



SCHOOL NEWS 2 NOVEMBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a restful half term. Already we are very busy and students are back in the swing of things. Well done to all of our year 11 students who have begun their mock examinations in exemplary fashion, they now need to stay focused and continue their hard work for one more week.

Tomorrow we look forward to our first focus day of the year. This is a day off timetable for all students to partake in enrichment activities and for year 9 to attend taster lessons ahead of making their curriculum choices. Please ensure all students have the correct equipment and uniform as normal.

A reminder that our first Subject Review Evening of the year for year 9 students is on Thursday 16 November, booking information will be shared early next week. To support with preparation of this, as with all subject review evenings school finishes early for students at 1.30pm.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Adur & Worthing Parents Awareness Evening (January 2024)

Sussex Police and the Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Team would like to host a session for the parents/carers of high school aged children to explore some key themes and areas where you may have concerns, e.g.:

- Knife Crime
- Drugs/Vapes
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Online Risks
- Personal Safety in the Community

The event will take place on a weekday evening in mid-January. If you would be interested in attending this event, please complete [this short form](#) to express your interest.

For any comments or questions, please contact safer.communities@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Admissions Policy 2025/2026

Worthing High School are starting the 6 week consultation process today for changes to the Admissions Policy for 2025/2026. All the information can be accessed on our website using the attached link. [Admissions Policy 2025/2026 Consultation](#) The consultation runs from 02 November 2023 to 14 December 2023.

Year 10 and 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.

Remembrance Day

We will be marking Remembrance Day next Friday 10 November, with a minutes silence and a point of reflection.

If students wish to make a charitable contribution and purchase a poppy, they are being sold in school during tutor time.

We would like to provide the opportunity for all current cadets to be able to attend school in cadet uniform on Friday 10 November and to honour and remember those who have served our nation by being part of our group observing the 1 minute of remembrance at the school flagpole.

If your child is a current cadet and would like to attend school in their cadet uniform on Friday 10 November, please can you notify office@worthinghigh.net.

Art News

Tis the Season to be Jolly and get Creative,

Year 7 Students you are invited to take part in a competition to design our school Christmas Card that will be printed and sent to the family and friends of Worthing High School.

Entries no bigger than A5 can be drawn, painted, collaged, digital, printed or students own Christmas inspired photograph.

Artwork must be your own original work.

The winner and 2 runners up will receive Christmas chocolates and Art Ambassador Badges.

Good luck, entries to be handed in to Mrs Hunt in Art F9 by end of Friday 17 November.

in readiness to be judged by Art Team and Mr Panayiotou.

Please see the attached poster.

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).

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

Charity

We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone's support with raising money for Breast Cancer Support and The Red Cross. We raised a total of £869!

Poppies will be on sale during form time for those students who wish to purchase them and we ask a minimum donation of 20P.

There are lots of exciting community and charity events coming up so watch this space. Thank you again for all your support.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Individual student achievements this half term include:

Congratulations to Nico Sparrowhawk who spent the weekend of the 21/22nd October competing in the Winter Counties championships and was able to PB his 50m free to 28.62 seconds making him 8th fastest in the county! He also came 5th in the 100m Fly and 200m Free.

Club and Fixture timetable for Autumn Term 2

Most clubs will run 3:15 - 4:15pm; 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.

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

Marie Field
Leader of PE

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.

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 16 November – Year 9 Subject Review Evening – Students finish at 1.30pm