



SCHOOL NEWS 2 MARCH 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, you will see we have chosen to focus on two key issues that are emerging across the country: student-led protest and issues around vaping/drugs use. These are both concerns that are becoming increasingly problematic across the country, so we felt it appropriate to reiterate Worthing High School's stance and policies around them. If you have any concerns around either of these matters or anything else around the safety of our school community, please do let us know. If you have worries around your own child, please contact their pastoral leader directly.

Student-led protests

As some of you may be aware, there has been a growing number of student-led protests in schools across the country, following a TikTok campaign. These protests have caused schools significant disruption and are preventing students from learning.

We are confident that WHS students will rise above the prompts circulating on social media and if they have genuine reason to protest, they will use the strong relationships we have built to debate these concerns. We do take student voice very seriously and if students feel like they do need to raise a concern, we have a number of channels for them to do this including: student forum, tutor times, or if more appropriate, through one-to-one discussion with a member of staff. I am pleased to say we have not had any incidences of student-led protest at Worthing High School, which reflects our strong student voice and I hope students would agree that they feel listened to when they raise an issue.

Student-led actions like this can be dangerous, pose a significant safeguarding risk and cause huge disruption to the day. We would treat any incidences like this as anti-social behaviour and any students involved will be sanctioned appropriately.

Please can I ask that you speak to your child about this and ensure they understand the correct process should they wish to raise something about the school. This message will also be shared in assemblies next week.

We very much hope that through the sensible conversations we will have in school, and those you will have at home we will be able to teach our students the power of constructive dialogue and avoid the harmful scenarios described above. Please be reassured, to protect our values and the safety of our students, any behaviour that contradicts our behaviour policy, will be sanctioned, in line with the behaviour policy.

Vaping, smoking, drug use and volatile substances

We are in a very fortunate position to work very closely with our police liaison officers on a weekly basis and have strong community networks. It has been brought to our attention that there has been an increase in the Worthing area of the distribution and use of both vapes and class C drugs. Please find below some useful information regarding vapes:

- Vapes and cigarettes are illegal for all under 18's.
- Some vapes are being sold with illegal substances within them (THC: cannabis derivative).
- The police can confiscate any vapes or cigarettes if children under the age of 18 have these on their possession.

As a school we would like to re-emphasise our policy with regards to vaping, smoking, drug use and volatile substances:

Drug education policy:

- Students must not bring controlled drugs, drug paraphernalia, cigarettes, tobacco products (papers, matches, and lighters), electric smoking devices, alcohol or volatile substances onto the school site at any time. This policy is clear that the possession, consumption, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs etc. is unacceptable within the school boundaries.
- The school boundaries extend beyond the school premises and perimeters to include journeys to and from school in school uniform, work experience, residential trips and college link courses and any other occasions students are representing the school.
- If a student is using drugs outside of school up to 48 hours before attending school, they will be considered to be under the influence of the drug and so will present a risk to themselves or others and will be sanctioned accordingly.
- Any breaking of these rules may result in a range of punishments, including permanent exclusion.

If school suspects or receives information to suggest any of these rules have been broken then an investigation will be conducted, referral to external agencies completed which may include the police or social care and parents will be informed. If you have concerns that your child may be involved in the consumption of drugs, cigarettes, tobacco products, vapes or other volatile substances then contact your GP or refer to CGL for support (<https://www.changegrowlive.org/drug-alcohol-wellbeing-network-west-sussex/coast>) . Furthermore, our pastoral leaders are available for advice and guidance.

All staff at Worthing High School work towards making our school a safe and secure learning environment for all. We will maintain a zero tolerance approach to the consumption and distribution of drugs and related volatile substances.

Year 9 Curriculum choices

Thank you to all the families who attended our curriculum choices evening last Thursday and our Green Pathway information evening last night. We hope you are now confident in the process and are discussing options with your child. A reminder, the deadline for choices is 9th March 2023. If you need any further support, please contact Mr Beda (Progress Leader) mbeda@worthinghigh.net or Miss Haslam (pastoral leader) lhaslam@worthinghigh.net. If you have a query about completing Sims online, please contact Mrs Newman, our data manager tnewman@worthinghigh.net).

Year 11 Academic Review Evening

Due to proposed industrial action on the 16 March we have moved the year 11 ARE to Thursday 23. This is a virtual meeting with your child's tutor to discuss progress and next steps at this crucial time in their education.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 10 Parent/carers – Prefect Update

Invitations to year 10 students who have been selected to be prefects will be sent out by end of day tomorrow. Students will be emailed directly and a copy will be sent to parents/carers too.

STEAM

Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths (STEAM)

We are excited to mark British Science/STEAM week in school, which will start on 10 March 2023. Please use the following link to view some of our exciting events and competitions that will be happening across the week. <https://sites.google.com/view/worthing-steam/home/science>. Please also see the attached powerpoint.

