



## SCHOOL NEWS 4 MAY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

You will have been aware that your child took part in our Whole School photograph today, the last time this took place was in May 2019.

This one was ever more significant because we had in attendance all the children and staff from Clapham and Patching as part of South Downs Education Trust (SDET).

The nature of how whole school photos are taken means that our students had to be very patient and wait to be photographed and the way they conducted themselves throughout the process was a real credit to them and our school.

When we last carried this out in 2019, the logistics involved were complex to say the least, 4 years later on and even more students in our school, the challenges have increased significantly. I am still continually amazed at how many students stop to view themselves in our previous whole school photos.

Once again please congratulate your child on their behaviour and conduct today, they were a true credit to all our ethos and values and we should feel very proud.

Pan Panayiotou  
Executive Headteacher  
CEO South Downs Education Trust

### Year 11

Last week, the Year 11s had an assembly on expectations around examinations and there are a few points I would like to re-emphasise with parents and carers.

Firstly, to clarify, rules and regulations are decided by the Joint Council for Qualifications, not Worthing High School. So malpractice or rule breeches are not determined by us. If a student fails to follow a rule, or misbehaves, they risk disqualification and receiving zero marks for that paper. As a school, it is highly unlikely we would be able to challenge this.

We also clarified the importance of punctuality. If a student is late, they are at risk of not being able to sit the examination. They **will not** be able to catch up with the examination, at a later date and will receive zero marks for that particular paper.

Finally, students were reminded of the importance of pre-examination checks. Ensuring things like notes, mobile phones, watches, calculator lids etc. are removed from their person and left in a bag. We will of course, remind students before every exam, but if they bring a banned item into the exam venue, they risk disqualification and receiving zero marks for that paper.

For a comprehensive guide to examination conduct, please visit our website. [Worthing High School - Arrangements for GCSEs 2023](#)

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Early Help awareness and Signposting for Parents for Self-Harm concerns.**

As a school we work closely with the West Sussex Early Help Team and are provided with updates as to the support accessible to parents and young people in the community. The following link is Early Help support for young people struggling with self-harm, and provides awareness and signposts parents to the support available in the local area. Please follow the link provided, or speak to your child's Pastoral Leader for more information.

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/self-harm-in-the-community-awareness-and-signposting>

Laura Baron-Frost  
Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager

### **Message from Catering Academy for Year 11 parents and carers**

Any monies still remaining on student accounts after 30 June 2023 will be refunded via their Wisepay accounts as long as the card used to top up, is still valid. **Please see the attached letter with further information.**

### **Biennial Sponsored Walk**

During assemblies next week, we will be formally launching our biennial sponsored walk which will take place on Monday 19 June 2023.

This is our opportunity as a school community to unite and raise valuable funds for the amazing work of Chestnut Tree House. There are hundreds of children and young people in our local community who need support. Tragically, many are unlikely to reach adulthood, and there are even more parents and family members who will need care, help and support.

It costs £10,000 per day for Chestnut Tree House to provide care and support for life limited children and young people in Sussex and Southeast Hampshire, and the money you donate will help provide this valuable support and care to children, young people and families that need it. Here is a video of the work of Chestnut Tree House:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGdx6HdxewQ&t=4s>

The plan is for all Worthing High staff and students that are able, to raise money by walking 12 miles from school to Chanctonbury Ring and back.

Students will be receiving a sponsorship form from their tutors after all assemblies have taken place and can start collecting sponsorship for this challenge. The preferred way of collecting sponsorship is through our Just Giving page using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/worthing-high-school-1682416243384>

Money can also be donated through Wisepay. Please only use cash as a last resort if you are unable to access Just Giving or Wisepay.

Since our first sponsored walk in 1999, we have raised over £100,000 with over £14,000 raised last time.

Our target this year is £15,000 which we will reach if all students are able to raise £20.

Thank you for your support in helping us reach our £15,000 target.

### **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.

### **Save the date!**

On the evenings of Wednesday 12 July and Thursday 13 July you are invited to Worthing High School Play, Brainstorm. Have you ever wanted to know what's really going on inside a teenagers brain? Well here's your chance. The show is shaping up to be a fabulous evening with inspired performances, dances and even a song or two all devised from the teenage brain. Information regarding tickets will be out after the May half term.

Many thanks

Mrs J Batchelor

### **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**

### **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 Worthing Borough Council – Big Clean Up**

Worthing Borough Council is organising a beach clean on Tuesday 9 May 2023 as part of the King's Coronation Big Help Out initiative.

The beach clean will take place from the Coastal Office by the Lido stretching along the beach and Promenade. **Please see the attached poster for further information.**

### **Message from Barnardo's My Independence, My Health, My Life Project**

Please [click here](#) for information relating to the service for 14–25-year-olds with a learning difficulty or disability within the West Sussex area. These are all offered for FREE.

Barnardo's still have spaces on all these activities, but they do expect to be managing a waiting list as the weeks go on.

If you would like to book a place, ask a question or register interest for an upcoming event you need to email [moving.forward@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:moving.forward@barnardos.org.uk)

## **VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL**

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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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