



SCHOOL NEWS 15 JUNE 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, on Monday, we look forward to our biennial sponsored walk. We are very proud of this event and the money it has raised over the years for Chestnut Tree House. Last time alone, we raised a staggering £13,000 and it would be amazing if we could achieve that amount again. Thank you to you, your family and friends for sponsorship and your generous donations. Please see below for details of how to make payments. At the moment the weather forecast looks good, but should anything change and we need to change arrangements, we will update parents and carers via text. Below you will also find further information about the walk, including appropriate dress and footwear.

Whilst we have this period of warm weather, I would like to remind parents and carers that our expectation is that students come to school in full uniform. We will review this on a daily basis, and if we feel it is too hot, we will allow students to remove their ties and jackets. This will be communicated via the tutor, but students must arrive to tutor in full uniform. We would also like to remind students that hydration is very important, they should have a water bottle and sun protection as appropriate. Students have all been given the message that they must refill water bottles at break or lunch, before or after school. Students will not be given permission to leave lessons, so they must manage their time to do this.

Finally, I am delighted to share that we have now surpassed 15,000 occasions where students have been caught getting it right and have had their consequence card signed for a positive act. That's 15,000 examples of kindness or helpfulness showcased by students and 15,000 occasions where praise has been given which might have been missed without the cards. Well done to all our students as they continue to make good decisions and embody our core values: *Community, Resilience, Excellence, Integrity and Respect*.

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.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

SPONSORED WALK – MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023– IN AID OF CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE –

Important information

On the 19 June, the School is planning to hold a sponsored walk in aid of Chestnut Tree House. The walk presents an opportunity for everyone in the school to become actively involved in raising awareness of the hospice, its reliance on charitable donations and offers a chance for students to make a difference to the lives of terminally ill young people.

Chestnut Tree House is the only children's hospice in Sussex, located near Arundel, and cares for the family as well as the child, providing advice, support and importantly a place where parents and siblings can also have quality time together. More information on the charity can be found on www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk. By holding this walk we, as a school, are aiming to raise £15,000 for the hospice to use as it wishes towards its annual £4.6million running costs. This is an excellent opportunity for the school to make a difference to these children's lives and we therefore hope that the event will prove to be very successful.

Ways to pay Sponsorship Money

1. The preferred way to collect sponsorship this year is on Line – direct to our Just Giving Page:
 2. ONLINE WISEPAY - A sponsorship form can be completed and money collected. This can then be paid to school via Wisepay rather than the student bringing in lots of cash.
 3. CASH – A sponsor form is included in this pack which can be completed and returned to school.
- PLEASE ONLY USE CASH IF UNABLE TO ACCESS ONLINE PAYMENTS.

The school day will start at 8.40am as normal. The walk will start at school and follow a route over Cissbury Ring and up to Chanctonbury Ring. We will then stop for lunch and return back to school from where students will be dismissed once registered. If students walk back in a timely manner they may be dismissed before 3.15pm, but no earlier than 2.30pm. Please be aware that we hope that every student will be able to participate in the walk. If they are not able to participate there will be a compulsory school-based programme of lessons provided for them and they must attend in School Uniform. The canteen will be closed all day so students will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water.

As the weather is expected to be warm, please also ensure your child is dressed appropriately. If students wish to wear shorts and t-shirts, shoulders and midribs should be covered and shorts should be at least mid-thigh length. Please also remember sun hats, sun cream and sunglasses. Please also bear in mind the walk is 12 miles, so supportive, comfortable and closed-toe footwear should be worn.

If your child usually has a free school meal you will receive a reimbursement of £2.50 (in the form of national luncheon vouchers) which can be used in a variety of supermarkets and food outlets to provide your own packed lunch.

Thank you for your support

Community Highways Scheme proposed crossing - We need your Help!

We have extended the deadline and we ask if you haven't done so already could you please complete the survey below to assist our application?

Worthing High School 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 Thursday 22 June.

ACTIV8 DAY – Friday 14 July 2023

We are pleased to announce details of this year's Sports Day at Worthing High School. Our Activ8 day will take place on **Friday 14 July**. Students will compete for their tutor group and community in five different activities throughout the day (weather permitting). **Please see the attached letter for further information and how to book Food.**

Canteen Purchases

We have noticed a growing number of students do not have sufficient funds on their accounts because daily spend limits are too low. This may have been because they were set when they first started WHS and have not been adjusted in line with changing prices. We have occasionally been letting some go over to ensure students can purchase food as appropriate, but we are aware that this will not suit all families who need to stick to a daily budget.

We ask that you please review the amount you have set and consider if it needs to be adjusted. Please email financeoffice@worthinghigh.net where they can change it for you.

Please locate our full price list [here](#) to help decide on a daily amount.

As an indication:

Food and snacks range from 80p to £2.40

Drinks from 50p to £1.00

Ice lollies, now the weather is hot, £1.00.

Many thanks

The kitchen team

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*

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.

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 Student Services

Student Services have a number of unclaimed winter coats of various sizes, makes and all unnamed. If you think your child lost a coat could you please come in and see if it is here. At the end of the term all unclaimed items will be taken to a local charity shop

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