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## DIARY DATES

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 12.30

Summer Concert  
House Games & Sports Day

### **COLLEGE CLOSURES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Start of Year 25-26

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 September INSET days  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September - Year 7 students only  
Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> – all other years.

**KEY COLLEGE DATES** – [click here for a list of the key college dates for 2025-2026](#)

Dear parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support throughout. The positive partnership between school and home is vital to student success, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support your child's journey with us. We look forward to this continuing next academic year.

We end the year with so much to celebrate. On Monday, we had our summer concert, an opportunity for our musicians to shine, as well as for work from our artists to be displayed and appreciated. On Tuesday, we had our annual sports day, an opportunity for our sportsmen and women to shine. Sports day was not just about athletics but also included fun house games and activities that celebrate the spirit, identity, and pride of our house system. Despite two showers of rain, the students worked well together and had a lot of fun. At the end of the day, we awarded the house cup for the first time ever, the culmination of a year's worth of house points for effort, achievement, attendance and charity work. This year it was won by Centaur House. Congratulations to our centaurs; let the scoreboard now return to zero and a new battle of our mythical creatures commence in September.

### **Safeguarding during the summer holidays**

Children eagerly anticipate the summer holidays. It's a long break to spend time with friends, family and often going on vacation. So, they get to do things they might not usually get the opportunity to do. As they grow older, they are usually granted more independence to spend time with friends without parental supervision. Children deserve to feel safe in their local community but there may be instances when they encounter people or situations which could threaten their safety...and there have been several instances like this in our local community recently. Having a plan in place can provide peace of mind for both you and your child. It is worth agreeing some ground rules: to know where your child is going and who they are going with; agree a return time; ensure they have their phone and it's charged; ensure they have a way of getting home such as bike or bus; let you know if their plans or locations change; do not take part in challenges that could be dangerous; do not put valuable belongings on show; agree areas they will stay away from. My experience of Wyvern students is that when they understand why there are rules and why we need to put in place boundaries, they accept and respect them. The other danger facing students in the school holidays is excessive screen time and it is worth agreeing with your child from the outset a suitable screen time limit and boundaries. You can read more about the impact of excessive screen time on children's mental health from this parliamentary paper [here](https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/45128/documents/223543/default/).

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With best wishes for an enjoyable summer  
Mr Rule

## thisTerm@Wyvern Summer 2025

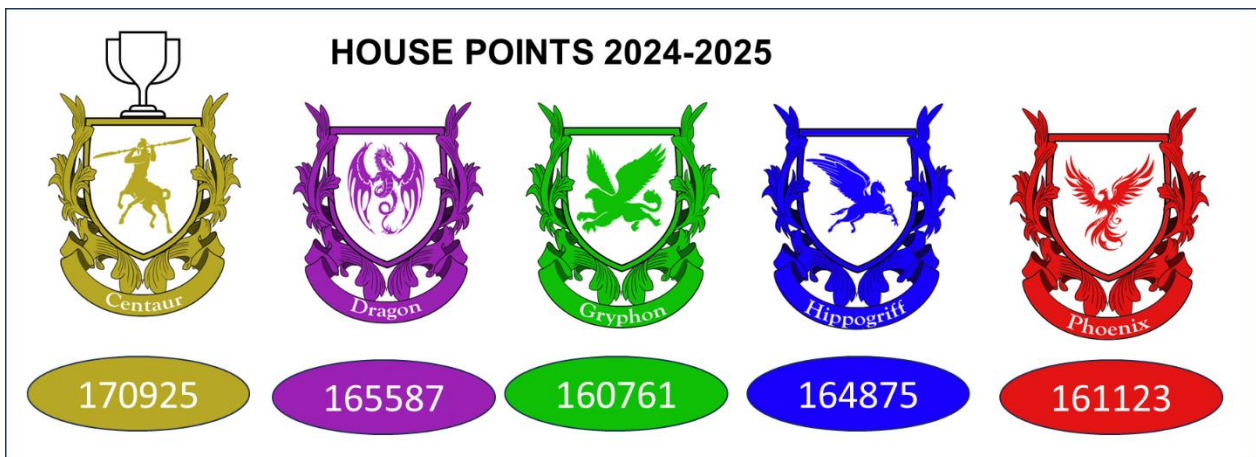
Please click here to see a roundup of news from the college for this summer term. There are articles on all our praise events, summer trips, prom, the culmination of the House Games at Sports Day, fundraising news, reviews of Wyvern Rocks, performance evenings and the Summer Concert and an update from the Friends of Wyvern. Great things that have happened at our college this summer.



