

Family Bulletin

End of Year



Each one of you has a special gift from God. Use it to serve others well.

1 Peter 4:10

Thought for the Week

'Time is always moving.

The important thing is to learn from the past and then look forward to the future.'

Dalai Lama

To all our WSE community

We still can't quite believe it's the end of the school year – it is certainly the strangest, most, challenging one that any of us have ever had. I want to thank all of our wonderful WSE students and their families for their patience, understanding, support and, of course, all of that home learning that you've all been working so hard at.

I'd also like to take a moment to say a huge public thank you to all the staff at WSE who have gone above and beyond over the last few months. Every member of our staff team has worked so hard and shown such enthusiasm in creating new ways of working; whether that be teaching, site maintenance, admin work, pastoral support of our students, making PPE, driving laptops and food around Salisbury, looking after our students in the childcare hub through the term time and holidays, working with Year 10... the list goes on. I feel privileged to work with such a brilliant team of staff and I am hugely grateful for their dedication.

Today we held a last staff meeting to say goodbye to some of our colleagues who are leaving us this year:

Mr Adkins, Mrs Hatcher, Mr Caruso, Miss Hubbard, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Garbett and Mrs Sluman. We wish them much luck in their retirements or new jobs – we know that lots of you will miss them.

You will have, by now, received the full school opening information by email and we are so excited to see all our students back in September. Although it is officially the summer holiday, we will still be working hard over the summer with preparations for the new term and we will be here to help if you need us. If you have any questions or worries, please do contact me. I may take a few days off at some point, so please forgive me if I don't answer your emails immediately, but I will be on hand and available if need be.

For the time being though, we wish our students and their families a wonderful summer break: please do relax and enjoy a break from all that hard work. Take care of yourselves and each other. All the staff send their love and thoughts to you and can't wait to see you in the new school year.

Nicola Bull
Headteacher

Teaching and Learning Update

We want to thank you for all of your support with home learning over the past few months. We know that it's not only our students who have been working hard; thank you for all that you have been doing.

It would be wonderful if all parents were using the SIMS Parent App that was introduced to make sure we communicate effectively with parents and carers. The advantages of this are you can view your child's timetable, all recent and past reports, information about reward and behavior points as well as attendance. Increasingly we will move to all information being communicated via this app. If you are not already set up the app information on how to do this is included below. Next week we will make available our final snapshot of remote learning submissions for the period 29th June to date via the SIMS app.

Once again, please be aware that we are relying on the software and the students submitting correctly and there is very little "teacher judgement" involved. If you feel confident that your son/daughter has been working hard during this period but the snapshot doesn't reflect this, there may be a sensible explanation such as a missed deadline or even a software glitch – please contact the subject teacher if you wish to know more, although please note that the teacher concerned may well be away from their emails for times during the holiday. Having said this, we know that many families have found these snapshots helpful and we know it has focused the minds of our students as the term end approaches.

We believe we have now helped over 95% of the families who have been struggling with the remote learning because of technology. We think there are a few more of you still that have not made contact yet! If your son/daughter is trying to learn remotely on a phone, or sharing an ancient laptop with two siblings, please be aware that this is not how we expect students to access the work. Mr. Adams is currently in further negotiations Wiltshire Local Authority in an attempt to gain more laptops and remote internet dongles that he will be distributing throughout the holiday. It is possible that at some point, in the event of a local lockdown, we might need to rely on remote learning again, so we want to make sure we have enabled every student to learn from home. If you think we might be able to help you, please contact JAdams@wyvernsted.org

We cannot wait to see everybody back learning in the classroom in September. In the meantime, we want you to have a brilliant summer holiday doing lots of the things you enjoy. It's really important to have a break, enjoy getting outdoors and see family and friends if that's possible.

We thought students might also want to find out what they'll be learning in September and that students might perhaps want to spend some time doing a little bit of work to help get ready for a returning to school. We've asked teachers to put together a booklet for each year group, including our upcoming year 7s, to help prepare them for the new school year. It's filled with **optional** tasks that will give them a great foundation for their learning next year but it's entirely up to them how many of the tasks they do - none, some or lots!

What is most important is that students get time to **relax and have fun**, and we don't want to place any pressure on parents either. So, we want to be clear; **there is absolutely no pressure from us to complete any of these tasks!** But after such a strange summer term, we were concerned that some students might get a bit bored, or that parents might run out of inspiration! Have a look through what's there – perhaps they just like the look of something, perhaps they would like some insight about the year ahead or perhaps it's just to alleviate the boredom – whatever it is these tasks may prove helpful.

