exam season

As part of the preparation for the external examinations, the pattern of the lessons in the school day will change from 2-2-1 to 2-1-2.

This will mean that students will have two lessons in the morning followed by a morning break and then one lesson followed by the afternoon break / lunch. The afternoon session will consist of two, one hour lessons.

The change in the pattern of the day allows us to run afternoon GCSE examinations without the disruption of students being near the exam venues during the lunch hour, which means that the Yr11 students in the exams can enjoy a quiet environment.

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](#).

Friends of Wyvern

Friday ice-creams

A quick reminder that ice-creams will be sold from the Pod in the Quad after-school on Fridays for the rest of this term. Ice-creams are £2 each and all profits go to support Friends of Wyvern fundraising projects.



Students can buy a ticket from Student Services during break times on Friday and bring it to the Pod after school to collect their ice-cream.

Update on Matt Charters' 7 marathons in 7 days

We are pleased that as of Wed morning this week Matt has so far raised £180 to support Friends of Wyvern projects. He has set himself the epic challenge of completing 7 marathons in 7 days. Please check out his Go Fund Me page to add your donation if you feel inspired to support: <https://gofund.me/0c0724c9>.

For more information about Friends of Wyvern, and to support us, check out: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwyvern/>

General College Notices

• Late to Lessons – New expectations

You may be aware from your son/daughter that we have introduced a revised system to track 'late to lesson' marks recently, alongside praise for those who are always punctual. In a recent assembly we shared that from Sept 2023 - March 2024 1063 students had fewer than 1 late to lesson per week on average which is excellent. Those students who are late have a detrimental effect on the learning of their peers and we are keen to improve this.

Previously, based on our 4-point plan, a student who had 2 late to lesson marks to the same lesson in a term should have received a C3 detention. We have revised this to:

- 3 late marks per week across the week will result in a 30 min C3 detention
- 6 or more late mark per week across the week will result in a 75 min C3 detention

At the end of each week we reset the late mark to zero which we feel is fairer than carrying over marks over lengthy periods of time.

Students have a 5-minute warning bell prior to two lessons at the end of both breaks and have 4 minute changeover prior to their other three lessons to ensure plenty of time to arrive in good time. As we stressed to students in assembly there are many positive reasons why being punctual is a helpful personal quality in life as well as acknowledging that on occasions we are late and in some cases for reasons out of our control.

Please note this applies to lessons and is not linked to the arrival at assembly or tutor time. Thank you for your support around punctuality to lessons.

- **Wyvern Variety Show – 6th June** - tickets will be available from Friday 3rd May on [Ticketsource](#). The password is wearefamily2024, until they go on general sale from Monday 13th May. See the poster at the bottom of this newsletter.

MUSIC NEWS

Great News! Hampshire Music Service have been selected by the Arts Council of England and the lead hub organiser for Hampshire. [Click here for more.](#)

Hampshire Music Service Group Recruiting

The following groups are recruiting NOW for September 2024 membership:

Hampshire County Youth Bands (brass and percussion) [Hampshire County Youth Bands](#)

Hampshire County Youth Choirs (vocalists) [Hampshire County Youth Choir](#)

Hampshire County Youth Jazz Centre (brass, woodwind, and rhythm section)

Hampshire County Youth Orchestras (brass, percussion, strings, and woodwind) [Hampshire County Youth Orchestra](#)

Hampshire County Youth Wind Ensembles (brass, woodwind, and percussion) [Hampshire County Youth Wind Ensembles](#)

Our County Ensembles enjoy excellent regional, national, and international reputation and provide the highest quality ensemble experience for young musicians. An impressive range of performance opportunities in Hampshire and beyond, masterclasses with professional performers, and exciting overseas tours awaits you!

For further information about these groups please see our website: [County ensembles | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Applications for membership of these groups can be made by following this link: [Application for Hampshire County Youth Music Ensembles 2024](#)

Hampshire County Youth Choirs are looking to recruit new members and are having a taster session on Friday 21st June. [Click here for more information.](#)

Year 7 Notices

- **Black Country Trip** – please look out for parentmail notifications about this trip from Monday 13th May.
- I hope you all managed to enjoy some sunshine over the long weekend, when it was not raining that is! I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Hooper all of the best as she has started her maternity leave. On this note, I would therefore like to welcome Mrs Holbrook-Bull to the tutor team. She will work alongside Mr Murray with 7A3 for the rest of this term.

We're looking forward to our next Celebration Breakfast on Friday with Yr7s who have been nominated for "being helpful" by the Yr7 tutor team.

I am also delighted to announce that 7N1 achieved the most positive behaviour points last week with 222 for this tutor group – well done! I know Dr Walker will be delighted.

The following students achieved the highest number of P1s last week as follows Sophie with 101, Amber with 93 and Jessica with 90. This is a fantastic achievement – congratulations and well done!

A big thank you to all of the parents who attended the Y7 Non-Core Parents Evening last week. I hear that it went really well. I just want to remind parents, especially as it is your first time using our software for these events in many cases, that if you're unable to attend an appointment that you have made you can simply delete it by using the red cross. The system will then automatically fill your slot if another parent is on the "waiting list" for a specific member of staff. We had an unusually large number of parents just not attend the meetings that they had booked which meant that staff sat and waited (they can't leave the appointment to take a comfort break or make a drink in case a parent arrives) and also other parents

missed out on possible appointments. Hopefully this was just an oversight and next time people will know that they can simply delete it.

Yr7 Pastoral Team

Year 8 Notices

- No Notices
- Yr8 Pastoral Team

Year 9 Notices

- No Notices
- Yr9 Pastoral Team

Year 10 Notices

- No Notices
- Yr10 Pastoral Team

Year 11 Notices

- Presentation from Year 11 Exam's Assembly – [click here to see the presentation](#) given to our Year 11 students about how to manage their upcoming exams.
- Written GCSE exams have officially started today, for us in college this represents a significant milestone but there are still 7 weeks to go. Please do continue to support the college by ensuring students are in the correct uniform including shoes. Tutors have been asked repeatedly to follow up any concerns so this should not be a new concern.

Mrs Munday and I certainly hope the warm weather continues but we are mindful of Year 11s in exams, please help us to keep them hydrated and at their best for exams by ensuring they have a clear water bottle with the label removed.

A number of students have asked about Leavers Hoodies, as per our previous communications in the week at Wyvern and in tutor groups, if students have ordered these they will be given out in tutor time on Leaver's day on Thursday 27th June.

Finally, there appears to be a rumour circulating that Year 11 are no longer being sanctioned for poor behaviour in college. While we are very proud of the excellent behaviour of the vast majority of year 11s, I can confirm that should students fail to meet PRIDE rules, sanctions are still being issued. We need to maintain the high standards of behaviour for the final few weeks to end their time at Wyvern on a high!

Mrs Goss – Pastoral Leader Year 11
Yr11 Pastoral team

- Please remind Y11s to check what [Period 6s sessions](#) are running in the weeks leading up to the subjects GCSE exams. On the [Evening and Saturday School sessions](#) there will be details of the additional revision evening sessions, usually on the eve of the exams. Students can check with their subject teachers and these are all available through Parent Mail to sign up.

Wyvern Variety Show



Thursday 6th June

7.00pm

Doors open 6.30pm

Wyvern Main Hall

Tickets available on Ticketsource