



## SCHOOL NEWS 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

As we prepare for another Open Day this Saturday, 23 September, I wanted to write and congratulate our students on how well they have conducted themselves since we started this academic year and continue to do so.

Our Open Day this Saturday will be an opportunity for Worthing High School to share with prospective Yr6 families our incredible school and I wanted to thank you in advance for allowing your child to attend and support the school.

Whether they are a tour guide or involved in a specific department, their help and support allows us to showcase our amazing school to many prospective parents/carers, and the energy and enthusiasm your child brings is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to meeting many new and existing parents/carers this Saturday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pan Panayiotou  
Executive Headteacher

We are also proud to share our latest prospectus, which can be found [here](#). We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students who have made such valuable contributions.

### **September 22 School closing time**

**Please note school closes at normal time tomorrow, 3:10pm. Please ignore any conflicting information, this has been shared in error.**

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Cycle Helmets:**

This is a reminder that if your child cycles to or from school they must be wearing a helmet. Any student without a helmet will not be allowed to cycle home until they bring their helmet in and are wearing it when they leave school. If this occurs you will receive an automated text to inform you that your child needs to bring a cycle helmet the following day. Thank you for your support in ensuring everyone stays safe.

### **Attendance – It's a shared responsibility**

Less than 7 days absence in a school year means your child has every chance of achieving their potential.

HOW MANY DAYS OFF IS 96%?			Impact by end of Y11
Half-term 1	1.5 days absence	8 hours of lost learning	<p>35 days absent from school.</p> <p>The equivalent of 175 hours of lost learning.</p>
Half-term 1-2	2.5 days absence	13 hours of lost learning	
Half term 1-3	4 days absence	20 hours of lost learning	
Half term 1-4	5 days absence	25 hours of lost learning	
Half-term 1-5	6 days absence	30 hours of lost learning	
Half-term 1-6	7 days absence	35 hours of lost learning	

### **Attendance - Medical appointments**

To maximise learning we kindly request that planned medical appointments are organised outside of school time or before 9.00 or leaving school after 13.30. We appreciate this might not always be possible, but the arrangement of these appointments will maximise your child's learning time. Please continue to notify the school of these appointments by calling 01903 229290.

### **Year 11**

Local Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Forms will shortly be holding their Open Events for students and families during the Autumn Term and we would recommend attending any that you can, in order to prepare Year 11 for their Post 16 options.

Where we have been advised of these, we will provide details on our own website -

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=College+Open+Day+%26amp%3B+Taster+Events&pid=285>

There is also a detailed list of all local Post 16 providers which may be useful when considering options.

### **Message from the LRC**

Please note that the LRC will be closed after school tomorrow, Friday 22 September 2023.

### **Cake sales and competitions:**

Worthing High School's charity events kick off this year, as usual, with the Macmillan Coffee Morning. As a school we would also like to support those who have been impacted by the destruction caused by the recent earthquakes in Morocco and the devastating floods in Libya. We will be raising money for both causes through our annual bake sale and competition. Please click [here](#) for further information.

### **RACE NIGHT - Thursday 19 October**

Cold drinks and an evening to try your luck at Friends of Worthing High School's Race Night. £2 per person or £10 for a table (8 people). Please book yourself in for what will be a great evening using the following link - <https://forms.gle/tfhXR2DJVrFBMX79>

### **Music activities:**

If your child would like to start singing lessons or lessons on an instrument, please email [dmartin@worthinghigh.net](mailto:dmartin@worthinghigh.net) for further information. Please remember in some cases there is assistance available to pay in part or full for the lessons.

Monday Lunchtime: Choir – open to all we sing in three part harmony, classics and songs from shows/pop too. D14

Monday after schools: School Band open to all woodwind, brass, strings guitar drummers keyboards etc. This club will not run on Mondays 9/10/23 and 20/11/23 D14

Tuesday pm: Drum lessons, (Andrew walker [bangandstrum@gmail.com](mailto:bangandstrum@gmail.com)) and Guitar school (Steve Gladman [bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com)) please email tutors before attending

Thursday afterschool: BTEC clinic for Year 10

Friday afterschool: Period 6 for year 11 BTEC students

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

#### **Clubs Autumn Term 1**

Clubs are back up and running. Most clubs will run **3:15-4:15pm**; some clubs run at slightly different times, please check the New Autumn Term 1 club timetable **carefully** [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 at [here](#) and will be updated every Friday by 1pm. *Please note any changes to clubs and/or fixtures will be announced on our twitter feed: @WorthingHighPE*

Marie Field  
Leader of PE

### **VACANCIES**

We advertise staff vacancies on our website under [Join Us/Vacancies](#). Please take the time to have a look and share the information with anybody you know who might be interested in applying.

### **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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 23 September 2023 - Worthing High School Open Day

Friday 20 October – INSET Day

October half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October