



SCHOOL NEWS 10 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fast approach the end of term, with only a week to go, I write to say a huge thanks for everyone who has contributed already towards our Christmas hamper appeal.

You may be aware of the DfE announcement to allow all school settings an additional day of INSET on the last day of term, this has come too late for us to implement and would cause unnecessary stress and complications this close to the end of term. The DfE also made the point that it would have to be adjusted i.e. replace one due later in the year and that would have additional implications for all of us. To that end, we are going to continue as normal with the last day of term being Friday 18th December and school will finish at 1.30pm.

Thank you for the continued support and positive emails to Worthing High School staff, we have had a very busy and challenging year to say the least and our students have been amazing.

Just a reminder that **all** students will leave at 1.30pm today due to the year 11 Subject Review evening.

Stay safe.

Pan Panayiotou
Headteacher

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

Our year 11 Subject Review evening will take place virtually today 10 December between 3pm and 7pm.

A reminder that period 6 and period 0 intervention sessions are running, please encourage your child to attend in the subjects they require extra support. [Click here](#) for session

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

The Year 9's will have an assembly next week on Thursday 17 December about the Curriculum choices process, as they start to make decisions about what subjects they would like to take at Key Stage 4. In order to help parents and carers support their children through this process, we are currently constructing a dedicated part of the website that will give you all you need to make informed decisions. We will share a link to this in next week's weekly news.

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 and depends on the nature of the specific subject. 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:

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=Independent+Learning&pid=44>

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 would 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.

YEAR 9 TEENAGE BOOSTER VACCINATIONS – THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

Your daughter/son will be bringing home an information letter with a form attached and booklet regarding the Teenage Booster vaccination programme. The pack was placed in their Tutor trays this morning.

Please can you complete the form as to **whether you would like your son/daughter to have this vaccination or not** and return it to Main Office by Thursday 17 December.

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On the last day of term (Friday 18th Dec) we will be holding a Christmas Jumper day to raise money for Save the Children (<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>). This is a week later than the official day launched but ties in neatly with the end of term.

Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or suitable Christmas attire but may wear non-uniform. We kindly ask for a minimum donation of £1 to support this good cause.



FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER – COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS REWARD

Our student leadership team are aiming to bring a sense of community back at the end of term, whilst following the necessary guidelines to keep us all safe. The team have arranged with tutors that during periods 3 and 4 there will be a form based reward cinema. To support this there will be form based activities and the opportunity to make small purchases of food and drink items, with all profits going to charity. In addition to this, staff have 'volunteered' to be on the nomination list for staff Christmas dress up. The dress up will be decided by student votes, which can be cast at 20p a vote. The votes should be cast by 16 December during form time and students wishing to make food and/or drink purchases at the form, based reward cinema can do so on Friday 18 December. Please remind your son/daughter to bring in some money on this day.

CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF 2020

Don't forget our Christmas Bake Off 2020 closes on Monday 14 December, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

CHAT HEALTH

Please see the attached poster from NHS school nurses regarding Chat Health which is a messaging services available to all students over the Christmas period.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Inter community sport competitions

Inter community sports competitions have been going well – it's fantastic to see so many students getting involved, keeping fit and having lots of fun!

As inter community competitions will be taking place for all year group bubbles, no additional clubs will be able to run. Exceptions to this will be Period 6 and Period 0 for Year 11 students only. Year 11 sessions which will continue to run during inter community competitions are: P6 Volleyball Tuesday, P0 GCSE PE revision Thursday and P6 Dance Friday will run as normal. [Click here](#) for more information

Sport/Dance Leader applications

We are looking for sport and dance leaders in all year groups. Information will be in tutor slides next week and an email will be sent home to all students about the application process and what to include in their email applications. If your child has any questions after receiving the information during tutor time and via email please do ask them to speak with a member of the PE department. Deadline for all applications will be **Friday 8th January 2021**.

LRC

The LRC have now added an academic literature section to the Library which relates to the Higher Prior Attainers reading list. All details of websites and books are available on the Library Web App, along with many other reading lists that students and parents might find useful. Just login and go to 'Quick Lists'. If you haven't already accessed this here is how you do so:

From a Computer (for students, staff and parents):

<https://uk.accessit.online/wrt01/#!/resources/searchresult>

You can login as a student or parent

Mobile App (for students, staff) [click here](#) and go to the Learning Resources Centre information sheet at the bottom of the page.

LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM – 18 DECEMBER 2020

The school will close to students at 1.30pm on 18 December 2020. Any student who requires food from the canteen should obtain it at morning break, including those on free school meals, as the canteen will close after breaktime.

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

10 December - Year 11 Virtual Subject Review Evening 15:00pm – 19:00pm

10 December - Students leave early 13:30pm

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

4 and 5 January 2021 – INSET DAYS

7 January 2021 - Year 9 Virtual Subject Review Evening

28 January 2021 – Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccinations

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

Link below:

[Term dates 2020/2021](#)