



## SCHOOL NEWS 20 APRIL 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term, I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and students return rested and ready for another busy term. There is a huge amount to look forward to this term and we hope that students immerse themselves in the numerous extracurricular opportunities we have. It is so nice to see students outside of the classroom environment and pursuing interests and passions. Tonight, the school will be hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> Simply Dance Show and first since Covid disruption, we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and their families to watch our amazing dancers, from across the school.

As many of you will be aware, there has still not been a resolution between the Teaching Unions and the Government over the ongoing dispute regarding pay and conditions. As a result, the Unions have now confirmed two further days of industrial action on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Unfortunately, on 27<sup>th</sup> April we have again had to make the difficult decision to partially close the school to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. The school will only be open to vulnerable students and Year 11, as we support them in this crucial period leading up to their exams. There will also be changes to the school day on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, but we will confirm details of this as soon as we can. We apologise for the disruption this will cause and thank parents, carers and students for their understanding and kindness throughout this period.

Details of how to access work from home will be shared with students, parents and carers nearer the time.

Students have returned to school positively and have had an excellent first week back. For our Year 11's, GCSE's are just weeks away and a number of Non Examined Assessments, speaking exams and course work modules have already been completed – these all count towards final grades and we are very proud the approach students have taken. This is a stressful time and we fully appreciate the challenges they will face. If you have worries or need support, please do contact Mrs Riches, their pastoral leader. To help them prepare as best they can, we also strongly urge them to attend Period 0/6 interventions – these sessions will have impact, even with such short amount of time left in school. We have identified some students who will receive specific invites to sessions, please do ensure they attend if this is the case. Invites will be shared next week.

Finally, there are a few uniform reminders below, please can you ensure you have read these and your child is sent into school in the appropriate uniform.

### **Additional support from Action Your Potential**

As you know we work with the team at Action Your Potential to support mental health, well-being and helping unleash the learning of all of our wonderful students. At AYP everything is understood in terms of what our brains are doing.

Moments of transition and change are tricky for brains - all brains, children, young people, teachers and parents and carers. Here, Andrew from AYP, walks us through why the brain finds change so hard and what we can do about it. Please [click here](#) for further useful information

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

## **Uniform**

Many thanks to all of those students who have returned to school wearing their uniform so well. Please may I ask all parents/carers to ensure that students continue to meet our expectations regarding uniform, make-up and jewellery. If a student wears jewellery in excess of our policy it will be confiscated and will require collection by parents.

Please may I also remind parents/carers that false eyelashes are not permitted and if seen, students will be asked to remove them.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Mr Swift

## **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](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net) by 12 May 2023, if you wish to comment or have a question.

## **Uniform Donations**

Friends of Worthing High would very much welcome any clean, spare, unwanted uniform. A donation box labelled Friends of Worthing High (FOWHS) uniform can be found in the entrance of student services. These items will be placed into uniform sales, dates and details of how to purchase items available will be shared with all families.

## **Physical Education**

### **Fantastic news**

Jude Clayton in Year 11 competed in the British triathlon performance assessment over Easter, which makes the start of the Super Series. The performance assessment weekend gives athletes their national ranking. Jude has been ranked 14th in the UK - WOW what an amazing achievement.

The Year 11 School Football team are through to the District Finals on Monday we wish them luck.

### **Clubs Summer Term 1**

Clubs are back up and running this week. Most clubs will run 3:10-4:10pm; some clubs run at slightly different times, please check the New Summer Term 1 club timetable [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. The weekly newsflash can be found here [click here](#) and will be updated every Friday.

Marie Field  
Leader of PE

### **Message from West Sussex County Council**

Parent/carers advice on accessing clubs/activities and reporting concerns regarding adults in positions of trust.

- what to do if you are concerned about a professional or adult in a position of trust
- how to safely assess and access activities, clubs and services for your children

[Click here](#) for further information.

### **VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL**

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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 27 April 2023 – Industrial Action  
Monday 1 May 2023 – May Day Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 2 May 2023 – Industrial Action  
Wednesday 3 May 2023 – Year 11 Photo  
Thursday 4 May 2023 – Whole School Photo  
Thursday 4 May 2023 – Year 9 Academic Review Evening – Virtual  
Monday 8 May 2023 – Additional Bank Holiday for King Charles Coronation  
Wednesday 10 May 2023 – Year 9 Teen Booster Vaccination Day  
Monday 29 May 2023 – Spring Bank Holiday  
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – May Half Term

### **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