The booklets will be available on the 'Home Learning' tab on the school websites and has also been emailed directly to students. Please contact RLee@wyvernsted.org if there are any queries.

SIMS PARENT APP

The SIMS Parent App is a convenient way to share information with you about your child's school life. The SIMS Parent App allows you to access our student data system from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere. It is easy to set up and convenient to use. You can even use your preferred social media login to access the app. In the SIMS Parent App, you will be able to access:

- Important information such as attendance, behaviour, achievements and timetables
- Term dates and teacher training days
- Your child's school reports
- Notifications to remind you about important information such as key dates for your diary
- Your contact details, which you can change and update at your convenience, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergencies.

Please note: If you have more than one child at Wyvern and/or St Edmunds, you will have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

The information that you receive through the app will help you to stay up to date with your child's school life as well as support your child's development and progress. If you require further information about SIMS Parent, please go to www.wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk/simsparent or wwwst-edmunds.eu/

To get started with the Parent App all you will need to do is follow the instructions below.

1. Please make sure the school has your updated email address, if you are unsure or would like to give the school your email address, please email office@wyvernsted.org.
2. We will shortly be sending you an activation email, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
3. You can then login using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password.
4. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for SIMS Parent (it's free!).
5. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk.

Please note: Your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you have not notified us about others requiring parental responsibility, simply make the request within the app and we will issue an activation email. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact office@wyvernsted.org if you require a replacement after this date.

MATHS NEWS

We are delighted to have teamed up with @MathSpireUK and can now offer our students free use of the app over the summer - it's suitable for students who are aspiring to take A-level Maths. Please contact the school at wsemathsenquiries@wyvernsted.org for the password.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS WITH STAGECOACH

Stagecoach Performing Arts are super excited to announce that we will be running full-week workshops over the following dates of the summer holidays at Greentrees Junior School in Salisbury, SP1 3PG:

Monday 3 August - Friday 7 August, 9am-3pm
Monday 10 August - Friday 14 August, 9am-3pm
Monday 17 August - Friday 21 August, 9am-3pm

We are pleased to say that your child/ren can enroll for one, two or all three of the weeks as no two days will be the same! To give you a taste of what's in-store, sessions include puppetry, circus skills, set and prop design, mime, plus song and script writing along with MUCH more Stagecoach fun! Rest assured that an awful lot of work has been going on in the background to ensure that these workshops are delivered to adhere to Government Guidelines, and we will share our Stagecoach policies with you in advance of our workshops commencing. Visit www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury#workshops to enroll now!

Our workshops are charged at £6 per hour (so £180 for the week) and we provide a 10% discount for siblings and key workers (which equates to £162). We are also pleased to ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at salisbury@stagecoach.co.uk or calling 07842 944 697.

Numbers are limited for these classes so don't delay in booking a place by heading to www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury#workshops

Thank you so much and we hope to see you soon!
Kristie Grant
Principal Stagecoach Salisbury and Amesbury



Young people encouraged to use Early Mental Health and Counselling Support Service



From Wiltshire County Council:

Young people in Wiltshire are being reminded support is out there if they are struggling with emotional wellbeing during COVID-19. We worked with CCG and commissioned charity Barnardo's earlier this year to provide advice for 5-18-year-olds who may be experiencing:

- Low mood
- Panic, stress, worry and low-level anxiety
- Problems sleeping
- Anger difficulties
- Low self-esteem
- Relationship difficulties with family or friends
- Relationship problems at school or in the community (including bullying)

Feeling overwhelmed by pressure; for example, in relation to school work

To request support from the service please visit www.onyourmind.org.uk

Barnardo's is moving towards all requests coming to the charity via a Single Point of Access shared with CAMHS so children, young people and their parents / carers only have to tell their story once. Further information will be provided once this is fully functional.

For more information please email the service at

Info.wiltsemh@barnardos.org.uk

Tel: 07849 306876

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/young-people-encouraged-to-use-early-mental-health-and-counselling-support-service>

A MESSAGE ABOUT SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT SARUM ACADEMY

From Premier Sports:

This summer, we're bringing you a refreshed offer. Holiday Camps that are not just adapted for your peace of mind but designed for the safety of your children. We've taken government advice and worked closely with ukactive to ensure we uphold the highest possible standards and quality provision through our coaches who are officially qualified in social distance delivery. We are running a total of 10 days at Sarum Academy from Mon 3rd Aug to Fri 14th Aug. Due to operating in 'bubbles', booking options are 3 days (Mon, Tue & Wed) and 2 days (Thu & Fri). You can of course book both to equate to 5 or 10 days etc.

