Thursday 4th September 2025

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DIARY DATES

September 12th September 15th September 18th September 19th September 24 th September 25th	5.30-6.30pm 6.00-8.30pm	School Photos – Year 7,9, & 11 Lorraine Lee Anxiety Parent Workshop – Main Hall Open Evening INSET Day CAT Testing Year 7 Day 1 CAT Testing Year 7 Day 2 Year 11 Geography trip to Whiteley
	6.00-7.00pm	Year 7 Parents Pastoral Info Evening
September 26th		Bookings open for Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening
		Year 7 Activity Day
		PRIDe reports to parents
September 30th		Year 11 Geography trip to Whiteley
		DofE new cohort info evening.
October 1st	6.30-7.30pm	Year 9 PE Information Evening
October 7th	4.00-7.00pm	Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening
October 8th	6.30-7.30pm	Year 9 Sports Studies Info Evening
October 10th	·	Mental Health Awareness Day
October 15 th	6.30-8.00pm	Year 11 Info Evening – English, Maths and Science
October 16th & 24th	·	Nasal Flu Vaccinations ALL YEARS
October 24th		College closes for Autumn Half Term Holiday
November 3rd		College re-opens for second half of autumn term.
December 19th		College closes for Christmas Holidays

Assemblies this week:

KEY COLLEGE DATES – click here for a list of the key college dates for 2025-2026

Dear parents and Carers,

Summary of the week

Welcome back to all our returning Wyvern families and welcome to those joining us for the first time this year. It is lovely to have you join our community. We have had a busy week training our teachers on Monday and Tuesday, meeting our new year 7 students on Wednesday and welcoming the remainder of the school to college today. Staff undertook their statutory safeguarding training, were inducted in the new teaching and learning arrangements for this year and received updates on behaviour management processes. Most importantly, though, they spent time looking at information about the students they will be teaching this year. The new year 7 students impressed us yesterday. They were friendly, respectful and hard working; keen to do well and impress. Year 11 prefects supported them with maturity and kindness. And today it has been a pleasure to welcome back year 8-11 students, albeit looking sleepy and not yet acclimatised to term-time get ups. It won't take them long to get back into the swing of things!

Second hand uniform

Thank you for all your hard work in supporting our very high standards at Wyvern. Students are smartly dressed and have returned to college with a positive attitude. I would like to thank those of you who kindly donated uniform items to the college that you no longer needed. Because of your generosity, over the summer break we were able to give high-quality second-

hand uniform to many families in need of it. We do still have many items of uniform. If you need assistance, please do contact the college.

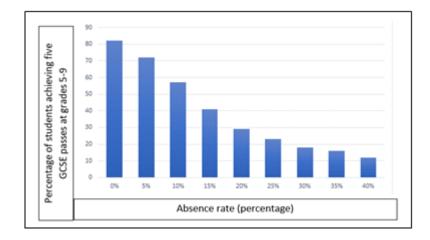
GCSE Exam Results 2025

We are very proud of last year's year 11 who received their exam results in August. A large proportion are off to sixth form colleges to do A-Levels and will start Key Stage 5 courses next week. Others have successfully applied to undertake technical courses (T-levels) or secured vocational training courses like apprenticeships. We were delighted that record number of students achieved the full Ebacc this year: with good passes in **all** of the following academic courses: English, Maths, 2 or more Sciences, a modern foreign language and a humanities subject. Between them, these subjects, which comprise the gold standard of academic achievement, encompass the broad range of skills which leave all options open to students for further and higher education. We are proud that the proportion of Wyvern students passing the EBacc is significantly higher than the national average.

Nationally, there was, across the board, an overall decline in the proportion of grades that were grade 4 or higher. We did see this dip too in some subjects and will be working hard with students and you as parents to ensure we can maximise the number achieving good passes in every subject.

Attendance

The most significant trend in this year's exam results was the link between attendance rates and grades. Each half term, we send you absence reports for your child and these contain a graph that shows how absence rates affect academic performance:



. Once again these statistics were supported by our results this year. Every lesson missed is a learning gap created, which affects students ability to understand the content of subsequent lessons which build on it. This is equally true of year 7 as it is year 11. Let us, then work together to maximise attendance in the year ahead.

With best wishes

Mr Rule

Dear parents and carers,

I hope your family has had a refreshing and enjoyable summer break. It's a pleasure to welcome students back to Wyvern this week, and to begin what we hope will be another positive, purposeful and enriching year for them all.

Help us reward and celebrate students' right choices

At Wyvern, we believe that young people thrive when their efforts, character and contributions are noticed and celebrated. Last year, we made a clear shift towards recognising the positive — and we were pleased to see our ratio of achievement points to behaviour points rise from 4:1 to 18:1. This means that praise is vastly outweighing sanctions, and rightly so: the majority of our students consistently get things right and deserve to feel seen, valued and encouraged.

Last year, most students earned hundreds of achievement points, some over a thousand. They will do so again, this year. Where you are able to, please do reinforce the rewards we give your child at college by adding your own rewards for each milestone of achievement points.

To help set achievement milestones, we're launching a cumulative reward journey called **The Journey to the First Flight of the Spitfire.** For every 50 points achieved, students will unlock a new milestone in the form of a key event in our local history. The final milestone in this history, for students earning 2,000 points, is the flight of the first spitfire which happened 90 years ago from Eastleigh Aerodrome (now Southampton Airport) in March 2026. These students will be awarded the prestigious **First Flight of the Spitfire Award**.

