



SCHOOL NEWS 11 MAY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Yr11 students now begin their full exams from Monday 15 May and I wanted to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best and a huge thank you to Worthing High School who have helped and supported them on their educational journeys. The exams will last just over a month with some of our students not finishing until 21 June.

We all send our best wishes and thoughts to them all and if they have any exam concerns please get in touch with Mrs Petrie or Mrs Riches in the first instance.

Our students are all amazing individuals and we are so very proud of all of them. We now all, just need to get through the next few weeks, to get them to the next phase of their educational journey.

Good luck to all our Yr11s students.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher
CEO South Downs Education Trust

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the final two weeks of summer term 1. It also feels strange that next week will be the first full week for students, since we came back after Easter. Whilst the Bank Holidays are a welcome break, this does cause disruption and some students will find a change to their normal routine challenging. Please be mindful of this and if you would like to discuss any concerns, please contact your child's pastoral leader. Despite the disruption, I am pleased to share our most recent positive consequence card numbers. We are approaching 14,000 positive signatures. That's nearly 14,000 separate occasions where students have been caught getting it right and nearly 14,000 examples of praise awarded by staff that might have been missed, before we introduced the consequence cards.

Voluntary contributions

With school budgets still under huge and unprecedented pressure, we are continuing our School Support Fund to enable parents and carers to make voluntary contributions that will benefit our students. The Fund will help us to ensure that these budget constraints do not affect our ability to continue to provide the very best curriculum which shapes your child's experience at Worthing High School.

Contributions will assist with the costs associated with DT resources, non-consumable cooking resources within Food, equipment within PE and other equipment supplies such as text books, revision books and numerous other resources across all subject areas.

Please note, there will be no impact on students, should you choose not to contribute and that payments do not contribute to the cost of extracurricular trips. We fully appreciate that we are all facing challenges with the current cost of living, however we are very mindful of being able to deliver the best we can for your child whilst also navigating through these circumstances.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who are already contributing, this is hugely appreciated. If you haven't yet done so and wish to make a voluntary contribution to the Worthing High School Support Fund, please either pay a voluntary contribution per month by standing order to the below details, or through Wisepay with the suggested donation amount.

We are suggesting £60 annually or £5 per month, but we would be grateful for any contribution. To contribute a different amount please indicate this on Wisepay or if you are unable to access this, email financeoffice@worthinghigh.net with the details of the amount you would like to contribute.

Standing order information

Account name: South Downs Education Trust T/a Worthing High SF

Account number: 54789360

Sort code: 30-99-93

Payment reference: WHSSF – Child's full name

Adrian Cook

Head of School

Year 11

The Year 11 students have 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 breaches 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](#)

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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.**

Locker refunds

All lockers are to be cleared and keys returned to the Facilities Office by 30 June 2023.

If a locker key is returned and the spare key is available, a refund of £2 will be made in cash.

Any locker keys not returned by Friday 1 July 2023 will be considered lost and lockers will be cleared out and contents placed in the skip.

Biennial Sponsored Walk

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.

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

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 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 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

VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29 May 2023 – Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – May Half Term
Monday 19 June – Worthing High School Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 20 June – INSET DAY
Friday 14 July – Activ8 Day
Thursday 20 July – Last day of summer term – Students finish at 12.30

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