



SCHOOL NEWS 29 JUNE 2023

Dear parents and carers,

You may remember we consulted parents and carers about changing the length of our school day. This consultation has now been concluded and we can confirm that the proposed extension of the school day will be implemented next academic year. From 5th September 2023, the school day will now finish at 3:10pm with a five minute extension to Period 5: starting at 2:05pm finishing at 3:10pm. This modification has been made in light of Government guidance on the length of the school day. Please note, no other parts of the school day are impacted and students must still be in school before 8:35am for an 8:40am start.

This week, we have been delighted to welcome Year 5 students from Broadwater, Heene and TAB Juniors to our taster mornings, where parents and carers have been shown the school by our brilliant year 7 tour guides. Year 5 students have had a taste of Science, Technology or Languages in a secondary school environment and they left loving the experience. Thank you to all of our students who have been brilliant ambassadors for the school and have helped the Year 5 students see what makes Worthing High School so special. We look forward to welcoming other locality schools tomorrow and Monday and further ahead, we are excited to open our school to perspective students and their families from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 23rd September for our open morning.

Looking ahead to next week, there a number of events and changes to the school week, as a result of the ongoing dispute between the NEU and Government. Unfortunately, due to staffing pressures on these days School is closed to all students on Wednesday 5th July. Work will be set on Google classroom for students to access remotely. On Friday 7th July, there are also some modifications to the day. As it is Focus Day 3 Year 10 will either be out on work experience or engaging with our work experience package at home. As planned, Year 9 will still be out on a trip to Henfield Lakes. The school is closed to Year 7 and 8 on these days, work will be accessible via Google Classroom. We apologise for the inconvenience and once again thank students and their families for their understanding and kindness in difficult circumstances.

Finally, we are all looking ahead with excitement to next Thursday, when we will celebrate with our class of 2023 at their Prom. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for photos and stories of the evening.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Uniform expectations for September:

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations for this year. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents who may be planning on purchasing uniform this summer for September to note the following:

- Uniform orders can be delayed when the new year 7 students order their uniform so please allow at least 1 working week when ordering uniform.
- Please ensure that skirts reach the knee and that skirts are not rolled.
- Parent/carers should only purchase approved branded Worthing High School PE kit from SWI. Trainers and boots may be purchased from any retailer.

- Students should be able to remove any piercings when they return from the summer holiday (we would not recommend students pierce anything other than their earlobes to hold a small stud earring)
- Haircuts and hair colouring should conform with the school uniform policy when students return in September.
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

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.**

Worthing High School Play

Tickets are on sale for 'Brainstorm' the insight into the workings of a teenage brain. Pupils have working very hard to create and learn a great performance for you. Please do come along and watch Wednesday 12 July and Thursday 13 July 6pm start Mill Hall.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs J Batchelor

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

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

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.

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 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

Thursday 29 June – Students finish at 1.30pm

Wednesday 5 July – Strike day 1

Friday 7 July – Strike day 2

Friday 14 July – Activ8 Day

Thursday 20 July – Last day of summer term – Students finish at 12.30

Link for [Term Dates for 2023-2024](#)

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