



SCHOOL NEWS 30 NOVEMBER 2023

Dear parents and carers

As the days are shorter and temperatures fall we understand that there may be growing resistance from students coming to school. I would like to use this week's newsletter as a reminder to all students, parents and carers of the importance of punctuality and good attendance. We ask for your support to ensure your child regularly comes to school. Both academic progress and personal development is clearly linked to good attendance and we want to ensure all of our students reach their full potential. We spend a long time analysing student results and the biggest factor affecting student outcomes is their attendance. If you have any concerns or require support with attendance matters, please contact your child's progress leader. There are a number of supportive measures we can take and will be happy to discuss these further

Year 11 progress reports will be shared next week and will detail mock grades and predicted grades. Based on this data, we will soon be sharing Period 0 and 6 timetables for students that would benefit from extra intervention. We appreciate your support in making sure students attend to these sessions. Following this on 13 December we invite Year 11 parents/carers and students to attend our Subject Review Evening. This is a very important evening and provides opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teachers. In such a crucial year, we encourage all parents to attend. Booking information will be shared tomorrow. If you need support with this or would like us to make appointments on your behalf, please contact office@worthinghigh.net.

As with all our subject review evenings, this will be an early finish for students, who will leave school at 1:30pm. Work will be set on Google Classroom for the lesson they miss. If you require any support accessing work at home, please do let us know and a member of our IT team will be happy to help.

Finally, this evening, we welcome 27 sixth forms, colleges apprentice and training providers for our post 16 evening. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about options beyond High School. The event is open to all Worthing High Year 10 students and any Year 11 students who are still unsure about their next steps. This event is also for parents and carers. Please see the attached flyer for a room plan and the organisations who are attending. The event is in the school's sports hall.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 1 December 2023

Friday, the 1 of December will be a non-school uniform day to raise funds for the school in order to enhance student experiences. Please make your donations of £1 on wise pay.

Supporting Worthing High families this holiday period

Many thanks for all of those families who have donated through Wisepay. If you are able to support some of our families this holiday period, please may we ask that donations are received by Monday 4 December so that we have time to purchase personalised gifts for students and families.

Many thanks to A C Gardens Ltd who have donated a significant number of selection boxes for our families.

If you know of a business that would be willing to contribute with a financial or Christmas themed donation, please ask them to contact us at office@worthinghigh.net

Many thanks

Haircuts and piercings during the festive season

We hope that our students have a restful and peaceful holiday period but wanted to remind you that on their return they should not have inappropriate haircuts or piercings that they cannot remove before attending school. We want them to be able to return with a focus on their learning. Avoiding unnecessary uniform and presentation issues enables them to do this.

We have attached the uniform policy for your reference.

Many thanks for your support.

S Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Information below from Sussex Police and Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Team

Sussex Police and 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

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/>

Find it out Centre

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

Young Writers – “This is Me” poetry competition.

Congratulations to the students below for their “This is Me: I Am – Teen Verse” which is due to be published.

Stanley Fisher, Charlie North, Arlo Holme, Annabel Hopgood-Hook, Emily Docherty, Thomas Anderson, Penelope Read, Lillie Ferris, Patrick O'Rourke, Daniel Clayson, Ayan Szekely-Maier and Soraiya Mustafa

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. Pre ordering is not required, but please ensure sufficient funds are available on Wisepay accounts on the day.

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

School Council

The School Council are hosting a Christmas film night to raise funds for Friends of Worthing High in the Millennium Hall on the 7 December 5 - 7pm.

We're watching Shrek! We ask for a £2.50 donation via Wisepay and there's a tuck shop available so bring cash! From The School Council.

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

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 – see above

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – Year 11 Subject Review Evening - see above

Thursday 14 December 2023 – School Christmas Show

Friday 15 December 2023 – Last day of term – students finish at 12.30pm

Tuesday 2 January 2024 – INSET DAY 5 – School closed

Wednesday 3 January 2024 – all students return to school after the Christmas break

Thursday 4 January 2024 – Year 7 Academic Review Evening – further information will go out shortly