



December 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

Advent is a time in the Christian calendar to reflect on how prepared we are. Not just in terms of the busy run up to Christmas but also in terms of our lives, and where we are going.

Year 11 students are considering their futures in terms of career and continued sixth form education, recognising the importance of their GCSE exams as a stepping stone to that future.

After Christmas, Year 9 students will begin the process of choosing their options to study in Year 10, thinking carefully about the careers they wish to pursue and the career options these choices create.

It was a great pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our students at the recent Presentation evening. My grateful thanks goes to Reverend Jim Findlay our guest speaker who reminded us of the importance of running the race and preserving to the good. I would also like to thank the students for their contribution in making this evening a success.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Tomes
Principal
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Winter terms

During the winter terms particularly when snow is forecast, please tune into local radio stations to listen for school closure information and visit our website.

Parking

It has been noted that inappropriate parking on the school site is occurring in the hatched or disabled areas which have been installed to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of all pupils and users of the Laverstock site. **Please do not park or wait in these areas.**

Email

This newsletter has been sent on email where agreed by parents/carers. Please email your details and email address to admin@wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk if you wish to be included next time.

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Specialist Status

It has been a really good term so far as developing our Specialism for our students in many ways including

- We submitted a Case Study to the DCSF explaining how we secured our redesignation as a Specialist Technology College and received a grant of £1000 which will be used to support teaching and learning in Technology, Science, Maths, Food and ICT
- We have also bid (strongly we think) for a further government grant of £25000 to be awarded for establishing links with local businesses and employers to enhance provision for our students in our specialist subjects. We hope to hear about this before the end of term and if we are successful it will allow us to further improve IT resources in all our teaching areas
- As part of our efforts to try to work more closely with employers, so that students not only have a more varied education but also learn about what skills really are required in employment, we have entered into an agreement to work with QinetiQ at Boscombe Down which will support our students in many ways. It will allow our students to further their learning in the wider aspects of technology by visiting their Engineering Training Centre, laboratories and workshops at Boscombe Down and scientists and engineers from QinetiQ will also come to Wyvern to add a new dimension to our teaching and learning here.....and much more besides. More details to follow. We are very grateful to QinetiQ for their support in what will be an exciting venture for our students.
- We have also developed an understanding with the Salisbury and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry whereby they have offered to send owners and staff from their business members to support our teaching of business and employment issues and in particular to help our older students prepare for work, with advice on interview skills, preparing CVs and simply how to go about getting a job. In this context, Liam McConnell from Require Recruitment, came to talk to our Year 10 and Y11 last week about recruitment, interviews, CVs and likely starting salaries in the Salisbury area.
- We have also, as part of our work with the Chamber, set up a Junior Chamber of Commerce here on the Laverstock site with students from Wyvern, St Edmund's and St Joseph's. They are being sponsored by the Chamber and their main task this year is to organise a networking event for local businesses in 2010...more details on page 23 of the Salisbury Journal on 3 December

Richard Larcombe, Director of Specialism

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PSHEE Day

As part of Wyvern College's PSHEE/Citizenship day, Year's 7 and 8 took part in a 'Question Time' debate. On the panel was Nick Radford, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Spokesman for Salisbury, Richard Clewer, Wiltshire Council's youth and skills portfolio holder, Frances Wain, a school governor and Henry Head, Chair of Governors. The boys had learnt about politics and government during the morning session and had prepared questions to ask the panel during Question Time, questions ranged from school issues to global issues. It was an interesting and enjoyable day for all concerned.

Mike Green, Subject Leader PSHEE/Citizenship

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Attendance

Our College attendance continues to improve year on year. Best attendance and punctuality are recognised weekly by Form Tutors with best attendance rewarded with use of the Wii machine.

Please may I remind you that if your son is unwell, you should call the Absence line 01722 427018 every day of absence and provide an absence note on your sons' return to College.