### CONGRATULATIONS

- To Ollie in Year 7 for his inflatable 5k that raised £230 for marine conservation.
- To all the subject awards winners
- To the performers, artists, staff and volunteers that made our Summer Concert such a wonderful evening.
- To our House Leaders, PE Department and all the competitors in the House Games/Sports Day that was such a success on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- To Centaur House – that have taken to honours in this year's competition with an impressive 170925 points.

### Final House Point Standings:



### COMMUNITY NEWS



#### EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

[Click here to find out about this summer's Eastleigh Active Summer Programme](#)

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE POINT

[Click here for details of the Points summer holiday activity programme](#) and here for their [Saturday Term Time club](#).

### ART AND HISTORY ACTIVITIES – IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS SUMMER

As the Summer Holidays are fast approaching, Southampton City Council are pleased to announce that we have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained this Summer!

We have planned a programme of history and art workshops covering everything from fun family walking tours to hands-on workshops and all-day wrap-around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. We also have the return of Tudor House and Garden's Summer Fete!

More details, including how to book, can be found on these two flyers: [Flyer 1](#) & [Flyer 2](#)

**Hampshire County Youth Choirs** are opening their doors to invite potential members to our open rehearsal and come and sing alongside their current singers.

With choirs for everyone from Yr 2 to Upper Sixth, this is the opportunity for children and young people who love to sing to come and find out more about what we do, with the view to join us in the Autumn term.



The evening will end with a showing to parents and a chance to meet the Directors. [Click here for more details.](#)

**The Eastleigh Mela is on Sunday (20th) 11:00-17:00 - AWCA Mela 2025**

<https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/upcoming-events/awca-mela-2025>

**FAIR OAK AND HORTON HEATH  
PLAY STRATEGY  
FINAL WORKSHOP INVITE:  
HELP SHAPE LOCAL PLAY SPACES!**

**DATE: 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1.30PM TO 3.30PM**  
**LOCATION: WOODLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
SAVERNAKE WAY, FAIR OAK, SO50 8DH**

THE PLAY STRATEGY FOR OUR LOCAL AREA IS BEING REFRESHED, AND THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS INVITED A NEUTRAL ORGANISATION – DIALOGUE MATTERS – TO LEAD A PARTICIPATORY PROCESS INVOLVING EVERYONE INCLUDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. SO FAR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE LOCAL AREA HAVE SHARED:

- FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES IN OUTDOOR SPACES
- WHAT MAKES A PLAY SPACE ENJOYABLE
- BARRIERS AND ENABLERS TO OUTDOOR PLAY
- IDEAS TO MAKE SPACES MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE
- WHAT DEFINES A HIGH-QUALITY PLAY AREA

THE NEXT STEP IS A FINAL WORKSHOP TO REFLECT ON WHAT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE SAID SO FAR AND DIG INTO MORE DETAIL. THIS EVENT WILL BE FUN AND CREATIVE AND WILL DIRECTLY INFORM THE NEW STRATEGY.

THIS EVENT IS INVITE-ONLY SO IF YOU AND YOUR CHILD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING US PLEASE EMAIL: [SIOBHAN.STRAND@FAIROAK-PC.GOV.UK](mailto:SIOBHAN.STRAND@FAIROAK-PC.GOV.UK) TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO HELP SHAPE OUR LOCAL PLAY SPACES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY!

