

SCHOOL NEWS 03 September 2020

Dear parents and carers

Please find below our final communication messages before the start of term next week.

Kind regards

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HEADTEACHER

1. Update - Autumn Term Welcome Evenings for parents

These will take place in the first 2 weeks of the new academic year and will run between 6pm and 7pm on the following dates:

Year 7 – 7th September – *Welcome to Worthing High School*

Year 11 – 8th September – *Getting ready for exams*

Year 10 – 9th September – *Welcome to Key Stage 4*

Year 8 – 14th September - *Welcome to Year 8*

Year 9 – 15th September – *Welcome to year 9*

Due to the current Government guidance on large group meetings, we are going to make a slight change to the planned programme. We will email all parents & carers tomorrow with your personal timed entry slot for the evenings above.

2. Face Coverings (note 1)

We are aware that there are varying arrangements across schools in the locality. As a school we are, as the guidance stands, not currently recommending students wear a face covering in school. There are a number of factors that are associated with safe and hygienic use of face coverings that we have listed below.

- 1) There are a number of protocols when wearing masks such as washing hands for 20 seconds before handling the mask and then washing hands for 20 seconds after wearing a mask which is not practicable in a school setting.
- 2) If masks become damp, are reused multiple times without being washed, are handled inappropriately or placed anywhere other than in a sealed plastic bag once they have been worn they may lead to an increase in the transmission rates of COVID-19.
- 3) Students would have to ensure they do not place their mask down leading to the mask being classified as medical waste which would then need to be disposed of in line with Public Health England regulations which is not practicable in our school setting.
- 4) Our risk assessment, approved by Trustees, has been thoroughly prepared in the context of our particular school setting.
- 5) Making masks optional may lead to students not wearing masks being unlawfully challenged by other students leading to heightened anxiety for those students unable to access a mask.

We will be continuing to follow DfE guidance pertaining to the wearing of masks in our school and hope that you understand the rationale for our current stance. We thank you in advance for


your support in getting our students back into school in the most positive and normal way possible to enable them to focus on their schoolwork and reconnect with their peers.

Note 1 - A face covering is defined by Public Health England as, “something which safely covers the nose and mouth. Face coverings are not classified as PPE (personal protective equipment) which is used in a limited number of settings to protect wearers against hazards and risks, such as surgical masks or respirators used in medical and industrial settings”.

3. Tutor Rooms

To assist the smooth entry of Year 8-11 students into school on their first day please find below the locations of each Tutor Group room. Please can you ensure your son/daughter knows which classroom they are going to on their first day. Please see table below which is also attached to this email.

Year 7 students will go straight to the Millennium Hall on Monday 7th September.

 WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL 2020 TUTORS												
Year 7			Year 8			Year 9			Year 10		Year 11	
Progress Leader: STO Pastoral Leader: VGR Assistant Progress Leader: RDA			Progress Leader: RMA Pastoral Leader: JFE Assistant Progress Leader: JGA			Progress Leader: PGI Pastoral Leader: TRI Assistant Progress Leader: CBR			Progress Leader: RMO Pastoral Leader: LBA Assistant Progress Leader: TIZ		Progress Leader: MBE Pastoral Leader: LCL Assistant Progress Leader: KBY/EVA	
B1	JHA	B10	SOZ	M3	MHU	F9	ACH	M2	JDR	E4		
B2	SGH	E1	TMI	C2	SYG	D12	EHO/LJO (Mon, Tue)	E12	AGA/LJO (Wed, Thu)	B9		
H1	RDA	M1	JGA	B6	CCO	B11	AKE	C3	KBY	E7		
H2	JBA	D8	DSA	F8	JPE	C5	CWH/HVA (Mon)	M4	MRA	E9		
S1	KRA	C10	SUD	D4	CFA	B8	LSI/TIZ (Mon, Fri)	T2	OIG	F1		
S2	NHO	T3	GWJ	E8	MKO	C6	HDV	E3	IAL	C8		
T1	DMA	D14	AST	C7	MBK	E2	SMO	M6	JBP	F7		
T2	JPH	D7	EPE/RWH (Wed)	E10	CBR/RWH (Fri)	C1	TLA	M5	MFI/TDA (Wed)	D6		
S3 (YEAR 9 ONLY)						ERI	E11					

4. Reminder Back to school information for parents, carers and pupils from WSCC & DFE

We want every pupil in West Sussex to feel confident and ready to return to or start school in September. You will find lots of useful information and answers to some questions you may have so children, parents and carers and family members are school-ready at the following link:

[Back to School – WSCC](#)

[Back to School - DFE](#)

5. **STEAM Art Exhibition**

Students currently in Year 11 at Worthing High School, had the opportunity to explore marine pollution on our coastline and learning why urgent changes are needed to protect our oceans and coastlines from plastic pollution. This project was supported by Photoworks, the Marine Conservation Society and a range of photographers and scientists. Worthing High took part along with, Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Steyning Grammar School, Shoreham Academy and Davison High School.

As a replacement for the exhibition at Ropetackle that sadly had to be cancelled in March, we are delighted to be showing an edited, online selection of the work made by the students for the STEAM project, curated by Juliette Buss.

Please see the preview here: <https://photoworks.org.uk/seas-shoots-and-shores/>

Funded by Rampion through the Sussex Community Foundation. Photoworks is a national arts charity based in Brighton. www.photoworks.org.uk

It is really inspiring to see the students making such sensitive, and thought provoking visual responses to these environmental issues.

Worthing High School looks forward to creatively collaborating on similar themes in the future.

Many thanks to everyone involved.

Ms Hunt

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