Hello Future 23

Brighton MET College and The Careers & Enterprise Company are hosting the Hello Future 23 careers event on Wednesday 8 March. The all-day event is open to students in Years 7-11 from 4pm - 6pm

This will provide students with the opportunity to engage in conversations and meet a wide range of industry experts about the world of work and pathways for young people. Students will need to be accompanied by a parent/carers.

For further details and ticket booking - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hello-future-23-employers-tickets-492656547997>

Year 11 Worthing College Taster Day

On **Tuesday 27 June from 8.45am - 1.30pm** Worthing College will be holding their Taster Day for all Year 11 students who have accepted a place at the college

This will give students the opportunity to have a try at their selected courses and meet up with new classmates before starting in September 2023.

Full details will be sent out by email from the college to students nearer the time and will also post booking information on their website <https://www.worthing.ac.uk/>

Year 10 & 11, College Open Events.

The following colleges have upcoming Open Events during March 2023.

Bookings for these events will need to be made online with each individual college.

Brighton MET - Tuesday 14 March 2023 5pm - 7pm

<https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/open-events-2023/fe-open-events-2022-23>

Chichester - Thursday 9 March 2023 4.30 - 7pm

<https://www.chichester.ac.uk/study-courses/open>

Northbrook - Tuesday 7 March 2023 5pm – 7pm

<https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/open-events-2023/fe-open-events-2022-23>

Plumpton - Saturday 18 March 2023 9am – 12pm

<https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/news-events/calendar-of-events/>

QUIZ NIGHT- Thursday 30 March Quiz Night

Hot food, drinks on ice and the chance to be crowned WHS champions at the Friends of Worthing High School's inaugural Quiz Night. To book in your table please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/UENAAGh3uYjrWuGv6>

Raffle

As part of Friends of Worthing High School's fundraising we would like to be able to offer up raffle prizes at future events. If you have items or vouchers that you could donate to support with raffle prizes please can you deliver to the school via student services for the attentions of Friends of Worthing High School. If you have contacts that would be willing to discuss possible prizes please share with nmariosa@worthinghigh.net

Message from West Sussex County Council - Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme – Easter provision 2023

Following on from our successful Winter Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme we want to make sure you have all the information you need regarding our HAF Programme for eligible families ahead of the Easter holidays. To be eligible, a child must be registered for benefits related free school meals (FSM). Click [here](#) for further information.

Violin Lessons

We want to offer your child the opportunity to enjoy Violin lessons supplied by virtuoso Violinist Saba Safa. <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/hub-directory/listing/saba-safa/>

- Lessons - Weekly half hour small group lessons usually take place during school hours. The cost for group lessons is £8.80 per lesson, payable either monthly or termly (11 lessons). Many children enjoy learning in groups with their friends and tuition in small groups provides a fun and effective way for children to learn. If parents/carers would prefer to consider individual lessons, they can view more information on our website Music lessons - West Sussex Music, alternatively I invite parents/carers to get in touch and I will be delighted to discuss in more detail.

- How to apply? - Apply using the online form: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply
- Instrument hire - Instruments can be hired or bought from local music shops and online retailers and West Sussex Music also runs a low cost hire scheme which you can opt into during the application process. The cost is £31.50 per term for instrument hire during the first year of learning.
- Help with cost - West Sussex Music Trust is committed to enabling all young people access to high quality music education. If finances might prevent a child from taking up music lessons we have a Bursary Fund to help with of the cost of lessons. For more information regarding 100% and 50% Bursary eligibility, please visit <http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary>

Physical Education Clubs Spring Term 2

Most clubs will run 3:10-4:10pm; some clubs run at slightly different times, please check the New Spring Term 2 club timetable carefully [click here](#). All students are welcome to attend clubs. Registers will be taken weekly therefore there is no need to sign up to a club prior to it starting. If students are attending clubs please can we remind you that they must be in their full WHS PE kit. We will be sharing the PE/Dance weekly newsflash which has all the clubs and fixtures on.

Marie Field
Leader of PE

Lost Property

We have many items of lost property with no names, see list below. If any of these items belong to the child please can you ask them to go to student services to collect. All items not collected by the end of term will go to charity.

Green Nike Hoodie size Medium
Black North Face coat with hood size XL
Black Boohoo coat size Ladies 14
Black Berghaus puffa Jacket age 11-12
Black Berghaus rain jacket age 13
Chicago Bulls MBA Primark small jacket
Bright Blue mountain warehouse rain jacket size age 13
Karrimor Black rain coat size XS
Mountain Warehouse Black rain jacket Size SP
Hasbro Black Nerf Nation hoodie age 10-11
Primark Black Jacket small
Bench Black jacket age 11-12
Bright blue Puma light weight rain jacket 13-14

VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

We advertise staff vacancies on our website under [Join Us/Vacancies](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 23 March – Year 11 Academic Review Evening (ARE) – Virtual (Change of Date)
Wednesday 29 March – Year 8 Subject Review Evening – Virtual – Further information will go out nearer the time.
Friday 31 March – Last day of spring term - Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April – Easter Holidays
Monday 17 April – Inset Day
Tuesday 18 April – Whole school returns after Easter Holidays

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