



Wyvern  
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Spring 2025



# The Wyvern Word

## Wyvern Academy's Termly Newsletter

### Welcome from Head Boy, Will and, Head Girl, Michelle



Hello and welcome to The Wyvern Word from us, Michelle and Will, Head Girl and Head Boy of Wyvern Academy. As Head Girl I have taken this opportunity to look back over my time at Wyvern as we prepare to leave and sit our GCSEs. Good luck to everyone sitting their GCSEs this summer.

When I first walked into Wyvern Academy midway through Year 8, everything was unfamiliar—a new country, new faces, and a new way of life. But from day one, the warmth of this community made it feel like home. I remember looking up to the Head Girl at the time, admiring her leadership, and hoping that one day, I could do the same. Now, in Year 11, that dream is a reality.

Being Head Girl while managing GCSEs is challenging—there are days of exhaustion, stress, and self-doubt. But at Wyvern, no one faces struggles alone. I've had teachers give up their lunch to reassure me, stay behind for hours to go through tests, and push me to be my best. Their unwavering support has shaped me, teaching me resilience and compassion.

Leadership, I've learned, isn't about standing in front; it's about standing with. Whether mentoring younger students or working alongside staff, I see firsthand the heart of Wyvern—the people. This school has given me so much, and I am incredibly grateful, not just to be a student here, but to represent it.

We hope you enjoy reading what Wyvern have been up to over the last term and what we are looking forward to next term. In the next edition we will hand over to the new Head Boy and Head Girl for Wyvern, we are excited to see who it will be.

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# Outward Bound Trip 2025



**Ullswater Adventure**

24 pupils set off on a crazy winter adventure in the wilderness. We were not sure what we had signed up for but it was a little more extreme than all of us had planned! We started off with a little dip in a very cold dip. This not being extreme enough we then had to pack a HUGE rucksack with all our belongings for a LONG hike and overnight WILD camp in a field - with no facilities or WIFI! We hiked up into the clouds, wind and snow but we all made it - some of us literally crying! We ate our ration packs and were thankful for the chocolate and midget gems which kept us going! After some sleep we walked back down and canoed back to base. We then challenged ourselves more and climbed up waterfalls the next day and went tunnelling - underground with no lights! The last hike on the final day with no backpacks felt like a breeze before we came back for a lot of rest!

An epic adventure.





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Students in year 7 and 8 have competed in our first Wyvern Inter-House cooking competition!

Year 7 competitors planned and prepared their choice of main course, year 8's each presented a main course, year 9's made some delicious desserts. Students surprised the judges with a fantastic range of food, showcasing a great variety of flavours and skills. It was tough to judge, as all students worked hard to impress.

Pupils: Rohan, Isla, Lacie, Lucy, Braydon and Kamsi representing Y8



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## Ready Steady Cook

Pupils: , Derek, Amelia, Anna, , Lily, Jack and Joey representing Y7



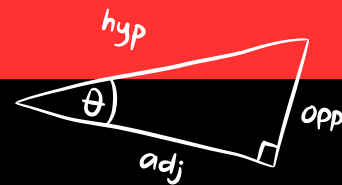


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# UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge



Year 10 and 11 pupils receiving their certificates following their participation in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This was organised by Miss Richmond.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



Pupils had 60 minutes to attempt the 25 questions. They were not permitted to use squared paper, calculators or any kind of measuring instruments. 700 000 students take part in the maths challenges that UKMT run each year.

Any incorrect answers to questions 16-20 resulted in the loss of 1 mark and incorrect answers to questions 21-25 resulted in the loss of 2 marks.

Praise achieved a Gold certificate. Whilst Nicholas, Maya and Evelynne all received Bronze certificates. All other were given a certificate of participation. Well done all.

