

SCHOOL NEWS 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

MESSAGE FROM MR PANAYIOTOU

As we complete another week, I am delighted to see so many of our students settling into school and getting back to some normality.

The Prime Minister's announcement on Tuesday 22nd September highlighted that as a society we are all needing to adjust to living with Covid19 and the guidance for schools has not changed. We are very mindful of looking after our students and staff and will always take appropriate responses as directed by DfE and Public Health England. The NHS have launched a new track and trace app which is only for those aged 16+. Please download the app but remind your child that it is not age appropriate for them at this time.

Please can I remind you to follow the guidance if you or your child displays any symptoms and advise the school accordingly via covid19@worthinghigh.net.

The rule of 6 is also important out of school. Please can you reinforce this at home. When students leave school they should be returning home and not congregating in large numbers. We have had a number of local residents inform the school of gathering of students, congregating on Broadwater Green and this is something we are actively seeking to discourage with your support.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind parents and carers and all of our students regarding the use of social media relating to Covid19. It is and never will be appropriate to send out on a social media platform any information regarding a test result, positive or negative or speculation to whether a child is symptomatic or not. There have been a few situations where students discussed potential results and this is completely inappropriate and could be viewed as malicious in some extreme cases.

Finally, our Opening Evening event today and Saturday morning will provide a fantastic opportunity for prospective new entrants and their parents/carers to see our superb school and the opportunities that we are able to offer.

I am very proud of all our staff and students hard work and I wanted to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

Pan Panayiotou
Headteacher

REMINDER

Friday 25th September – school closed to students INSET Day

YEAR 7 CATS TEST

Next week, between the 28th September and 1st October, all year 7 students will be sitting Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs). This is part of our induction process and are nothing for students to worry about. We use the outcomes to identify students who might need additional support and to ensure all students have accurate target grades. All tests are sat on computers and do not require any

preparation. Your child's tutor will ensure students know the time and location of the tests. In light of our Covid adaptations, **please could you ensure that your child brings in their own headphones on these days**, they must be kept in bags unless they are being used for tests.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that proof photos have been issued via tutor groups and these should be brought home over the next few days. If you would like free delivery to school please return your order by Friday 9th October 2020.

HPV VACCINATION – YEAR 9 on 5 OCTOBER 2020

The NHS Immunisation Team are offering the HPV VACCINATION (Dose 1) for students in Year 9 that missed it in Year 8 or were unable to attend the pop up clinic in our car park during the summer holidays.

This will take place on **Monday 5 October 2020**.

An information letter/consent form and brochure will be issued to students during registration on **Monday 28 September 2020**.

Completed consent forms should be returned to form tutors or to the Main Office by **Thursday 1 October 2020** at the very latest. Failure to return the forms in time will mean your child may not be vaccinated. Apologies for the short turnaround.

FLU VACCINATION YEAR 7

For all parents of year 7 you should have received a letter direct from NHS advising you that your child is due to receive their flu vaccination. Parents and carers will need to provide consent before the vaccination can be administered, more information should be in your letter.

The vaccinations are due to take place on **Monday 5 October 2020**

FOOD, DESIGN AND ART LESSONS

Students must provide their own apron for Food, Design and Art lessons due to Covid19 regulations.

BAKE OFF

We would like you to make a cake or some small cakes for this competition and then sell them to family and friends to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer charity.

Certificates and Prizes will be awarded for winning entries in each year group

Closing Date: Friday 2nd October

Send photo entries to:

cwhitby@worthinghigh.net

You can view all of the entries on the Food Twitter account @WHS_Food [click here:](#)

INTEREST FREE LOANS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT (England and Northern Ireland)

Interest-free loans are available for the purchase of musical instruments and equipment, to help ensure that more people across England and Northern Ireland can access instruments and learn to play.

The Take it Away Scheme works with music retailers to allow applicants to buy almost any musical instrument available, such as traditional instruments like violins, clarinets, guitars and pianos, contemporary equipment like synthesizers, drum machines and recording equipment, or musical accessories like cases.

The Scheme is backed by the Arts Council and makes loans of up to £5,000 to people in England aged up to 25 years, and up to £2,000 to all ages in Northern Ireland.

Applicants must have an annual income of £5,000 or more and applications can be made at any time.

How it Works

<https://takeitaway.org.uk/back-to-school-20>

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT/DANCE CLUBS

After school sport and dance clubs will start from Monday 28th September. The timetable of PE activities can be viewed on the school website here [PE Extra-Curricular Clubs Autumn Term 1](#)

We will also post updated information and any changes on our twitter feed. If your child would like to attend a club but does not have PE or performing art lessons timetabled on that day students must wear their school uniform to school and bring their PE kit to change into. Changing facilities will be provided for the separate year group bubbles for clubs. We hope to see as many students trying out different activities as possible.

Marie Field
Subject Leader PE

VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

We advertise staff vacancies on our website under [Join Us/Vacancies](#). Please take the time to have a look and share the information with anybody you know who might be interested in applying.

TWITTER

For up to date information don't forget to follow us on the links below:

Whole School: @WorthingHigh

Headteacher: @WorthingHigh_ht

Trips: @worthinghighout

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: @WorthingHighCar

Lettings: @HighLettings

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th September – students early departure by 12.30

Friday 25th September – school closed to students INSET Day

Monday 12th October – Year 11 Mocks start

October half term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

Term dates for the 2020/2021 academic years are available on our website. Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)