

SCHOOL NEWS 12 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of our first week wearing face coverings, throughout the school during transition, I wanted to thank you and our students for how amazingly well they have conducted themselves. Many are using the reusable face coverings and I strongly encourage, the very low number that have not yet purchased one to do so, so that we can lessen the huge environmental impact of disposing single use face coverings.

Please review the link below on how face coverings should be worn: [Link here](#)

Reflecting on Remembrance Day, I wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Martin, for his rendition of Reveille and The Last Post and to all our staff and students who followed the national Act of Remembrance, with a 2 minute silence.

YEAR 7 LOCKERS

The student locker changes are finally coming to an end. We still have 8 tutor groups to move and we should be complete in the next two weeks.

As more lockers become vacant over the next two weeks, in the correct locations, they will be issued to those year 7 students who have requested and paid for a locker.

YEAR 7 MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

A huge well done to all of our year 7 students who have now completed their first language rotation. They have impressed the MFL teachers with their huge enthusiasm and dedication to language learning. Their enjoyment of language learning is not just evident in lessons, many parents have also said that their child is now teaching them to speak it at home! This is brilliant and an excellent way to develop their understanding. Students have now started to learn their second language, before starting their third after Christmas. Once the language tasters are completed, we will begin our guided choice process, when the MFL teachers, parents/carers and students will work together to decide which language is most appropriate for your son/daughter.

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM CHOICES

At the end of Spring Term One, Year 9 students will be asked to make a final decision on the option subjects they wish to learn at Key Stage 4. Soon we will begin the guided choice process, to help support parents, carers and students make informed decisions. As we are unable to hold a face-to-face Curriculum choices evening in school, we are busily planning for a remote alternative. In the coming weeks, leading up to Christmas, more information will be shared, fully explaining the processes, key dates and the subject pathways available to students.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

Year 11 students continue to impress their teachers with their hard work and maturity. Students have now completed their mocks and these are being marked and moderated by the teachers. In order to simulate the experience students will have in the summer, we will be sharing results with students as a complete set of grades on **Friday 20th November**. We have found with past Year 11s that this is hugely motivating and helps maintain focus as we progress through the year.

I would also like to remind parents/carers and students that even if the summer exams are cancelled or adapted, these mocks nor any other assessment results will be used in isolation as a final grade and by doing them early, we now have plenty of time for students to make progress, before attempting future assessments. It also gives teachers a very clear indication of what intervention and teaching needs to be prioritised between now and the end of Year 11.

Finally, we have decided to bring forward the Year 11 **Subject Review Evening to the Thursday 10th December 2020**. This gives parents/carers and students additional time at the end of the term to follow up with anything before the Christmas break. The SRE will be done remotely and more information will follow.

More information for year 11 students regarding college applications and deadlines are on our website. [Link here](#)

HOME LEARNING

All homework is set on Satchel One (new name for Show My Homework). All students and parents / carers have access to this platform via personal login details.

During the coronavirus pandemic, on a temporary basis, we are uploading a copy of lesson work to Microsoft Teams to allow students who are isolating the chance to keep up-to-date with their work. This may be the PowerPoint for the lesson, or it may be a list of tasks closely related to the work taking place in the lesson. This work will be stored in the Files section of each Team that your child is a member of. For some subjects it can be found in the Year Group team as opposed to the individual class.

Details of how to access this material can be found here: [Link here](#)

If we have to move to a model where a year group or year groups are required to work remotely from home, all work will be accessed on Microsoft Teams. Students would be expected to follow their timetable and log on to the relevant Team for the lesson timetabled for that particular period. Students would be required to join the Live Meet on Microsoft Teams and their teacher will take a register, introduce the lesson and direct them to any tasks and resources as appropriate. All students have been made aware of this expectation, by their form tutor and have a sticker outlining the process in their planner.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Time to get Festive and Creative.

All Students are invited to take part in a competition to design our school Christmas card that will be printed and sent to the family and friends of Worthing High School. Entries should be no bigger than A5 and can be drawn, painted, collaged, digital, printed or the students own Christmas inspired photograph. Artwork must be the student's original work.

The winner and 4 runners up will receive Art Ambassador Badges. All entries to be handed in to Ms Hunt in Art by the Friday 20 November 2020 in readiness to be judged by Mr Panayiotou.

Please click link for further information on our website [Link here](#)

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020

We are hosting some year group competitions to help raise money so any spare change in your house please donate and your child could be winning prizes.

- 1) Lunchtime Bingo (entrance 50p)
- 2) Guess the weight of sweets in the jar (50p a guess)
- 3) Charity rubber duck racing (50p for a name of a duck – limited tickets available)
- 4) Quiz (50p to enter)

All events will take place during lunchtime in each students designated zones.
There is also an option on Wisepay to make your Children in Need donation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please follow link for more information [Link here.](#)

WEST SUSSEX TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW SURVEY

West Sussex County Council has started a review of the West Sussex Transport Plan (WSTP). The current plan, which covers the 2011-26 period, needs to be reviewed to take account of changes to national and local policy, such as the Government's legally-binding commitment to achieve net zero carbon by 2050. The new plan will set out how we aim to continue supporting the economy and communities while protecting the environment. We will consider the best approaches to tackle key transport issues such as congestion, road safety and pollution, and set out our plans for all modes of transport.

We are asking stakeholders, such as local groups, authorities and transport providers, to complete a survey to gather information about their key issues and priorities. The survey is accessible to all, so individual members of the public can also submit their views if they wish to do so. The survey closing date is Thursday 17th December 2020. To complete the survey please visit:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPSurvey

The survey results will help shape the draft version of the plan, which will be published for public consultation in summer 2021. We aim to adopt the plan in early 2022.

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with the team, please contact lt@westsussex.gov.uk; 01243 642105.

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

2nd December 2020 Year 10 Teenage Booster Vaccinations

7th December 2020 SDET AGM Meeting 16:00pm

10th December Year 11 Subject Review Evening
18th December Students leave early 13:30pm

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

Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)