Intermediate Mathematical Challenge Wednesday 29 January 2025

- Which one of the following expressions has a value closest to 0?  
A  $2 \times 5 - 8 \times 3$     B  $3 \times 4 - 7 \times 4$     C  $4 \times 3 - 6 \times 5$     D  $5 \times 2 - 5 \times 6$     E  $6 \times 1 - 4 \times 7$
- What is the remainder when 2 652 134 is divided by 13?  
A 1    B 2    C 3    D 4    E 5
- The diagram shows a square  $PQST$  and an equilateral triangle  $QRS$ . What is the size, in degrees, of angle  $PRT$ ?  
A 10    B 15    C 20    D 25    E 30

An example of just some of the questions pupils had to answer as part of the challenge



# Humanities at Wyvern



## History

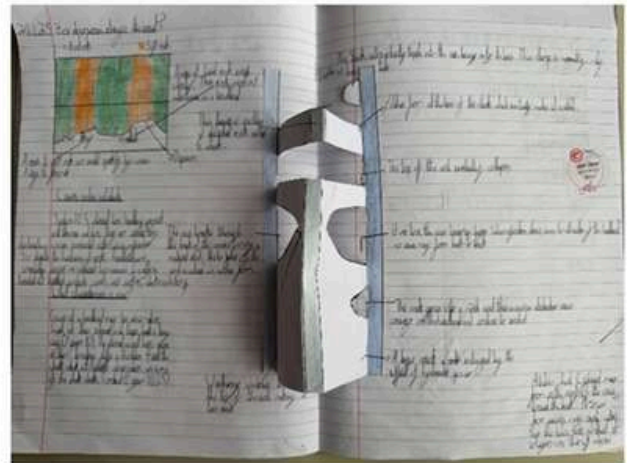
History have worked hard to increase interaction, engagement and presentation skills into their curriculum. Over the last term students from years 7, 10 and 11 have re-enacted battles, roleplayed key individuals and became specialists of certain historical events allowing them to become the teachers in the classroom for their peers.

Pupils have worked collaboratively to create a timeline allowing them to practice their revision of Nazi and Weimar Germany.



## Geography

In Geography students have been making 3D landforms to improve interaction and support key visual links with topic content and knowledge across key stage 3. This has resulted in some outstanding visual displays of headlands and river basins.



This has then been applied to longer written answers, such as advising the council on methods of mitigating the effects of coastal and river erosion, as longer written answers are a key area of focus to develop and support in geography.



# PE and Sports Achievements



## Primary Football Leaders

Lacie, Bethany, Maizee, Mia, Evie, Chloe and Kaitlyn all helped to run the Primary schools Girls Football Cup at Eastbourne Sports Complex on 13th March. They refereed around 80 games between them in awful conditons and got lots of praise from the primary school staff. Well done girls!



## Year 10 Girls Futsal Winners!

Our Year 10 girls Futsal team won the Darlington round of the Futsal compeptiton and then came runners up in the South Durham county final. This meant they qualified for the North East schools finals held at the Beacon of Light, Sunderland. They represented the south of Durham with pride and were unlucky not to finish third overall, losing out on penalties in their final game.

The team was Evie, Chloe, Katie, Olivia, Olivia, Kelsie and Kaitlyn.



# Pupil Success in the Community

## Millie Flies High

Well done to Millie from Year 10 who has been accepted to join the Royal Academy of Dance English Youth Ballet in the production of Giselle. A fabulous achievement. We wish her all the best!



Emma, Millie and Megan performed at the VIAM Concert in Wembley on 20th March.

They had an absolutely amazing time, what a fantastic opportunity for them. Emma's Mum said that, "the atmosphere was unreal."

They got to perform in front of twelve thousand people. An incredible experience for the girls. Well done!



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# PE and Sports Achievements



## Wyvern Academy Shines at Rugby Tournaments!



### Year 8 Boys' Rugby Tournament

The Year 8 boys rugby team had a fantastic opportunity to play on the first team pitch at the Darlington Arena. They played really well, finishing in third place. Well done boys!



