



## SCHOOL NEWS 7 JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we now start our first full day of remote learning, I wanted to write to you and thank you for your continued patience and support.

For many of us it will be very challenging, but we are now in a much better place to deliver our remote learning.

I am not complacent for one moment and know there will be times when technology or other IT issues may interrupt your child's learning. If this does occur we will endeavour to rectify the situation as soon as possible and all that I ask is that you are patient with us.

The government announcement yesterday regarding the cancellation of this summer's examinations has made it clear that Year 11 will be awarded grades based on teacher assessment and other school data. I must emphasise strongly the point that Year 11 must continue to work with the guidance and support of their teachers all the way to the end of the academic year. There is now even more of an opportunity for students to improve on past performances and their teachers will be able to see that evidence. It is therefore imperative that Year 11 continue with all their studies and follow advice from their teachers, as they are the ones who will be giving the assessment grade.

You will also be aware of the situation regarding BTEC and we have communicated to Year 10 and Year 11 our plans for them.

Keyworker and vulnerable students will have started at school today and had their Covid19 lateral flow test. As mentioned before we are and have always been supportive of keyworker and vulnerable families and if your circumstances should change, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [covid19@worthinghigh.net](mailto:covid19@worthinghigh.net)

I also do not need to remind parents and carers that we have all now entered a national lockdown and all of us must adhere to the guidance and advice from the government, especially when it comes to being outside of our home environments and who we can meet. Please visit the following website for further guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Please see Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills letter attached.

Stay Safe and happy New Year.

Pan Panayiotou  
Headteacher

### YEAR 9 VIRTUAL SUBJECT REVIEW EVENING – THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2021

Our year 9 virtual Subject Review evening started at 3pm today and will run until 7pm.

### YEAR 9 OPTIONS

We continue to update the dedicated section of our website to help you and your child make informed choices, as we ask them to decide what they wish to study in Year 10 and 11. Next week we will also be adding videos to our website which will provide an overview of what each subject is about; giving further information about how it might support certain career paths, the way it is assessed and requirements for the course.

Please use the following link to access the relevant pages [click here](#)

We are now in the process of assigning pathways for each student, as soon as we have done this, we will be sharing these with parents and students, so you can start to make decisions about subject choices. We will be providing further information alongside this so students and their parents feel confident with the process.

In the meantime, if you or your child has specific questions about a subject, please ask the relevant teacher at tonight's SRE evening or feel free to email the relevant teacher.

## **ACCESSING LIVE LESSONS**

Teachers are not scheduling meetings, but running them as "meet now" sessions. When it comes to the start of form time or a lesson, students need to go to the relevant team and click on the "Join" button.

Lessons start at the following times:

8:40 – tutor time  
9:00 – period 1  
10:05 – period 2  
11:25 – period 3  
12:30 – period 4  
2:05 – period 5

The Teams are all coded so students need to make sure they are in the right Team at the right time. The last couple of letters indicate which subject the Team is for ie. Sc = Science, Ma = Maths, Sp = Spanish.

For tutor time, students need to go to their form group Team. This will be the Team that ends with the code B1, B2, H1, H2, S1, S2, T1, or T2 with the letter standing for Broadwater, Heene, Salvington or Tarring.

## **LRC**

Happy New Year to you all.

Our January LRC Newsletter will be updated on our website tomorrow [Click here](#)

A bumper edition to keep your child inspired during lockdown. Check out the following in the newsletter:

- Keep Reading – how to do this via free resources
- AR Awards
- Michael Morpurgo Month – Book Club and Competition
- Brain Squeezers – it's tricky, have a go
- Top 20 Reads from 2020 – lots of inspiration for new reads
- Information sheet – at the back of the newsletter – everything you need to know when searching the library system or Accelerated Reader.

We may not be in school but you can always contact us at: [LRC@worthinghigh.net](mailto:LRC@worthinghigh.net)

## **Sport/Dance Leader applications**

If your child would like to apply, please can all letters be emailed to Miss Borthwick [lborthwick@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lborthwick@worthinghigh.net) for Physical Education and Miss Strudwick [astrudwick@worthinghigh.net](mailto:astrudwick@worthinghigh.net) for Dance. **Applications close Friday 8th January 2021**

## **VACANCIES**

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

South Downs Education Trust: @sdetrust

Trips: @worthinghighout

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: @WorthingHighCar

Lettings: @HighLettings

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Today - Year 9 Virtual Subject Review Evening 3pm to 7pm

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

Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)