



SCHOOL NEWS 19 OCTOBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

What an incredible and busy half term it has been for all of our students and staff. Please take a few minutes to review the achievements and experiences in our Autumn 1 Newsletter. Finally to all of our Worthing High School community have a well deserved half-term break.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher

Just a short note this week because our half-termly newsletter is available [here](#). I would like to take the opportunity to thank our fantastic staff for their efforts throughout the term, our students for their hard work and parents/carers for their ongoing support.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Riches, our Year 11 Pastoral Leader. She will be sorely missed by staff and the countless students who she has supported over the years. We wish her all the very best in her next adventure and hope that she stays in touch. We also say a temporary farewell to Miss Beckford and Mrs Baron-Frost, who are both beginning their maternity leave – Congratulations and best wishes for the newest member of your family.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Pastoral staffing update:

Dear Parent and carers

I wanted to update some pastoral staff changes that will be taking place from half term:

Year 7 – Mrs De-Luca will be moving to a new role to support students in inclusion and so Miss Langford will be joining us to work as the pastoral leader for year 7.

Year 11 – Mrs Riches will be leaving us but will be replaced by Ms Gordon who has been at the school in an EBSA (emotionally based school avoidance) role.

EBSA support – Ms Gordon will now be the year 11 pastoral leader but will be supporting the other pastoral leaders in ensuring our students are supported moving forwards.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Langford to the school and are pleased that our students have already met their respective new pastoral leader in year 11 as part of our existing team.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your progress leader:

Year 7 – Mr Townsend stownsend@worthinghigh.net

Year 11 – Mr Mashford rmashford@worthinghigh.net

Kind regards

Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 Mock examinations

Year 11 students will be sitting mock examinations between Monday 30 October and Friday 10 November (art students will also do their Art exam on 13 and 14 November). All students need to be in school at the normal time, where they will either go to tutor or straight to the Millennium Hall for their first exam. Students not in an exam will go to lessons as normal. Students are permitted to go home after their final exam of the day but they must not leave in between exams. Expectations around uniform remain the same, so please ensure your child attends in full school uniform. The year group will have an assembly on expectations and equipment on Monday and tomorrow they will receive an updated version of their exam timetable. If you need any further support with this, please contact their tutor, who will be happy to support. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Wellbeing support

Find It Out Centre: Located in Worthing Town Centre. Platform for signposting 11-25 year olds to 1:1 and small group one off or long term support from YES (Youth Emotional Support) with relationships, education, health and wellbeing. Plethora of support from this service (free).

Allsorts: 1:1 and small group support aimed specifically at those within the LGBTQIA+ community. (Free).

Hear for You: Independent Counselling service that provides 1:1 counselling support. (Charitable donation per session to be negotiated with organisation).

West Sussex Mind: Mental Health Support for 16-25 year olds, including Young Minds, offering 24/7 crisis support. (Free).

SHOUT (85258): (Free) 24/7 mental health text support service.

CGL (Change Grow Live): 1:1 and small group support for those wanting help for their drug and alcohol use (Free).

Safe:Space Sussex: Support for those that may be affected by domestic abuse, sexual or criminal exploitation within the community (Free)

Message from Billy and Beyond and The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation.

Billy & Beyond are delighted to offer this free drug education workshop, giving parents the opportunity to meet with Nicci from Local CIC Billy & Beyond and Fiona from the Charity The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation

Maths Challenge Competition Winners October 2023

Why not join our Maths Puzzle Club with Mrs Oz every Monday in B3, please [click here](#) for further information and this months Maths Challenge competition winners

Student Attendance and Absence Line

To report a student absence please can you use the **student absence line only – 01903 229290**. Please call before 9.00 am.

Can you help?

We are seeking volunteers to act as readers and scribes for students sitting examinations throughout the year. We will be able to offer training on reading and scribing, a supportive atmosphere and excellent job satisfaction in knowing you are making a huge difference to our students' educational outcomes.

If you, a family member or friend would be interested in supporting during our examination periods please contact Lucie Fuller at: lfuller@worthinghigh.net

Year 11 – Post 16 Options Events for 2023

We are delighted to confirm that we will once again be hosting our popular Post 16 Options evening on **Thursday 30 November 2023 from 5.00 -7.30pm.**

The evening will provide WHS Students, their Parents and Carers with an opportunity to meet and speak face to face with a large number of local Colleges, Sixth Forms, Apprenticeship providers, Businesses and Armed Service representatives about what each of their Centre's has to offer our students as they move on from WHS. Please [click here](#) for further information.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have seen some fantastic performances in the District leagues this half term. KS3 and Ks4 students competing in football, basketball, netball and rugby competitions. We have seen some great success in both the County and National Football cups. The boy's rugby game Wednesday evening showcased all the core values coming from 17-5 behind to secure a place in the final with 5 minutes. Final score 22-17.

Individual student achievements this half term include:

Ellie Bryning in Year 10 was selected to be part of the Disneyland, Paris International Dance Competition. Amazing achievement, Ellie got to perform on the main stage in the park itself, perform in the parade and compete in an international competition.

Amelie Beadle-Gates in Year 10 has had a number of gymnastics achievements this half term. South East Regionals in Sept. FIG Junior level, she came 4th overall & was Floor Champion & Horsham got team Bronze. This was her 1st comp back after 18 months & recovered wrists so she did amazing.

*2nd comp in October was the Sussex Championships which she became floor, Beam & bars Champion competing at FIG Junior level and 2nd overall.

Last weekend Amelie competed in the British Teams Championships in Stoke-on-Trent...again at FIG Junior level. Horsham placed 3rd in Great Britain winning Amelie & her team mates a British Gymnastics bronze medal each

This weekend Amelie is at Rushmoor Rose Bowl International competition, where she will be part of Team South East, South Africa will be there alongside her team mates representing England Squad and Sussex.

In rugby Alex Wright in Year 9 has been selected to represent Harlequins U14 Developing Player Programme (DPP).

Silvana Marshall Miranda in Year 11 has been called up to the England Women's Under 16 International Fixture Camp during half term at St George's Park.

Club and Fixture timetable for Autumn Term 2

Clubs will start Monday 31 October. Most clubs will run 3:10 - 4:10pm; some clubs run at slightly different times, please check the New Autumn Term 2 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 this [click here](#) and will be updated every Friday by 1pm.

After half term the below clubs will not be running due to Year 11 mock examinations and halls being out of use:

- Badminton – no club Monday 30 October and Monday 6 November
- Basketball – no club Tuesday 31 October, Friday 3 November, Tuesday 7 November.
- Table Tennis – no club Wednesday 1 November and Wednesday 8 November

There will also be no clubs running Friday 3 November due to Focus day.

Marie Field
Leader of PE

Message from WSCC

Volunteers wanted for School Admission Appeals and Independent Review Panels

Are you a current or recently retired Headteacher, a serving or retired Governor, parent, grandparent or just interested in education, or do you know someone who might be? West Sussex County Council would love to hear from you.

We need new Independent Panel Members to hear school admission appeals.

Your role is key to ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and been given an opportunity to explain why they would like their child to attend their preferred school.

This is an important role ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent and impartial.

Full training will be given by our Legal Services Team in early 2024 and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses.

If you are interested and would like more information, please email appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk with your details and we will get in touch.

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

Friday 20 October – INSET Day

October half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October