**Mountbatten Hampshire  
Open Garden Weekend**

**19 & 20 July | 12-4pm**

Explore our beautiful gardens  
Plants for sale  
Follow the Children's Garden Trail  
Enjoy a cream tea at our Hazel Centre café

**Mountbatten Hampshire, Botley Rd,  
West End, Southampton, SO30 3JB**  
what3words: draw.jazzy.bowls

Everyone welcome | Free admission (Donations welcome on entry)

## YOUTH COUNCIL

Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council exploring the possibility of setting up a Youth Council—and we'd love to hear from young people who might be interested in getting involved.

### What could it look like?

A space for young people to share ideas, raise important issues, and help shape local projects and decisions that affect your community.

### Why show interest?

- Help build something meaningful from the ground up
- Connect with other young changemakers
- Develop your confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills
- Have a say in what matters to you and your peers
- Stand out in future applications—experience like this looks brilliant on a CV or university personal statement

## Who's it for?

We're keen to hear from anyone who's curious, passionate, or just wants to know more. No pressure, no commitment—just a chance to express interest.

If you're interested, please let Mrs Tyler [d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:d.tyler@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) know.

## WYVERN GYMNASTICS NEWS

Sunday July 13th dawned another hot day as Wyvern Gymnastics prepared to host their 6th annual Gymnastics for All (GfA) competition in the sports hall at Wyvern College. 70 children had registered to take part, including some from our friends at C&M Gymnastics, who had travelled down for the day, bringing their parents and families to watch them perform their best. Competing in age groups on three pieces of apparatus (floor, vault and trampette), the gymnasts showed to everyone that their hard work in training had paid off and many were awarded medals for their efforts at the end of the day, not letting the heat get to them. The refreshments stall, which was run voluntarily by a couple of parent and

grandparent helpers, was well used and kept everyone hydrated.

The day was ended with displays performed by the gymnasts, starting with a DMT collaboration of all our advanced gymnasts. This was followed by our beginner and improver classes routines, our Saturday advanced were next, then our guests from C&M provided a spectacular routine to 'Copacabana' with their gymnast Lola being the centre of attention. The day was ended with a brilliant routine from our newly formed Wednesday advanced group, who have only been working together for a term.

We would like to thank all the parents and families who have supported us throughout this year and those who came along on a hot Sunday to cheer their children on, including our friends from C&M. All funds raised at the competition will now be invested into new equipment for the children to use in their classes.



## CAREERS NEWS

### BARTON PEVERIL YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 OPEN EVENTS

Click here [for details of these events on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of September.](#)

## WELLBEING, SAFETY & SUPPORT NEW



### SUMMER SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

[Please click here to find out about the support that families can call on during the summer holidays.](#)

### Online Safety Newsletter

[Click here for the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter.](#)

### Teen Project Hampshire

Wyvern College are delighted to announce the continuation of our partnership with Personal Best Education to deliver their [Hampshire Teen Project](#) this Summer holiday at Wyvern College. An enriching programme offered to students aged 11-16 who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals, giving them the opportunity to take part in a range of engaging activities.

[Click here for more information and how to book.](#)

**SPOTLIGHTUK** – [click here for a list of discounted activities with your free school meals children for our summer activities.](#)

## YEAR 7 NOTICES

That's all folks!!

I honestly can't believe that mine and your children's first year at Wyvern has finally come to a close. To say that it has whizzed past is a massive understatement and what a year it has been. I look back at my first day and my first assembly where I spoke about the year 7 journey that we were about to embark on together and drew comparisons to it being very much like a road trip. I talked about having to follow specific directions, potentially needing to make the occasional U turn, constantly needing to fill up the tank, navigating obstacles and possibly picking up a few new passengers along the way. I firmly believe that, for the vast majority of pupils, their first year at Wyvern has pretty much followed that route map. For some there have been bumps in the road, others have blown a tyre and a fair few have needed to utilise their sat nav to help them navigate friendship issues! However, one way or another they have all made it to the chequered flag and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

We have ended this year with a flurry of celebrations and recognition awards. Last week we held our first ever Wyvern Awards Evening where we officially recognised the efforts and achievements of some very special individuals. The following students were recipients of department awards, and I would like say to a huge well done to them all. They not only are a credit to themselves and their parents, but are role models to their peers and a real asset to the school:

