



SCHOOL NEWS 16 NOVEMBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

We have been extremely fortunate to have secured Dwayne Fields as our Presentation Evening Speaker for next Thursday 23 November. The Presentation Evening is where our former students, GCSE class of 2022-23, come back to school and we celebrate their achievements.

Dwayne is the first black Briton to walk over 400 miles to reach the Magnetic North Pole and his life journey and experiences will be a powerful message for all of our students to receive.

He will be doing a presentation to Year 11 from 14:30 on Thursday. This means that Year 11 will be out slightly later than they would be normally, but wanted to highlight the reason why, especially when we have such a phenomenal speaker visit Worthing High School.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly at the halfway point of term and are already looking forward to the many extra curricular festive events we have planned. Please keep your eyes out for information on our upcoming events and, as always, any support is very much appreciated.

A question we are often asked by parents and carers is how to gain a better understanding of what their child is learning. One way to do this is to look at their study capture spreadsheet which all students are filling out on a daily basis. On this sheet you will see topics and key themes for every single lesson, you will also see that students are rating their understanding out of 5. It is very useful to engage your child in discussion about these topics and to be mindful if they are rating themselves negatively in any of their subjects, as it might mean they require additional support retaining the information from the lesson. If you have any concerns around this please contact their tutor in the first instance.

I am pleased to share our most recent consequence card numbers, for students who have been observed doing something positive in the school community. Over 6,000 positive signatures have been recorded which reflects an act of kindness or positivity being undertaken by a student. This is a real reflection of our community and the kindness of our students.

Finally, please take a moment to look at the Worthing Herald this week which contains an article on the school's visit to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. You can find the article on [link here](#)

Adrian Cook
Head of School

You may have seen that Ofsted and the CQC are carrying out the Local Area SEND Inspection. They will inspect the local area arrangements for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

They want to know about the help and support children and young people with SEND get.

Please can we ask you complete the below survey which Ofsted have sent.

[Area SEND inspection for West Sussex Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

The survey closes at 9am on 21 November

The Find it out centre are trialling running sessions from schools and Worthing High School is one of the pilots. If your child would like to speak to one of the Find It Out staff they will be based in B5 on a Tuesday from 3.30-4.30. The attached flyer has more details

Mr Simpson

E-safety

E-safety is a key priority in ensuring students and children stay safe. The following link gives practical advice and strategies for families in managing e-safety at home with their children:

<https://www.skipseducational.org/safety-net/>

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 7 Art Christmas Card competition

Don't forget Deadline for entries is 9am tomorrow, Friday 17 November.

Canteen Christmas Lunch for Staff and Students – 6 December 2023

The Canteen traditional Christmas lunch will be available in school on Wednesday 6 December. The price of this roast turkey 2 course meal or vegetarian alternative will be £2.40.

Bookings will open on Monday 20 November 2023 and will close on Friday 1 December. All students must book direct in the Canteen at the tills: payment will be deducted from students' accounts at the time of booking. If funds are added via Wisepay for the lunch, the order still needs to be placed at the tills in the canteen.

Students entitled to Free School Meals must also book direct in the Canteen and payment will be taken on 6 December, so as not to affect their daily allowance. They should make it clear at the time of booking that they are entitled to Free School Meals.

Please see the attached menu.

The canteen will only be open at lunchtime on this day to those students who have ordered the Christmas Meal. Snack 14 and the catering POD will be open for all students who have not ordered the Christmas meal.

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.

Message from WSCC below

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme please [click here](#) for further information

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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.

Early information: Wednesday 6th December no Basketball club

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.

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

Monday 27 November – Inset Day

Thursday 30 November 2023 from 5.00 -7.30pm - Year 10 and Year 11– Post 16 Options Event for 2023

Wednesday 6 December 2023 – School Christmas Lunch – further information will go out shortly.

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – Year 11 Subject Review Evening – further information will go out shortly.

Thursday 14 December 2023 – School Christmas Show – further information will go out shortly.

