



## SCHOOL NEWS 18 MAY 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As the first week of the public examinations draws to a close, I am proud to share how well the Year 11s have conducted themselves in an extremely stressful situation. This is the first year since before the pandemic that students have sat full examinations without concessions and adaptations, so they really are demonstrating huge amounts of *resilience*.

Resilience is the core value I would like to focus on this week, as we approach the end of another term. Nelson Mandela famously said “do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again” and it is this mind-set we want students to develop. It is very important that all students understand their self-worth and keep going, when things get difficult. Teachers will always speak to students about their progress and how they are doing compared to their starting point. This is a very personal thing and they should not compare themselves to others. What is most important is that students recognise how their own levels of effort and resilience will improve their progress. If they try their best and work hard, even when things are challenging, results will follow.

Resilience is also key to excellent attendance and we regularly share this message with students. We know there are valid reasons for absence and we will always work with families to support here, but there are also times when students may reflect, that with greater resilience they could have come to school. These are the occasions that we ask parents and carers for their support. Improving attendance is the responsibility of all of us - the school, students and parents/carers and it is vital that we work together to make sure every student has excellent attendance. Please reinforce the importance of this with your child and make it clear that excellent attendance won't just improve academic progress, but will also help with the development of social and cultural awareness. If you would like support improving your child's attendance, please contact the relevant pastoral leader, who are listed below.

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One thing we are extremely proud of at Worthing High School, is the impact of our student leadership team. Our Year 11 team are still in place, and even during this busy exam period, they are still role modelling the school's core values impeccably. Soon we will say goodbye to the Year 11 students and our current leadership team and welcome our new team, who are currently in Year 10. We are delighted to announce, following a rigorous and very competitive process, our new Senior Student Leadership team for 2023-2024. Head Boy-Charlie Fisher, Head Girl-Millie Harper-Bailey and their Deputies Symone Samuel, Teegan Hyde, Sam Ludlow and Isaac Hewitt. Congratulations to you all! We're looking forward to working with you over the next year. [Click here](#)

Finally, last week I reminded parents and carers about making a voluntary contribution. Thank you if you have done this – your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, but wish to, please follow the instructions below.

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](mailto:financeoffice@worthinghigh.net) with the details of the amount you would like to contribute.

#### Standing order information

Account name: SDET T/a Worthing High School

Account number: 54788960

Sort code: 30-99-93

Payment reference: WHSSF – *Child's full name*

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

#### **Message from Clapham and Patching C.E Primary School**

Calling all past pupils and staff, you are invited to attend Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. [Click here](#) for further information.

#### **Public Examinations**

A reminder, 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](#)

#### **FSM Vouchers over May Half Term**

Utilising funding from governments' Household Support Fund to help support those most in need and to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living, West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meal eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming May Half Term.

**FSM eligible families in West Sussex will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child for the week.**

Vouchers will be issued from Wonde via email, if your child is eligible for FSM but you have not received your voucher by Friday 26 May, please email [financeoffice@worthinghigh.net](mailto:financeoffice@worthinghigh.net) and we will look into it for you.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Throughout this week we have been signposting resources that are young people have access to in order to support their wellbeing, including resources to watch back through Action Your Potential <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8ajAXVzWZg> .

Below are further support resources for families and young people:

[E-wellbeing.co.uk](http://E-wellbeing.co.uk) is an online service for young people across Sussex that can help them access the right support and information (including referrals to specialist treatment via the new Single Point of Access).

[Your Mind Matters](#) also has some very useful information for young people, families and professionals.

Worthing High Pastoral Support Page -

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=Emotional+and+mental+health+and+wellbeing&pid=49>

### **Year 10 – Summer Term College Taster Days**

A number of local colleges will be hosting Taster & Open events this term for Year 10 students in preparation for their Post 16 options and where we have been informed, we have published these on our own website.

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=College+Open+Day+%26amp%3B+Taster+Events&pid=145>

During the Autumn Term most, if not all colleges, will be hosting Open events for students along with their parents/carers to take a look around and we will update these for you on our website.

### **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

### **Worthing Festival 2023**

As part of Worthing Festival 2023, Worthing Library are seeking teenagers who have something to say. Please see attached for further information.

### **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.

### **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

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

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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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