Help us reset students when they get it wrong

Sometimes, of course, students need reminders, redirection or consequences. Sanctions play a part in helping young people learn from mistakes and re-establish boundaries. Our sanctions are not punitive but reflective and restorative. To ensure our system of detentions is fair and consistent for all, we've introduced a clearer process for requesting scheduling exceptions to detentions.

If your child has a **genuine regular scheduling clash** (e.g. a picking up a sibling from primary school), you can now submit an online form on the *Behaviour* page of our website (under *Wellbeing*). This ensures requests are processed fairly and with proper evidence. There are two types of exceptions:

- Regular exceptions: for predictable weekly clashes (must be re-applied for annually)
- One-off postponements: for unforeseen and evidenced circumstances

All detention queries, including exception requests, should go to our dedicated

inbox: detentions@wyvern.hants.sch.uk.

Over the summer we removed all legacy arrangements. If your child still requires an exception, please use the new form to re-apply. This helps us maintain a system that is transparent and manageable, whilst remaining compassionate and responsive to genuine needs.

Let's work together

We know that school systems work best when parents and carers are on board. When students are praised at home as well as in school, the message is powerfully reinforced — that effort, kindness and good choices are valued. And when students do need support to reset their behaviour, it's your calm, consistent reinforcement at home that helps those lessons stick.

Above all, our goal this year remains simple and sincere: to provide an environment where every student can feel safe, calm and able to learn. We owe that to those who get it right every day — and we are proud to partner with you in ensuring that remains the case. Let's have a great year.

Warm regards, William Emeny

COMMUNITY NEWS

Date: Saturday 20th September

(7) **Time**: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

This initiative is about more than just play equipment—it's about co-creating inclusive, imaginative outdoor environments that support wellbeing, creativity, and connection for all ages. The final workshop will reflect on insights gathered from children and young people across our community, including:

- Favourite outdoor activities
- What makes play spaces enjoyable
- Barriers and enablers to outdoor play
- Ideas for more welcoming and inclusive spaces
- Defining high-quality play environments



Please RSVP to comms@fairoak-pc.gov.uk by Friday 5th September 2025 to confirm your attendance.

Thanks,

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CAREERS NEWS

Dear All Parents

We are having our Year 11 Careers Fair on the 29th September 2025 and I wondered if anyone works in an industry where they would like to showcase it to our students.

We will be having the local colleges and Universities attending. But I like to have more companies in the area attend for our students to see what is available.

If anyone is interested to attend or who have colleagues that would like to come. Then please do get in touch with me at J.gough@wyvern.hants.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Mrs Gough

i-Construct Career Fair:

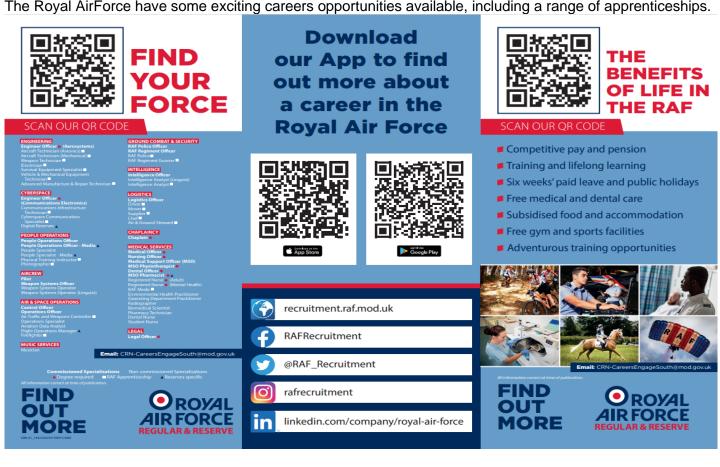
15 October 2025, 3-6pm CETC, Fareham, PO13 9FU

This is so much more than a traditional CAREERS FAIR! No matter what your personal interests, there is a role that could suit you. There will be plenty of people to talk to about next steps whether that is work experience, apprenticeships, college to learn a trade, A & T Levels or University. Come along and see for yourself. Click here for more details:



Royal AirForce Opportunities:

The Royal AirForce have some exciting careers opportunities available, including a range of apprenticeships.







View Profile | RAF Recruiting & Selection | Adapt ID

Over 20 different apprentices are available, with challenges such as engineering, cyberspace, security and resilience, and people operations, all being options leading to interesting and fulfilling career pathways.

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand skill sets and get into work after school.

Scan the QR code shown to download the app and learn more about the Royal AirForce and the apprenticeships offered.

YEAR 7 NOTICES

-Student Photographs are taking place on Friday 12th September.

YEAR 8 NOTICES

No year 8 notices this week.

YEAR 9 NOTICES

-Student Photographs are taking place on Friday 12th September.

YEAR 10 NOTICES

No year 10 notices this week.

YEAR 11 NOTICES

As you may recall, at the end of last academic year we collated all the information following the Year 10 examinations which took place in June and teachers were asked to submit a Projected Final Grade Range for each student.

This data sheet will be sent home on Monday 8th September. It will show the class teacher who your son/daughter had at the time, and this may not be the same teacher as they have in this new academic year.

If there are any queries with the information provided, please feel free to contact the current class teacher. We look forward to Tuesday 7th October which will be the first of two Parents Evening this final academic year.

-Student Photographs are taking place on Friday 12th September.