



## SCHOOL NEWS 25 JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As this half term comes to a close, I wanted to congratulate our students on their resilience and excellence with regards to their attendance.

We continue to work hard with all of our stakeholders and strongly encourage you to support our school and your child's education in ensuring that they are attending school consistently.

Please can I ask you where possible to avoid making appointments for your child during the school day but do recognise that some medical appointments are difficult to reschedule.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Pan Panayiotou  
Executive Headteacher

Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback through our recent survey. Your insights are crucial in shaping the future of Worthing High School, and we appreciate your time sharing your thoughts. Your thoughtful responses provide us with an extremely useful understanding of our strengths and areas for improvement. We value your partnership and look forward to working collaboratively to ensure the success and well-being of every student at Worthing High School. A reminder, we have a parent/carer forum where we discuss future initiatives and the impact of our provision. If you would like to be involved, please email [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net).

A reminder that this afternoon is the Year 8 Academic Review Evening, which is a virtual catch up with your child's tutor. This meeting gives a chance for a general check-in and is an opportunity to ask any questions about your child's most recent report.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

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

Subject Review Evenings (SRE)	Date
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

### Personal Development

As part of your child's Personal Development, they cover Health and Wellbeing, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Living in the Wider World within their PSHE lessons. This half term, students across the school will be covering the below topics:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Anxiety, worry and Depression	County Lines	Male body Image	Online and Personal Branding	Stalking
Emotional literacy and self-awareness	Knife Crime	Self-Harm	Savings and Loans	Vaping
Child Criminal Exploitation	Racism	Consent and the Law	Online Fraud	Independent Living

If you have any questions about what is covered in PSHE lessons, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader. This website also gives support on how to have challenging conversations with young people: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

### **Children's Mental Health Week 5-11 February**

Leading up to Children's Mental Health Week (5-11th February) the school will be running assemblies sharing information regarding the initiative Here 4 You ([www.here4you.co.uk](http://www.here4you.co.uk)). If you feel your child needs support, please liaise with your child's pastoral leader or for immediate mental health support please go to [www.here4you.co.uk/immediate-support/](http://www.here4you.co.uk/immediate-support/)

### **West End in Schools**

This week, we had West End in Schools come into school to deliver workshops on The Tempest to our year 9 students. It was great to delve into a Shakespeare play outside of the classroom and students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore The Tempest from an actor's perspective, learning to use techniques that an actor would use in a rehearsal room today. A huge thank you to our year 9 students for the energy and engagement that they brought to their sessions - we received very positive feedback from West End in Schools about the way that they conducted themselves.

### **Information below from WSCC**

#### **Promoting Tax Free Childcare to parents and carers**

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around **75% of families are losing out** on this support. Please [click here](#) for further information

### **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 below to book onto the workshop:

[https://ww1.emma-live.com/GameSafe/purchase\\_tickets](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. Please [click here](#) for further information

### **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>

### **Last Reminder - 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](mailto: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.

### **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**

**Early notice:** All clubs will be cancelled Monday 5 February due to department meetings. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **Sporting Success**

Well done to both Ava and Evie in Year 8 who both competed in the West Sussex Schools Individual Championships last weekend. Evie finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ava 1<sup>st</sup> place. We wish Ava luck for the Nationals in April.

Well done to Aimee in year 7 who took part in the southern Zonal Trampoline Competition at the weekend. Aimee competed against Year 7-9 students and finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall which is a fantastic achievement.

Well done to Conrad Szilvasi in year 10 who took part in the British Judo Association, Southern Area Schools Competition in Gillingham Kent at the weekend. As this was a school's competition, he represented Worthing High in the Year 10 and Year 11 Under 66kg category. Conrad is a dedicated Judo player representing a number of local clubs and has been selected to train with and represent Sussex in competitions.

He was commended on his performance and placed Bronze in a tough group against older competitors with higher belt gradings.

### **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 AT WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL**

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.

We are currently advertising for the following positions:

### **Teaching**

English Teacher

### **Non-Teaching**

Pastoral Leader  
Behaviour Support Officer (Maternity Cover)  
Cover Supervisor/ Trainee Teacher

Higher Level Teaching Assistant – EBSA  
Exam Invigilators

## **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**

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:**

Wednesday 19/06/2024 - INSET day

Monday 22/07/2024 - INSET day

Tuesday 23/07/2024 - INSET day