



SCHOOL NEWS 13 JULY 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Even though we are approaching the last full week of the academic year, there are still lots of activities taking place in school. Yesterday evening saw the launch of our school show "Brainstorm," which was a funny, thought provoking and brilliantly performed show. Thank you to Mrs Bachelor and Miss Strudwick and the rest of the team who contributed so much of their own time to make this production so fantastic. Also thank you to the performers, who ranged from Year 7 to Year 10, all of them were brilliant, whether they sang, danced or acted. The show is on again tonight and we hope to see lots of parents, carers and students in the audience.

We are also proud to share that we are extremely close to our fund raising target of £15,000. We are now asking for one final push and additional donations that will take us to our ambitious target. If you have already donated, thank you, this money will be invaluable to Chestnut Tree House and it will be a real reflection of the generosity of the Worthing High Community. Information on how to donate is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/worthing-high-school-1682416243384>

Next week is our final week of term, a reminder we finish on Thursday and students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. This day is also a non-uniform day. Until then, students are reminded to maintain the high standards they have kept throughout the year. Lesson content will be focused and important until the end of the year, so it is vital that students keep working hard and maintain high levels of effort. Parents and carers of Year 7 to 9 parents will receive an end of year report early next week, this will have a summary of your child's progress. Year 10 will receive their next report, once they have complete their mock exams in the Autumn term next academic year.

Kind regards

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Key dates 2023-24

Welcome Evenings for each Year Group - face to face 6pm till 8pm	Date
Welcome Evening Yr11	07/09/2023
Welcome Evening Yr9	11/09/2023
Welcome Evening Yr10	12/09/2023
Welcome Evening Yr8	14/09/2023
Welcome Evening Yr7	06/09/2023
Subject Review Evenings (SRE)	Date
SRE Yr11 - Face to face	13/12/2023
SRE Yr9 - Face to face	16/11/2023

SRE Yr10 - Virtual	08/02/2024
SRE Yr8 - Virtual	02/05/2024
SRE Yr7 - Face to face	21/03/2024
Academic Review Evenings (ARE) - all virtual	Date
ARE Yr11	18/04/2024
ARE Yr9	20/06/2024
ARE Yr10	04/07/2024
ARE Yr8	25/01/2024
ARE Yr7	04/01/2024
Year 9 Curriculum Choices Evening	Date
Year 9 Options Event	11/01/2024
Mock Exams	Date
Mock Exams	30/10/23 to 10/11/23

INSET DAYS

Friday	1 September 2023
Monday	4 September 2023
Friday	20 October 2023
Monday	27 November 2023
Tuesday	2 January 2024
Wednesday	19 June 2024
Monday	22 July 2024
Tuesday	23 July 2024

Cycle Helmets

A reminder to parents, carers and students that cycle helmets must be worn if students choose to cycle to school. If students do not have a helmet and we are concerned for their safety, we may take the decision to store their bikes until they return with an appropriate helmet. We understand this will cause an inconvenience, but it is a measure to keep students safe when they are travelling to school.

Worthing Parks

We have received reports from the police of significant anti-social behaviour at parks in the locality, this includes assaults and potential drug abuse. We would ask all parents/carers to seriously consider when and with whom students are socialising in parks throughout the summer.

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

Friday Goodwood Festival of Speed Tickets

We are lucky enough to be displaying Allen 01 our Greenpower car at the Goodwood festival of speed this week. Greenpower have been kind enough to donate some charity tickets for the event. We have three Friday tickets which we are unable to use due to Active8 day and so thought it may be a good opportunity to raise some additional funds for Chestnut Tree House. If you would any of the charity tickets they are available for a donation to Chestnut Tree House on a first come first served basis. Please contact office@worthinghigh.net and tell us your donation amount. Tickets will then go to the highest bidder.

Non-uniform day

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 20 July 2022 prior to the end of term. All monies raised will go to Chestnut Tree House, **please see attached letter for further information.**

Summer Reading Challenge for Worthing High Students

All our students know our expectation that they read for at least 15 minutes every day, including during weekends and holidays. We know for some it can be hard to remember, and to motivate themselves, through the summer, so this year we are inviting our students to take part in our Summer Book Bingo. If they want to take part, students can choose from the 'Lite' or 'Extreme' editions, whichever best suits their reading habits – or do both! They need to complete a row, column, or full diagonal line by reading something different for each square, and recording on the back what they have chosen. Completed forms should be handed into the LRC by the end of Friday 8th September and prizes will be awarded the following week. For ideas of books to choose for each category, go to the Library website <https://uk.accessit.online/wrt01/#!dashboard>, but it can be any book that meets the criteria in the square. Feel free to join in and read alongside your child if you would like to! The bingo sheet is attached to this email, or your child can pick up a paper copy from the LRC.

Activ8 Day

Please can your child bring in with them a waterproof jacket in case of light rain tomorrow. If your child has not booked the BBQ please can you make sure they have a packed lunch with them.

PE Presentation Evening

Thank you to all students and careers who attended the PE Presentation evening on Thursday 29th June. What a wonderful evening to celebrating sport and dance achievements throughout this academic year. We would like to thank Lewis Crathern British Kitesurfing Champion for giving up his free time to attend.

Photographs from the evening of students with photograph consent can be found on the PE twitter feed [@WorthingHighPE](#)

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

Message from Clapham and Patching CofE Primary school

We are holding our 2023 Summer Fair on Saturday the 15 July from 11am to 2pm, please come along, fun for the whole family. Please see attached poster.

Governor Vacancy

Have you thought about becoming a school governor? Governors are a core part of the school's Board, with the opportunity to make a positive impact on the education and school life of the students. Worthing High School currently has a vacancy for a non-parent governor to contribute to the range of skills that makes up an effective Board.

The role requires commitment, an ability to question and analyse, and a willingness to learn. You would be expected to attend six governing body meetings per academic year (one in each half term), for a term of four years. The role is voluntary but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

If you as a parent know someone who you feel will add value and be a critical friend, or if this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, we would like to hear from you. Please contact me at ClerktoGovernors@worthinghigh.net

VACANCIES AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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