### Year 7 Girls' Rugby Tournament

Sebei, Amelia, Anna, Sophia, Anya, Lola and Sophia from Year 7 represented Wyvern with pride when they took part in a small sided rugby tournament at Darlington RFC. The girls came away with silver medals, an excellent achievement at their first tournament!





$$E=mc^2$$

# SCIENCE Dissection



**WARNING**

\*Look away if you're squeamish!

Year 9s have been learning all about the heart this term in science.



Pupils have had the chance to explore the inside of a heart during a lesson on dissection.



Charlie

"It was so fun that all of year 9,10 and 11 should do it. It was fun splitting it in half and looking at the different pieces of the heart. It was quite an adrenaline rush."

Jacob

"I think it was really cool but the work about it was pretty hard, but it's really fun to do."

Maisie

"It looked like they had a blast. It sounded disgusting but it didn't look that bad."

Ethan

"Overall, the practical was exciting. The best part was when I cut it down the middle and saw the inside. I would do it again if I could."

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By Brooke Y8



By Finlay Y9



By Megan Y9



By Shawn Y7



Other Y9 work



By Ruby Y9

## Wyvern Art Gallery

Pupils across the school have been working extremely hard learning about both traditional and contemporary artists such as Banksy.

Year 9s have completed their 'Hero and Villain' project with some superb mask making.

Well done to all, we are super proud of your work!



Hero/Villain - Year 9 work





# Careers Fair 2025

All students in Year 7 to Year 11 had the fantastic opportunity to speak with local colleges/universities, training providers and employers to discover the options available to them Post-16. Students represented themselves professionally and had some brilliant conversations with employers about the skills required in the workplace. They learnt about the different job roles within a company and spoke with colleges and training providers to gain further insights into A-Levels, T-Levels and Apprenticeships.

During National Apprenticeship Week (10th - 16th Feb) Year 8 students had an interactive theatre performance to introduce careers within the NHS and highlight the different routes available to them after Year 11, including A Levels, T Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships. The show is an informative and fun introduction to post 16 & 18 pathways, focusing on the different career and training options available in the NHS and the importance of planning for a successful future.





## King's College Visit

Every year a group of students from King's College, part of the University of Cambridge, travel to the North East to work with Year 10 state school students. Through a series of games and activities they aim to raise aspirations towards and widen participation in higher education.



## Channel 4 Workshops

Wyvern Academy had the amazing opportunity to host Channel 4 workshops for our Year 7 and 8 students bringing awareness of careers in the creative industry and linking curriculum subjects to their essential transferrable skills. Year 7 students had a go at creating their own original series with some fantastic ideas of shows we could see on our screens in the future. Year 8 students took part in a game of people bingo to showcase their teamwork and negotiation skills. #4schools



## Ask Programme

The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge programme (ASK programme) is funded by the Department for Education.

The ASK programme supports schools, special schools and colleges in England to raise awareness of apprenticeships and T Levels.

The assembly explained what an apprenticeship is and the different levels of apprenticeships that are offered including degree apprenticeships. Students were shown the range of job roles apprenticeships are available in including an Architect, Business Admin, Paramedic, Engineering and many more! The assembly touched on the variety of employers supporting apprenticeships from big companies but highlighted not to overlook smaller companies.



## WYVERN EMBRACES THE FUTURE . . .

## ....WITH IPADS AND VIRTUAL REALITY

Wyvern Academy is charging full steam ahead into the future of education by introducing iPads and Virtual Reality (VR) headsets into its Computer Science curriculum – and the results are nothing short of thrilling!

Students are now coding, designing, and exploring in ways that were once the stuff of science fiction.

With iPads, they have a powerful toolkit at their fingertips, enabling them to create apps, experiment with AI, and collaborate seamlessly. But the real game-changer? Virtual Reality.

