



SCHOOL NEWS 23 MARCH 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the spring term, I am delighted to share that we have reached 4000 positive consequence cards, meaning on 12,000 separate occasions students have been caught “getting it right” and have embodied the Worthing Way, showing *resilience, excellence, integrity, respect* and *community* spirit. It is extremely pleasing to see the occasions we observe positive behaviours are far outweighing the negative, as this was the intention of the cards. We know students do get it right the majority of times and we also know it is impossible to always acknowledge this, so this represents 12,000 times we might have previously missed an opportunity to say well done to a student.

A reminder to our Year 11 parents and carers that the Academic Review Evening is this afternoon. It is a virtual consultation with your child’s tutor and an opportunity to discuss the report you received last week. Our message to Year 11 and their families is very clear: it is not too late to make a significant difference. Hard work, revision and intervention will pay off. We understand how difficult it is, but we ask for one final push and to keep making those personal sacrifices and studying hard. It will pay off!

Next week on Wednesday 29 March is the Year 8 Subject Review Evening, booking is still open via SchoolCloud, if you have not yet had the opportunity to book. To allow teachers preparation time for this, the school will shut to students at 1:30pm on this day.

Consultation on extending the school Day

The Department for Education has set out its expectation that the total hours spent in school is set at 32.5 hours per week. Our current hours total 32.08 hours, giving us a weekly shortfall of 25 minutes. This means, we need to add 5 minutes to each school day. Our priority is to make a change that positively impacts the education of our students, therefore, we are looking to extend Period 5 by five minutes.

Consultation has already taken place with staff, Governors and Trustees and it was felt this model would add most value because currently Period 5 consists of 10 minute Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time, meaning curriculum time during this period is reduced to 50 minutes. Adding an additional 5 minutes will mean, curriculum time is increased to 55 minutes and subjects taught during Period 5 will not lose as much teaching time.

This will mean the school day will finish at 15:10 and no other timings of the day will be impacted:

8:40 – Registration/Assembly

9:00 – Period 1

10:05 – Period 2

11:05 – Break

11:25 – Period 3

12:30 – Period 4

13:30 – lunch

14:00 – end of lunch

14:05 – Period 5

15:10 – End of school day

As with any changes to the school day it is appropriate that we consult with parents and carers and we welcome any feedback or comments you may have. Please email office@worthinghigh.net by 12 May 2023, if you wish to comment or have a question.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 11 Support/Final Day

As Year 11 approach the final stages of their studies, we will be offering a number of additional intervention sessions. These will take place during the Easter Holiday and on our intervention day on 17 April. We will be sending invites to students, parents and carers if we feel they will benefit from additional support. We also have a full programme of Period 0 and Period 6, which we will be inviting targeted students to. If your child does receive an invite we strongly urge them to attend as these sessions will be delivered in small groups and tailored to their needs. We would appreciate parent/carer support in encouraging them to attend. If your child has not received an invite to intervention but you/they feel it would be helpful, please contact Mrs Petrie to discuss.

The Year 11 final day will be Friday 26 May. From this point onwards, students will only come into school for exams, pre-arranged revision sessions, or through prior arrangement with the inclusion department.

New Year 7 intake – September 2023

If you have a child who has been offered a place at Worthing High in Year 7 for September 2023, just a reminder that the forms that were sent out with the welcome letter at the beginning of March are due back in school tomorrow, 24 March 2023. Please also remember to include a copy of your council tax bill for 2023/24.

Thank you
Admissions Office

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 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.

Engineering Apprenticeship (Maintenance) Opportunity – Shoreham Port Authority

Shoreham Port Authority are looking for an Apprentice to join them at the end of August 2023. This vacancy is available to students currently studying in Year 11.

Full details of the vacancy and how to obtain and complete an application form are shown on their website and all applications need to be made prior to the closing date of 21st April 2023. Assessment days will be held in June.

<https://www.shoreham-port.co.uk/who-we-are/careers/job/engineering-apprentice-maintenance/>

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.

Thom Izod

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 and see flyer attached

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 Summer Term 1

Most clubs will run 3:10-4:10pm; some clubs run at slightly different times, please check the New Summer Term 2 club timetable carefully [click here](#) which will start Tuesday 18 April. 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.

Newsflash for next week, [click here](#). Please note Girls Football will run on Tuesday next week. Wednesday and Friday clubs will not run due to Year 8 SRE and early closure for Easter Holidays on Friday.

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

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