



SCHOOL NEWS 8 JUNE 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and students are ready for a busy term.

End of Year Assessments

Please use the [following link](#) to access the timetable for KS3 end of year assessments in core subjects and Year 10 assessments in Maths and Science. These assessments will take place under invigilation in the Sports Hall and will simulate what it is like to be in a public examination. Whilst we understand some students may worry about sitting assessments in this environment, I would like to emphasise how important it is that students become accustomed to this type of experience. It will help build their resilience and stamina in exams and also help us identify students who may require additional support. Assessments in other subjects will be taking place in classes throughout the latter part of term, teachers will provide revision materials and support students prepare during lessons time. To support your child, we recommend that you encourage and support your child with revision tasks in our Revision guide which you can [access here](#). These activities are specifically designed to develop memory and are appropriate for students of all ages and abilities. Our message to students is very clear: the good study habits needed at KS4 should begin as early as possible and memory is a skill, and like any other skill, it can be developed with practice.

Year 10 Students will not be completing formal end of year exams. This is because they will do mocks in the autumn term of year 11. In science, they will be completing Walking-Talking mocks (WTM). This will allow the Science Department to specifically focus on key content and skills that students will need in the exam. This will also give us the opportunity to model and show students how to respond to key questions and enable students to be more ready for next year. Throughout the year, the Science Department have regularly completed end of unit tests allowing us to track the progress of students over the year.

These Walking-Talking mocks will be completed in halls, in exam conditions, so students can practice examination routines they will face in the Mocks and GCSE's next year. Year 10 students will not need to revise for the Walking-Talking mocks.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already made a voluntary contribution - 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 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

Warm Weather

Due to the hot weather we are currently experiencing, please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate water bottle and sun protection. We do have water fountains in the school but these are only accessible during break time, lunchtime and before and after school. It is important that students manage their break times appropriately so they have time to refill their water bottles.

Action Your Potential

We're always working hard to do the best by our community and this term we are offering, via our Action Your Potential Build a #NeuroNinja subscription 3 webinar courses for our parents, carers and students focused on three crucial areas of support. Please use the [link here](#) for information on wellbeing and support seminars being held.

Community Highways Scheme proposed crossing - Can you Help?

We are currently putting an application together for a safer crossing point for our students and the wider community crossing St Lawrence Avenue. This application is made to WSCC through a Community Highways Scheme application. To support us in this application and provide evidence for its need, we would be grateful if you could fill in a short survey about road safety in our area. The link for the survey is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev2aDaT-kD-1HnF_q61uolWVMLmpngdNhjJnOuzVqQXEFYw/viewform

The deadline for completion is 4pm Friday 9th June.

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](#)

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.

Message from Chanctonbury Community Play Scheme CCPS)

Opportunity: volunteers aged 14+ needed to help make a real difference this summer

Chanctonbury Community Play Scheme (CCPS) is locally based charity that works to provide summer holiday provision for children with additional needs. Each year we offer young people (generally aged 14+) the opportunity to volunteer and become a helper to work 1:1 with our amazing

children. For many volunteers this experience can truly be life changing! What can be better than knowing you have made a real difference whilst having fun at the same time.

To find out more about CCPS (and potentially encourage your teen to volunteer) please click [here](#). The helper application form is available on [this link](#). Included on the form is a short video showing more about our day-to-day provision. Should you have any further questions Vikki, the CCPS organiser, can be contacted on CCPSOrganiser@gmail.com

Message from West Sussex County Council

Holiday activity and food (HAF) programme – booking system update – From 12 June 2023 there will be a new online booking system for all HAF bookings across West Sussex. Families will need to register for an account using their existing HAF codes. The codes you have been sent by us in the past will still be valid. All FSM eligibility letters from April 2023 will show a HAF code. Families can still contact us in the usual way if they need their codes. [Click here](#) for further information.

Physical Education

Clubs Summer Term 1

Most clubs will run 3:10-4:10pm; some clubs run at slightly different times, [click here](#) for further information 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.

PE kit Expectations

As part of the school uniform code we have expectations on appropriate kit for PE lessons. In recent weeks we have had several students wearing inappropriate shorts. The kit in question are shorts, which are not of a suitable length and not appropriate for PE as too tight. We would like to remind that all students black shorts of an appropriate length for PE lessons. Track suit bottoms should also be black and leggings are also not part of the school PE kit.

Year 11 PE kit donations

If your child has left the school and no longer needs their PE kit anymore please can donations be dropped into student services. Thank you

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