

SCHOOL NEWS 1 OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

MESSAGE FROM MR PANAYIOTOU

A huge thank you to all of our families that came to visit Worthing High School on our socially distanced Open Evening and Open Saturday events last week. The feedback has been so supportive, my only sadness is that the best ambassadors for the school, your children/our students, could not be part of the events on this occasion; hence we have placed a number of videos on our website showcasing our students.

In terms of our Covid19 response, please see the letter attached relating to the optional wearing of face coverings from Monday 5th October. We have also updated our Covid19 risk assessment which is available on our website.

As the nights are drawing in, please can I remind all of our students to ensure if they are coming to school on a bicycle, that they have a cycle helmet and if they are going to be riding when it is dark they must have suitable lights and reflectors. Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe.

Pan Panayiotou
Headteacher

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 9th October is the final day for the school to receive orders for student photos via the envelopes containing the printed proofs. Please ensure that your child brings any proof orders to the office first thing in the morning as the collection of proof orders will be made during the day.

However, using the code given in the proof, orders can also be placed via the Vancols website.

LETTER TO SHARE WITH PARENTS ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TESTING

Public Health England has produced a [letter for schools and colleges to share with parents](#) which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are.

The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing. We ask that you share this letter with parents and carers of children at your school or college.

HPV VACCINATION – YEAR 9 - 5 OCTOBER 2020

Just as a reminder these are taking place on **Monday 5 October 2020**. The deadline for completed consent forms was today **Thursday 1 October 2020**. If you have not returned the form in time it may mean your child may not be vaccinated.

FLU VACCINATION YEAR 7

All parents of year 7 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**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD – YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Applications are now open for any students who are currently in year 10 and wish take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Worthing High School. More information is in a separate email and available on the school website [here](#). Application forms have been sent to all year 10 students via Satchel One. The deadline for applications is **Friday 16th October 2020**. If you have any questions please email Miss Moodie at dofe@worthinghigh.net.

PE KIT

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring students are wearing the correct PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

The guidance on school PE kit can be found on our school website here <https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=School+Uniform+%26amp%3B+Equipment&pid=42>

In particular, please be aware of the following:

1. As it gets colder students will need to wear clothing over their polo shirts around school. Students are able to wear the ¼ zip training top in all year groups, or the WHS fleece in years 8-11. A blazer may also be worn and a water proof jacket should be brought to school on the day students have PE. Hooded tops are not part of the Worthing High School uniform and are not allowed to be worn at school.
2. Nike Pro shorts, or similar, are not allowed. These are not of a suitable length, they are tight and leave little modesty. We politely request that you ensure that your child has black shorts between thigh and knee length.
3. Leggings are not allowed for PE, they are only allowed for Performing Arts lessons.
4. Tracksuit trousers must be black and without any logos on.

Students who do not have the correct kit will be sanctioned as per school policy.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Well done to all students who have attended clubs this week. It has been great to see you all.

Due to staff training and Year 11 mock examinations a number of clubs will not be able to run. Please see below the clubs which **will not run between now and half term below**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thursday 1st October: (CPD)

Year 9 Gymnastics

Year 9 Badminton/Table Tennis

Tuesday 13th October (MOCKS)

Volleyball Period 6 Session

Year 7 Badminton/Table Tennis

Thursday 15th October (MOCKS)

Year 9 Badminton/Table Tennis

Friday 16th October (MOCKS)

Year 8 Basketball

Tuesday 20th October (MOCKS)

Volleyball Period 6 Session

Year 7 Badminton/Table Tennis

Thursday 22nd October (MOCKS)

Year 9 Gymnastics

Year 9 Badminton/Table tennis

MESSAGE FOR YEAR 11

Varndean College are pleased to announce that they are now taking bookings for the Virtual International Baccalaureate Diploma Talk on **Thursday 15th October**. This is a Post-16 study option open to Year 11 students. The evening will consist of a pre-recorded video which will commence at 6.30pm lasting to approximately 8pm followed by a Live Q&A with our IB Coordinator Mr Lee Finlay-Gray. Students and parents can register for this event via their website. The following link will take them directly to the webpage: https://varndean.ac.uk/events/ib_talk

LRC NEWSLETTER

Please click on the following link to view the October newsletter [LRC Newsletter](#)

BABYSITTING COURSE – YEAR 10

Due to a high demand, the year 10 Babysitting Course is now full. Thank you to all the students that did apply. Miss Baron has compiled a waiting list for which students have been added to, should spaces become available at a later date.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT CAKE SALES AND BAKE OFF

This year we have had to run our MacMillan cake sales slightly differently because of social distancing within school and elsewhere. Our outstanding charity representatives have supported all the events both in and out of school to **raise a record total of £700.04**.

I would like to thank all the students and staff for their donations and consuming unfathomable amounts of cake. I would also like to thank all the parents and family at home for the support with our bakers that raised money through our Bake Off competition.

The closing date for Bake Off entries is this Friday, send photo entries to:

cwhitby@worthinghigh.net

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

Winners will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Well done, I look forward to updating you on our next Worthing High School charity event.

Friends of Worthing High School (FOWHS)



FOWHS are still fundraising, with the main cause being a new school minibus and smaller projects. We understand in the current pandemic a number of families are struggling financially and fundraising is the least of your priorities but we have a number of ways you can still support us without it costing you a penny!

Uniform Donation

FOWHS have a uniform box located in student service and would be grateful for all used good quality school uniform. Thank you for all your donations so far we have currently raised over £250, so thank you. Uniform don't sell we have donated to Worthing's new uniform charity bank part of Worthing's food bank supporting local community. We had planned to hold sales throughout the year but are currently online!

Please email fowhs@worthinghigh.net to see if we have the item you require in stock/price.



Easyfundraising App/website

We've registered Friends of Worthing High School with easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for **FREE** every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them, same prices and same promotions. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long just remembering to do your online shopping through the App. Yes the emails reminding you can be annoying but you can just delete them. One school registered has 207 supporters and raised nearly 5K, we are a school of 1060 pupils enrolled imagine how much we can raise for our school. Anybody can use it parents, grandparents, friends. **Please support us.**

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofworthinghighschool/?utm_campaign=raisemore&utm_content=cpl

Amazon Smile



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features Amazon. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Please search for and find FOWHS listed in the charities and remember to shop through Amazon smile.

You can email us fowhs@worthinghigh.net or follow us on Twitter @FOWHS_Worthing

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

South Downs Education Trust: @sdetrust

Trips: @worthinghighout

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: @WorthingHighCar

Lettings: @HighLettings

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations Monday 5 October

Year 7 Flu Vaccinations Monday 5 October 2020

Monday 12th October to 23 October – Year 11 Mocks

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

Parent Forum 11 November 2020

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

Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)