By donning VR headsets, students are stepping inside the very programs they build. They can walk through digital landscapes, experience immersive simulations, and even observe complex algorithms in 3D. Suddenly, abstract coding concepts become tangible. Debugging becomes an adventure.

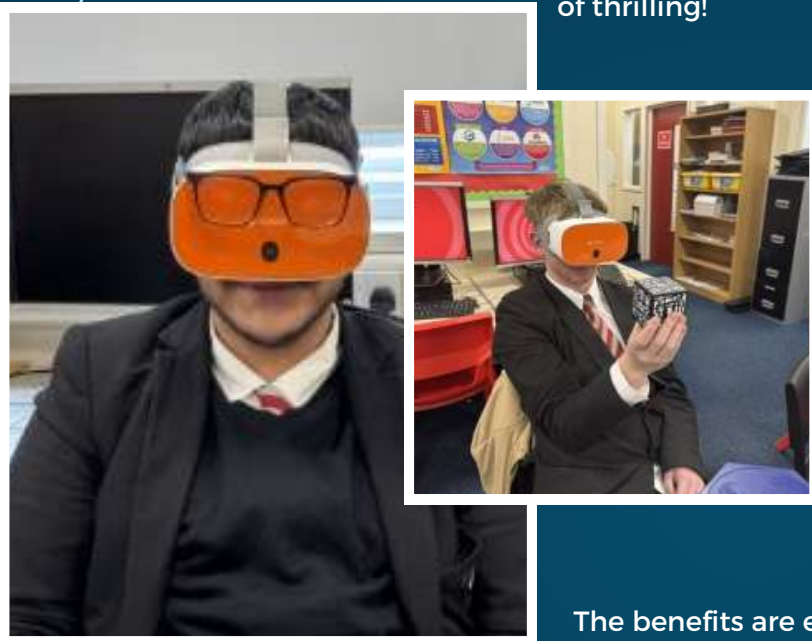
Learning becomes unforgettable.

The benefits are enormous: increased engagement, deeper understanding, and a sense of excitement that fuels creativity and ambition. VR supports a hands-on, experiential learning style that sparks curiosity and boosts confidence. It's not just about learning to code – it's about learning to think like an innovator

## And this is only the beginning!

As technology continues to evolve, Wyvern Academy is determined to stay at the cutting edge. In the not-so-distant future, we could see students creating virtual worlds of their own, collaborating with peers across the globe in shared 3D spaces, or even exploring quantum computing concepts in immersive environments.

At Wyvern Academy, the future isn't something we wait for – it's something we build. With iPads in hand and VR headsets on, our students are not just ready for the digital age. They're shaping it.





# Positive Behaviour and Attitude

Every week our Pastoral team awards positive behaviour and attitude. Can you spot any familiar faces in the gallery from this last term?



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# World Book Day

For the first time, pupils were invited to dress as their favourite book characters. This initiative has sparked fantastic conversations throughout our community and provided a positive and enriching experience for all involved.

World Book Day was a great opportunity to remind our young people that reading isn't just about schoolwork – it's about adventure, imagination, and fun!

The enthusiasm from pupils and families was inspiring, and we hope this event encourages them to continue exploring the joy of reading in their own way. Thank you to all our students and staff for making World Book Day 2025 such a memorable event.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!





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# The School Canteen

## Wyvern Celebrates Eid with a fitting menu



Pupils and staff celebrated Eid on Tuesday 1st April at lunchtime with a fantastic menu.



The school's fantastic catering team prepared an impressive array of foods including: Chicken Pulao, Vegetable Pakora along with spiced Bombay potatoes, salad and Riata sauce. (Pictured left)

They also serviced a delicious Rice Kheer with a mixed Berry Compote.

## New Juice Machines Arrive at Wyvern



Wyvern has recently launched it's new Generation Juice machines in the canteen. This is to cut down on the amount of waste with plastic bottles. Each year 650 million plastic bottles are brought into or purchased on site in Secondary schools in England and Wales. The plastic bottle/can waste plus the scale of CO2 generated is needless and school students want it to stop.

