



SCHOOL NEWS 16 MARCH 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking parents and carers for their understanding, patience and kindness throughout this term, in response to the disruption caused by the industrial action between the NEU and Government. Partial closure of the school is always a very difficult decision and one we would never take lightly. We appreciate this is disruptive and may have caused a number of challenges. I would also like to thank students for remaining diligent at home and showing flexibility in school when we have needed to adjust the normal school day; our core value of *resilience* has been shown in abundance.

Looking ahead, Year 9 students have now picked their curriculum choices and we are now busy putting a model together that ensures students are allocated appropriate subjects. If there are any issues with student choices or clashes that cannot be resolved, we will follow up and discuss with parents, carers and students. If there are no issues, we will not contact you, so please do not worry if you do not hear confirmation from us straight away.

We look forward to raising lots of money for Comic Relief next Friday, so if you can spare some change, please send your child in with some money so they can take part in our events (please see below). We will also be supporting Disasters Emergency committee with a non-uniform day on 31 March 2023. This is in light of the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey (Please see below).

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 10 – College Taster Days

Varndean College have announced that online booking is now open for their Year 10 Taster Day which is taking place on **Monday 10 July** from 9.15am – 3.30pm. Booking is essential

For more information please click on the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/varndean.ac.uk/year10tasterday2023/home>

BHASVIC are holding their Year 10 Taster Day on **Thursday 13 July** and more information can be found by clicking on the following link. Booking will be essential:

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/taster-day-july-2023>

Year 10 & 11, College Open Events.

Plumpton - Saturday 18 March 2023 9am – 12pm

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

Year 11 – Apprenticeship opportunity.

GSK are a global biopharma company and a large local employer. They currently have an amazing opportunity to take on 2 Engineering Apprentices in Worthing, commencing in September 2023 for students currently studying in Year 11.

Full details of the vacancies, including the personality profile and grade requirements are shown on their website:

<https://jobs.gsk.com/en-gb/jobs/354801?lang=en-us&previousLocale=en-GB>

Assessment days will be held in June and they recommend applications are made immediately.

Comic relief

Friday 17 March is Comic relief, to support the event this year we are hosting a few events for students to participate in. Mr Panayiotou and Mr Cook have both agreed to swap places with a student giving our students the opportunity to run the school as they see fit, we have our doughnut eating challenge and the Wellie Wanging championship. All events are 50p so don't forget some change.

Non-uniform day

Friday 31 March is a non-uniform day. We are asking students to contribute a minimum of £1 to support the Disasters Emergency Committee (https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=CjwKCAjw_MqgBhAGEiwAnYOAer2qPx-zFYeGfDL0dwn4bdawBtSuNpnh0l3dieKwpjwphGuii_FsdxoC1hIQAvD_BwE). We recognise the severity of need millions of people are requiring following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria at the end of last half term and want to continue to show our support. Thank you for your generosity.

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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>

New exciting extracurricular music opportunity!

We are delighted to announce that we will be working with West Sussex Music to provide Violin lessons at Worthing High school for the first time in several years. Are you are interested in a FREE taster session, no strings attached? Please contact West Sussex Music via their website www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply. You will also find terms and conditions.

Help with costs - 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 [//www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary)

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.

Spectators at school fixtures

After a review of our safeguarding policy and access we are not currently in a position to allow spectators to watch school fixtures. This will include students who are not in the team. We will update should anything change and will of course promote fixtures and results via social media.

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

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

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