Charlotte (7P1), Gaia (7D1), Reuben (7H1), Fin (7P1), Florence (7P2), Mya (7C1), Ethan (7H2), Mariia (7P1), Sam (J 7P1), Jemima (7C1), Paige (7H2), Esther (7G2), Siena (7C2), Rosa (7H1), Fin (7H1), Leon (7P2), Archie (7G2), Oliver (7D1), Mouadh (7D2), Sam (7H1), Arthur (7P2), Leo (7D1), Ben (7H2), Alexa (7C2), Logan (7H1), Tate (7C1), Finley (7C1), Ehren (7P1), Poppy (7C1), Niamh (7P2)

Daniel (7H2) was recognised for his amazing fundraising achievements and was awarded the Wyvern Award for Outstanding Contribution to our Community.

Along with this we had our own Year Group Awards which were a mixture of serious and funny awards. This brought along with it a lot of fun, laughter and a horrendous decibel level of excitable noise. Who knew that being awarded the Year Group's Comedy Genius would spark such an emphatic and joyous reaction that then

allowed Freddie to hold the audience in the palm of his hand and get himself a second encore and round of applause?! Lots of worthy winners walked away with Love to Shop Vouchers, books and chocolates and all left the hall with a smile of their face and a spring in their step.

We culminated the year with our new look Sports Day. We started out with sun and sprinting, got drenched in a biblical scale downpour but the endurance athletes pushed through and then ended the day with field events and a staff three-legged race. Mixed in with this were house games involving water, space hoppers, marshmallows, spaghetti and paper aeroplanes. It was a roaring success, and it was lovely to celebrate the efforts of not only the individuals but also those in the team challenges. The House Cup was duly awarded, and we start planning for the next one!

Year 7 are a very special year group, and we are all immensely proud of their efforts and achievements this year. They are kind, funny, loyal and are maturing into some wonderful young people. Whilst we say goodbye to this year, I look forward to what amazing things they will achieve in the next one.

As ever I would like to thank my brilliant team of tutors, the awesome Mrs Munday and the unflappable Mrs Goss for working with me and the pupils to make this year such a success.

I would also like to thank you as parents for your support this year - it is always a tricky year to navigate as parents, as secondary schools function very differently from junior schools and there needs to be communication and adjustments from both sides. I think we have struck the right balance, and all appear to be singing from the same hymn sheet!

Enjoy your summer and I'll see you all in September,

Kate Taylor-Watson  
Pastoral Lead Yr 7

## **YEAR 8 NOTICES**

**Wishing all our Year 8 families a wonderful summer break – see you all in September for the start of Year 9 and Key Stage 4!!!**

## **YEAR 9 NOTICES**

**We hope that all our Year 9 students and their families enjoy the holidays and will come back in September raring to go for Year 10.**

## **YEAR 10 NOTICES**

Dear Year 10


Are you curious about what it's like to serve in the British Army's Infantry regiments? Whether you're considering a career in the Armed Forces, supporting someone who is, or simply interested in learning more, **Infantry Experience 25** is the perfect opportunity.

This one-day event offers a hands-on introduction to life in the Infantry, including:

- Experiencing Infantry training on the indoor weapons simulator range
- Watching a live combat tactics demonstration
- Exploring the latest Infantry kit and equipment
- Speaking directly with serving Infantry soldiers about their experiences

And the best part? It's completely **free**—lunch included!

 **Location:** Warminster

 **Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

 **Time:** All Day

If you're aged **15 to 34**, we encourage you to register today and get involved. Parents and guardians are also welcome to attend. [Click here for more details.](#)

**Wishing Year 10 a great 6-week break – make the most of your time off. Year 11 starts in September!!!!**

## YEAR 11 NOTICES

**Relax over the summer and we are looking forward to seeing you at Results Day on 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

[Click here for details about how to collect your results.](#)

[Click here for details of Hampshire Futures Career Team Result Day Support Service](#)

[See the Careers page for more Post 16 support information.](#)