Pupils can now purchase a re-usable bottle along with tokens at the counters and select from a wide range of juice flavours, including: Berry Mint Smash, Super Berry Apple, Orange Light and Orchard Apple Pear. Yummy!



# the SEND Department

Wyvern Academy seeks to meet the needs of all our students on an individual basis with consideration for the community of which they are a part.

We recognise all of our students as individuals and that it is their entitlement to feel valued, recognised and rewarded.

All of our students will be given the appropriate support and guidance ensuring they achieve their full potential.

SEND pupils at Wyvern have access to the Eden Room (bottom left) as well as the Intervention Room (below)



Our SENDCo hosts a SEND Clinic weekly on a Thursday to discuss any worries in school.

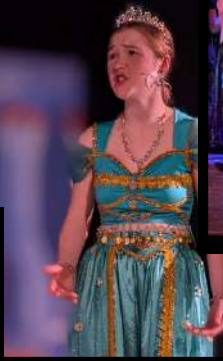
If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the main office at school.





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# Aladdin the Musical Jnr



**An Arabian Night to Remember!**



Our production of Aladdin the Musical Jnr was a big hit! We saw 755 people total in attendance, with approximately 10% of our student body contributing to the show through performance, artwork, or catering. Please give a big thank you to all students, staff, and to you, our community for all of your support.





# Safeguarding

## Information

At Wyvern Academy we know how important safeguarding is. Safeguarding is a vital aspect of any school setting, as it ensures the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors. We foster a culture and practice of safeguarding. All staff have annual safeguarding training and all school policies and practices are fully compliant with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

We work with professionals to ensure students can thrive and be safe. We take action to enable all children have the best outcomes, as we want our students to have the best start to life.

All staff are trained level 2 safeguarding leads and are able to support your child if they are need to speak to them about their concerns.

## Safeguarding Team

Wyvern Academy is committed to promoting the safeguarding and wellbeing of every pupil. We encourage you not to ignore anything you see, hear or read which causes you concern for the safety of our pupils and school community

Please report any concerns to one of the team, or email at [wyv.safeguarding@consilium-at.com](mailto:wyv.safeguarding@consilium-at.com)

## Useful Links



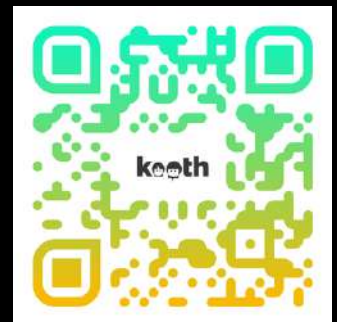
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Give away closes on  
Friday 9th May 2025



# What's on at Wyvern

## April 2025

Easter Holidays  
Monday 14th - Friday 25th  
Revision Sessions will run for Y11s:

	10am – 12pm	1pm – 3pm
Monday 14 April	English Language	English Language
Tuesday 15 April	Business Studies Engineering Art	Computer Science Engineering Art
Wednesday 16 April	History Geography Food technology	History Geography Food technology
Thursday 17 April	Maths	Maths
Tuesday 22 April	Art	Art
Friday 25 April	English Literature	English Literature

## May 2025

Thursday 1st  
Y7 Parents' Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 8th  
Y8 Parents' Evening 4-6pm  
SEND Review Afternoon 1pm-3pm

## June 2025

Tuesday 17th  
Wyvern Sports Day

Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and  
Friday 27th  
Year 6 Transition Days

Thursday 26th  
Y11 Prom

W/C Monday 30th  
Year 10 Work Experience Week

## July 2025

Tuesday 1st  
Year 5 Sports Day

Tuesday 8th  
Town Sports

Thursday 17th  
Y10 Results Breakfast

Friday 18th  
School finishes for Summer

