



SCHOOL NEWS 18 JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will start by congratulating students on their efforts so far this term, it is cold, the days are short and the holidays feel like a distant memory. Still they come to school and apply so much effort in the classrooms, demonstrate so much kindness in the corridor and make our community such a special one. I am delighted to share that we have already had 3500 positive cards returned so far, this academic year, that's more than 10,500 occasions where we have acknowledged a student getting it right and showcasing one of our core values.

We talk a lot about resilience at this time of year and the importance of ensuring students attend regularly, even when they do not feel 100%. I am proud to see our Year 11s role model this core value so well by attending before and after school intervention. The number who are going above and beyond is staggering and testament to their maturity and commitment. It is this additional effort that can make a real difference and will help them reach their potential in the summer. Before this, they will soon be starting their second round of mocks, which begin w/b 19 February. Can I ask that parents and carers continue to support us with this and encourage students attend these sessions.

I hope that our Year 9 families found the curriculum choices event helpful last week and students are now ready to start making choices. You will have now had the link to the online options form from SIMS Online Services. If you need any further support with this, please contact Mrs Newman, our data manager tnewman@worthinghigh.net. A reminder, the deadline is Thursday 25 January 2024.

Earlier this week we wrote to parents and carers reminding them of the importance of the highest possible uniform standards, particularly around skirt length. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with this and thank you to students for making a concerted effort to wear their uniform correctly.

Finally, you will have received an invitation to carry out a survey about your child's experience at school. Parent and carer voice is vital to our continual development as a school and we ask that you take some time to fill this in. If you do want to speak to us about specific things, a reminder that your child's tutor is usually the best person to contact in the first instance

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Children's Commissioner for England – The Big Ambition - Have your say

Please take 2 minutes to fill out the Children's Commissioner survey, as the data you provide will help inform policy decisions in the future. **Please note the deadline is tomorrow.**

Link below

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

A reminder forthcoming Subject and Academic Review Evenings are as follows:

Subject Review Evenings (SRE)	Date
SRE Yr11 – Face to face	13/12/2023
SRE Yr9 – Face to face	16/11/2023
SRE Yr10 - Face to face	08/02/2024
SRE Yr8 - Face to face	02/05/2024
SRE Yr7 - Face to face	21/03/2024

Academic Review Evenings (ARE) - all virtual	Date
ARE Yr11	18/04/2024
ARE Yr9	20/06/2024
ARE Yr10	04/07/2024
ARE Yr8	25/01/2024
ARE Yr7	04/01/2024

HPV Vaccinations - Monday 22 January years 8

Please can we ask students to wear short sleeve shirts on Monday if they have registered to have the HPV Vaccination. Please can you also make sure your child brings in a water bottle and has eaten breakfast on this day.

Message below from NSPCC

The NSPCC is holding a workshop about keeping children safe while gaming online as part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival in February 2024. The workshop, for families and professionals working with children, takes place on 07 February 2024. If you are interested in upskilling your internet safety and supporting your child in remaining safe online, please use the link to book onto the workshop:

https://ww1.emma-live.com/GameSafe/purchase_tickets

Message below from Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

We have mental health workshops, all led by experienced CAMHS clinicians or partner organisations will take place virtually until July 2024. Each webinar will be available at two different times, once during the day (10am) and once in the evening (7pm) to make it as easy as possible for people to attend, depending on their lifestyle.

The following topics for the workshops have been confirmed for February to July 2024:

22 nd February 2024	Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)
26 th March 2024	Managing Challenging Behaviour
16 th April 2024	Bereavement
15 th May 2024	Supporting Primary to Secondary School Transition
13 th June 2024	Support for Kinship Carers
TBC July 2024	Cyber Safety

For further information and to book a tick please see the attached poster.

Message below from Northbrook College

Northbrook College, (Broadwater Campus) are hosting a 'Get to Know Apprenticeships' event on Monday 5 February 2024 from 16.00-18.00 hrs.

This session will give students, Parents & Carers the opportunity to find out more information about apprenticeships, what they offer and how to secure a place.

For further information and to book spaces, please use the following link –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/northbrook-broadwater-campus-college-get-to-know-apprenticeships-tickets-780085866827?aff=oddtcreator>

Emergency Closure

In the event of an emergency closure, which is replicated across the county i.e. **a snow closure day**, parents and carers will be notified by means of a text message and email to all parents/carers who are down as first contact on our school database.

