



SCHOOL NEWS 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

This week we have been delighted to welcome perspective Year 6 students and their families to our open mornings. Parents and students have been overwhelmingly positive about the brilliant job that our year 7 tour guides have done. They have been fantastic ambassadors for the school and have reflected our core values throughout. A big thank you to all students that helped on these open mornings and our open day, last Saturday, which was an extremely successful and busy day. An observation made by a large number of visiting parents is how calm and purposeful the school environment is and how well engaged students are in lessons. This really is an accurate reflection of the school and testament to the excellent attitude Worthing High students demonstrate.

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring their children who ride a bike to school are wearing a helmet. It is vital they are safe on their bikes and to make sure no student leaves without a helmet, we will continue to securely impound bikes until students can return to collect them with a helmet.

Well done to all of our Year 7 students, who last week completed their CAT tests. Their behaviour was impeccable and we can now use the information from these tests to help teachers plan and to ensure the appropriate support is provided where needed.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Year 11s for their maturity and commitment to study. The vast majority have attended after school intervention sessions and are working incredibly hard to prepare for their examinations. A reminder, English is on Monday, Maths on Tuesday and Science on Wednesday and these sessions start straight after school. Full details and information on this and other subject sessions can be found on our website. [Click here](#)

Adrian Cook
Head of School

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Dangers of Vaping – message from

With the recent increase of young people vaping many are not aware of the dangers involved, please go to our website for further information to help parents and carers. [Click here](#)

Study Capture Success

Our Brain Training has got off to a brilliant start. Congratulations to all students who successfully completed their study capture last week. With over 750 merits given out for this achievement we so pleased to see our students getting into good study habits this year. Some students have been going to the LRC at break, lunch or after school to get theirs completed, while others are doing theirs on devices at home. If you are using a mobile device it's a good idea to download Google Sheets to make the process smoother. A big well done to all students using this as an opportunity to review their day and reflect on their learning. We look forward to seeing even more achievement point being handed out next week.

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.

School Photographs – Reminder

The deadline for online orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is tomorrow **29 September 2023 – 12 Midnight**

RACE NIGHT - Thursday 19 October

Come and join us for virtual horse racing and 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/tfhXR2DJVVrfBMX79>

Music activities:

If your child would like to start singing lessons or lessons on an instrument, please email 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) and Guitar school (Steve Gladman 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

Friday 20 October – INSET Day

October half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October