

SCHOOL NEWS 19 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for supporting Worthing High School by encouraging your child to wear a face covering in transition areas whilst in school. If we could achieve as close to 100% of Worthing High School wearing cotton or reusable face coverings, I know that we will also be doing our bit to protect our fragile environment.

Please can I also ask parents and carers to ensure that if they, their child or a member of their household display Covid19 symptoms that they do not come to school, please email covid19@worthinghigh.net and ensure that the person displaying symptoms is tested as soon as possible: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

At the time of writing we have had no positive cases reported, which I think you will all agree is amazing, when we all know how it has affected many schools, in many different ways. All of our staff and students are doing an incredible job in managing our Covid19 response and that is on top of our normal face to face teaching and learning. We have our risk assessment and response plan in place ready to action should any cases be reported. We will duly inform parents, carers and students and be guided by Public Health England.

Finally, many may be aware already of our recent success in winning the Tomorrow Engineers National competition. Students across the country were encouraged to enter the online engineering quiz and help encourage students with careers in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). From 28,500 entries from 1,400 schools nationally, Worthing High won the category for most entrants. A huge thank you to Mrs La and Mr Ras for promoting this to all of our students. I know they are already looking forward to spending the £1,000 prize money.

Stay safe!

Pan Panayiotou
Headteacher

CHANGE OF EARLY CLOSURE DATE (17TH DECEMBER TO 10TH DECEMBER)

As you will be aware, the year 11 parents evening has been moved from the 17th December to 10th December. As a result our early closure day will now be on the 10th December to give teachers adequate preparation time. Student dismissal will be staggered from 13.30. Please accept our apologies for changing the original date on the school calendar.

YEAR 7 PROGRESS REPORTS

These will be sent out via school comms early next week, so please check your emails. These reports will give you a good indication of how well your child has settled in to WHS. If you do not receive this, by the end of the week, please contact office@worthinghigh.net. Likewise, if you would like a hard copy of your child's report, please use the same email address and we will send a hard copy home.

PARENT/CARER HIGHER EDUCATION

We would be grateful if you would take a moment to complete this quick survey on parent / carer study of higher education. This information is important in enabling us to apply for

additional funding for various projects in school. **Please complete one survey per child who attends the school.** [LINK HERE](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In line with guidance from the Department for Education we are currently running a reduced extra-curricular provision on a temporary basis during the current lockdown. Under the current guidance extra-curricular clubs are only allowed to operate “in order to enable parents to work, seek work, or to undertake education or training, and for the purposes of respite care (for vulnerable children).” We are continuing to open the LRC for students who meet this criteria to allow them to be on the school site from 8 am to 5 pm to complete independent study or reading.

Period 0 and Period 6 intervention sessions are continuing to run for our year 11 students as they form part of our core curriculum provision.

We are working hard to ensure that our extra-curricular provision can be expanded as soon as guidance from the Department for Education changes, including plans for inter-community sports competitions. We will update you with any changes as soon as possible.

LOCKDOWN AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS

Earlier this week, we completed our termly Lockdown Drill where we practice “locking down” the whole of the school. We have been completing this drill for several years now and arrange a drill each term. Our Lockdown process is used in case we experience an incident where students and staff are required to stay “locked in” classrooms/and/or a place of safety until otherwise instructed. Our students managed the process very well. Text messages and emails were sent to all parents/carers at the start and end of the process so that you knew why we may not be answering the phone/emails during the 15 minute drill period. In addition, we also practice Emergency Evacuation each term which might be needed in the case of say a fire occurring. This drill was practiced before October half term.

‘STEAM’ing ahead!

A national competition saw over 28,500 entries for Tomorrow’s Engineers Big Quiz. The quiz promoted STEAM subjects and offered a small glimpse of amazing career options offered through these subjects. We are pleased to announce that Worthing High managed to get the £1000 first prize!! This is a fantastic result and we would like to congratulate all of our amazing students for their fantastic efforts and all of our fantastic Science, Technology, Art and Maths teachers for consistently promoting STEAM.

Raising Robots

We like to thank Raising Robots and the Royal air force for giving us a brand new Lego Spike kit. As part of the various STEAM clubs, the kit will be available for students to use over lunchtimes and allows students to dabble in robotics. Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the project should talk to Mr Rasarathnam or Mr Allen.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

GBMET Colleges

Following on from their recent Post 16 online open events, all of the sessions are now available to watch again. They are a really informative and useful resource when considering further study options.

In case you missed them or wish to watch them again, please use the following link:

<https://gbmet.onlineopendays.com/replays/>

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

10th December Students leave early 13:30pm

18th December Last day Autumn Term – students finish at 13:30pm

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

Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)