MAGNA LEARNING PARTNERSHIP ARE FUNDING 5 DAYS FOR 5 SPACES PER DAY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THIS MEANS THERE IS NO PAYMENT REQUIRED FROM YOU BUT YOU MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL.

For more information or to book please follow this link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/23719/?school=sarum%20academy>

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 wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Council

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT WSE - We currently have the following vacancies:

Teacher of PE – Temporary Maternity Cover

We require an outstanding teacher (with a good sense of humour), to join the PE Department at the Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus from November 2020.

The position is a fixed term, full time post. This position is to provide maternity cover and is therefore Fixed Term until the end of the associated maternity leave, likely to be July 2021.

Required from 2nd November 2020, or earlier if available.

Competitive salary and Recruitment/Retention bonuses available for an outstanding candidate.

Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday 7th August 2020.

Teaching Assistant

Wyvern St Edmund's are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant, on a 2-year Fixed term basis, to join our dedicated Learning Support team for September 2020.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about helping to support our students and their access to learning.

Closing date for application is by 5pm on 17th July 2020.

Site and Cleaning Team Members

In order to continue to support our school community as much as possible during these difficult times we wanted to offer these opportunities to the families of WSE students in the first instance.

Wyvern St Edmund's have a requirement for a handyperson to work with us over the summer holidays on a casual basis. This will be to assist the Site Team in preparing our campus for full opening to students in September 2020. We require someone during the period 27th July – 28th August, 4 days a week, if possible. Hours can be flexible. This will be on a casual contract basis paid at £9.09 per hour but could turn into a full-time permanent role following the summer holiday period.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact our Operations Manager, Mrs Ure (rure@wyvernsteds.org) who will be able to provide more information.

Wyvern St Edmund's also have vacancies for cleaners to join our Site Team. In order to ensure the high standards of cleanliness across our campus, and particularly in light of the enhanced cleaning requirements due to Covid-19, we will require more cleaners to join our team from September 2020.

We can offer a variety of hours, both within and after the school day and can be flexible to your individual circumstances. This will be on a term time, casual contract basis currently paid at £9.09 per hour.

If you are interested in the opportunity to join our staff please visit our website for an application form or contact our Operations Manager, Mrs Ure (rure@wyvernsteds.org) who will be able to provide more information.

<http://st-edmunds.eu/admissions-recruitment/staff-recruitment/>

Wyvern St Edmund's has the highest standards regarding the safeguarding of our students and has strong safe recruitment policies in place. Due to the nature of the positions you will be required to apply for a DBS clearance. Any offer of employment is subject to satisfactory clearances and checks.

TERM DATES 2020-2021

TERM 1 - Monday 31st August - Wednesday, 21st October

Tuesday 1st September: Staff Training Day (no students in school)

Wednesday 2nd September: Year 7 only - Induction Day

Thursday 3rd September: Year 7, 8 and 9 only

Friday 4th September: Year 10 and 11 return – all year groups back at school

TERM 2 - Monday 2nd November - Friday, 18th December 2020 (half day)

TERM 3 - Monday 4th January - Friday, 12th February 2021

TERM 4 - Monday 22nd February – Thursday, 1st April 2021(half day)

TERM 5 - Monday 19th April - Friday, 28th May 2021

TERM 6 - Monday 7th June - Tuesday, 20th July 2021 (half day)

Other Teacher Development Days (school closed to students):

Monday 28th June 2021

Summer's Melody

Rippling crystal waters shine like silver to reflect summer's glow.
Soothing and calming in rhythm, echoing its lyrical flow.
Magical music of nature, a symphony of splendid delight.
Skies like blue oceans in paradise, birds soaring to grasp full flight.

Gentle swans glide gracefully, elegant yet proud and strong,
Birds and bees in unison, the joyful hum of nature's song.
Rolling summer meadows shimmer, like jewels in Mother Nature's crown.
Embellishing fields of emerald green draped in its golden gown.

Light sweet air blows softly, scented by sweet cherry blossom in bloom.
Delicate, pretty petals lifting to dance in harmony with summer's tune.
The sounds and scents of summer, its melody light and free.
Sands of gold that glisten, embracing waves of a warm and whispering sea.

Edel T. Copeland