Reward Points

Sarum

Foqurul	Ahmed	7GWe	350
Callum	Hall	7GWe	350
James	Bartlett	7GWe	300
Adam	Pepperell	7GWe	300
Lewis	Gunstone-Gray	7GWe	200
Jake	Hartley	8GSa	200
Kieran	Bennett	7 Ebk	150
Jordan	Chorley	7GWe	150
Curtis	Glover	7EBk	150
Jacob	Hamilton	7EBk	150
George	Hayden	7EBk	150
Alastair	Kershaw	7GWe	150
Austen	Lane	7GWe	150
James	Marshall	7GWe	150
Jed	Morton	7EBk	150
Thomas	Whitehead	7GWe	150

Rockbourne

Hesham	Kisher	8PCu	350
Dominic	Percy	7 SBI	350
James	Foster	8PCu	300
Dominic	Percy	7SBI	300
Joshua	Bartlett	10TJw	250
James	Fiddy	7SBI	250
Edward	Praulins	8PCu	250
Kyle	Ingram	8KSt	241
George	Fenwick	8KSt	214
Declan	Brown	7SBI	200
Max	Eagle	7SBI	200
Callum	Hodge	8PCu	200
Sam	Wareham	9ILa	200

Wilton

Matthew	Fratesi	7MAI	300
Kyle	Hill	7MAI	300
William	Turner	7MAI	300
JACOB	Rawkins	7MAI	250
Toby	Anscomb	7MAI	200
Zachariah	King	7MAI	200
Daniel	Kite	7MAI	200
Thomas	Sainsbury	7MAI	200
Alexander	Harvey	7MAI	150
Daniel	Ingram	9NLe	150
Jake	Tibbetts	7MAI	150

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Sports Report

An exciting sporting term culminated in mixed fortunes for the Wyvern teams. On the rugby fields our strong Year 11 team were edged out of the Wiltshire cup competition on a wet, cold and windy afternoon against a very strong Sheldon School side that were boosted by their size and depth of squad in the difficult conditions but our resilient boys held out well battling till the final whistle. In the semi-finals of the Wilts and Dorset County Cup the game teetered on a knife edge with both teams optimistic about reaching the final against a tough St. John's team. The expectations were high and each scrum and ruck was as exciting as the score line. Unfortunately, Wyvern were beaten by one point 15-14 and although the boys were very disappointed they can be proud of their strong performances this season.

The cross country league drew to a close with two fixtures on the Laverstock site with some dominant performances by Wyvern Students. In the first, hosted by St. Edmunds, our Year 7 team eclipsed the field as we finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th places to win the team race comfortably. In addition, the Junior and intermediate teams finished in 2nd and 1st place respectively to end a successful day for Wyvern students. In the final fixture, hosted by Wyvern College, team prizes were up for grabs and the strong team boosted by large numbers of participants did not disappoint. Year 7 Sam Blake continued his unbeaten run to take the individual medal, in addition to Tyler Courtney-Harfield and Matthew Fratesi finishing the race in 2nd and 4th respectively but sharing the overall silver medal based on their performances over the four races. In the junior boys, consistency was the key as Ben Stott ran strongly to earn himself the overall Bronze medal. Team medals were achieved in all age groups including gold in Year 7, and silver in the Junior and intermediate boys. This has been a very successful year and we would like to say a big congratulations and well done to all those who competed and performed for the college. A number of our lads will now go on and run for the Salisbury area in county trials in January so we wish them luck for the rest of the season.

As the Christmas term draws to a close the inter-house cross country beckons in the final week of term and the beginning of our football and basketball fixtures in early January. Please see PE staff for updates of corresponding fixtures. All interested students are welcome to any of the clubs we offer throughout the week.

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Rotary Club of Salisbury

The local Rotary club is running various competitions for age groups 11 -1 8 Years and Wyvern College is happy to support this event. Entry forms for the "Young Photographer" competition, "Youth Leadership" Award, "Young Journalist" competition and "Youth Speaks" award are available from the Learning Research Centre during break times.