A notification will also be placed on our school website, school twitter and local radio stations will also be informed. Our intention is for any communication to be issued by 06.30am or the evening before.

Work for lessons will be set by each teacher on google classroom

Please see information below from Sussex Police & Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Teams - Parent Awareness Evening

Recently Sussex Police and the Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Teams asked parents and carers if they would be interested in attending an event covering key topics such as knife crime, anti-social behaviour, exploitation and substance misuse. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we are now inviting you to register your place. We are hosting two events, which Bohunt (Worthing) have kindly allowed us to hold there. To book your place, please follow the relevant registration link:

- [Monday 22nd January, 6pm-7.30pm](#)
- [Wednesday 31st January, 6pm-7,30pm](#)

Please note that places are limited so if the above forms are closed it means the event has reached capacity. Light refreshments (teas/coffees) will be provided on the evening. On-street parking is available in the residential roads surrounding the school, and there are also parking options in nearby Broadwater. The school is wheelchair accessible. The event is for parents/carers of high

school aged children; however, we understand that childcare arrangements may not be possible so children are allowed to attend if other arrangements cannot be made (maximum 4 spaces per person).

We really look forward to seeing you there, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact safer.communities@adur-worthing.gov.uk.

Donate Uniform

If you have any unwanted uniform that you would be willing to donate to our FOWHS please can you drop to Student Services. All proceeds from second hand uniform is used to support other families in need.

Thank you

New Free School Meals (FSM) application process

From **1 January 2024**, there will be a new process for parents to submit their applications for Free School Meals (FSM). The process will be entirely online. The system will give parents an instant indication of their child's FSM eligibility status, with the aim of ensuring eligible children receive their FSM entitlement as quickly as possible, by helping to reduce the time for checks to be returned in busy periods. **Please see attached Booklet.**

Most parents will be familiar with this new electronic process, as it uses the same portal that parents need to use for their school admissions preferences and/or 2-year-old entitlement checks.

This process, in most cases, allows parents to receive their initial eligibility result instantly. Our Catering Services FSM team will then run further checks and confirm the outcome via email to both the parent and the school.

With the move to online applications fully functional on **1 January 2024**, we will have a one-month transitional period where paper FSM applications will still be processed by the team, to allow schools to communicate the change to their parents, and to ensure no application forms are caught between systems.

From **1 February 2024**, all scanned paper copies of FSM application forms sent to us will not be processed, and the applicant or school will be contacted and advised of the online process.

If a parent is struggling to complete the online form, and the school has been unable to support, please advise them to contact our team directly on **0330 222 5555** or at fsm@westsussex.gov.uk Links on the Council website will be updated to take parents to the new online FSM application form as of **1 January 2024**. Until then, the process will remain the same as it is currently.

Children In Need Winners

In the Autumn term we ran a competition for a Headteacher Swap to raise money for Children in Need – Mr Panayiotou and Mr Cook will both take a student's place for a lesson this half-term, while the students run the school! The winning students are:

Evan Parmar 7T2 – swap with Mr Panayiotou

Elliott Toogood 7H1 – swap with Mr Cook

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this fundraising activity.

Food Department plea

Do you have any Gu style pots/ramakins that you would be able to donate to our food Department. We recycle/reuse these and give them to students who are making mousses and souffles to take home what they have made in their Food lesson.

Thank you very much!!

Students can take them to T5/T4 Food rooms where they will be very gratefully received.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Club and Fixture timetable for Spring Term 1 clubs

Spring Term 1 clubs [click here](#).

The weekly newsflash can be found here [click here](#) and will be updated every Friday by 1pm.

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 22 January 2024 – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 25 January 2024 – Year 8 Academic Review Evening (Virtual)

Wednesday 7 February 2024 – Parent Forum

Thursday 8 February 2024 – Students finish at 1.30pm

Thursday 8 February 2024 – Year 10 Subject Review Evening – further information will go out nearer the time.

Friday 9 February 2024 – Last day of term

Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024 inclusive – Half Term

INSET Days for Academic Year 2023-24.

The school will be closed to students on these days:

~~Friday 1/9/23 — INSET day 1~~

~~Monday 4/9/23 — INSET day 2~~

~~Friday 20/10/2023 — INSET day 3~~

~~Monday 27/11/2023 — INSET day 4~~

~~Tuesday 02/01/2024 — INSET day 5~~

Wednesday 19/06/2024 - INSET day 6

Monday 22/07/2024 - INSET day 7

Tuesday 23/07/2024 - INSET day 8