Year 11 Revision

A two day revision course for Year 11 students will be held at Bishop Wordsworth's School on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February. If you would like to book a place for your son, please contact Craig Ennew on 07719900096.

Science

Year 11 take further external examinations in January. Additional, C2 and B2, Additional Applied, Triple Science Chemistry, Triple Science Biology and Environmental Land Based Science are all being examined and boys have been informed of which examinations they are sitting. It is vital that boys make the best opportunities to revise both at home and in lessons. Revision books can still be purchased for Additional Science for a cost of £2.75 from the Science department. Boys can also use the BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/>

to revise and test themselves, whilst the AQA

http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/science/science_index.php?id=03&prev=03

site has past papers and mark schemes which are invaluable for boys wishing to have additional practice with past exam papers.

It was brilliant to see the high rate of attendance at the additional revision evening prior to the Core Science resit examinations. The boys worked hard and we are still awaiting their results in the hope that a large number of the boys will have improved their grade.

Year 10 have their next external examinations in March. We were really pleased with the efforts of the boys in their work to prepare for the November exams for which they should be congratulated. We are still awaiting the results. Many boys displayed independent learning skills taking the advice of the teachers to do additional work outside of lessons to help them prepare.

Key Stage 3: Boys have been hard at work undertaking their own independent tea making activity. Boys have chosen their own question, designed and conducted their experiments and obtained results and a conclusion. Questions have included 'Does the size of the tea bag affect how quickly the tea is made?' and 'How does the temperature of the water affect how quickly the tea is made?' We hope that at home you have been treated to a nice cup of tea made to perfection!

Year 7 have been involved in Special Skills week and have undertaken further experimental work to investigate 'Who mugged Santa?' We hope that the analysis of blood splattering patterns and graph work have resulted in the correct suspect being arrested!

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Uniform

As the cold weather has arrived it has been noticed that a number of students are attempting to wear coats in class as they do not have a Wyvern fleece. We have most sizes in stock at the College and as well as the order form being on our website I have included an order form in this newsletter for your convenience.

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To: Reception

School Uniform Order

Name of Student.....
Tutor Group.....

Description	Sizes	Price	Quantity	Cost
Royal Blue Polo Shirt	X Small (36in)	£10.00		
Royal Blue Polo Shirt	Small (38in)	£10.00		
Royal Blue Polo Shirt	Med (40in)	£10.00		
Royal Blue Polo Shirt	Large (42in)	£10.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Age 9/10	£13.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Age 11/12	£13.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Age 13 (34in)	£13.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Small (38in)	£15.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Med (40in)	£15.00		
Navy Blue Micro Fleece	Large (42in)	£15.00		
Navy Blue Winter Fleece	Age 12-14 (34in)	£16.00		
Navy Blue Winter Fleece	X Small (36in)	£18.00		
Navy Blue Winter Fleece	Small (38in)	£18.00		
Navy Blue Winter Fleece	Med (40in)	£18.00		
Navy Blue Winter Fleece	Large (42in)	£18.00		
Total Cost (Cheques made payable to Wyvern College)				£



Wiltshire

Hello, it's Jon Kingsbury again with some useful updates for Wyvern College pupils thinking about their future options....

APPRENTICESHIPS ONLINE

There is a national website where those who are interested in apprenticeships can register their interest, and search for apprenticeship vacancies, by using the Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

CONNEXIONS DROP-IN

There is a lunchtime Connexions drop-in for quick queries between 1:00pm and 1:30pm on a Tuesday. You can find the Connexions PA in the Conference Room or the Pastoral Room.

CONNEXIONS DIRECT

Connexions Direct is part of the Connexions Service. It offers you information on a wide range of topics as well as confidential advice and practical help. Connexions Direct Advisers are available to talk to from 8am to 2am, 7 days a week. All calls to Connexions Direct are free from a landline and an adviser will ring you back on your mobile.

www.connexions-direct.com