



SCHOOL NEWS 22 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents will be aware that on Monday we had a visit from The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education. Her visit was predominantly to announce Department of Education (DfE) guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools. Our own mobile phone policy has been in place for over eight years, and allows us to focus on the teaching and learning for your child from the moment they come through the school gates to the moment they leave.

The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan was full of praise for all the staff and students she met, especially the School Council students, who she had a robust Q&A session with. Huge thanks to the all staff and students who were either directly or indirectly involved in the facilitation in the Secretary of State's visit.

Finally, Rt Hon Gillian Keegan was impressed by the students in terms of learning and their behaviour and attitude around the school, which reflects one of the many reasons why the DfE had recommended us as a lead DfE Behaviour Hub school.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher
CEO South Downs Education Trust

Welcome back, I hope last week's holiday has provided an opportunity for students to recharge and that they return refreshed for another busy term.

It was slightly strange for us to welcome The Secretary of State for Education and some important members of the Department for Education on the first day of a new term, but I'm proud that our guests left with an insight into what a special community Worthing High School is. The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan spent time interacting with our students and staff. She was full of praise for the remarkable achievements of our students and the dedicated efforts of our staff. You can see photos from her visit [here](#).

For our Year 11 students, it was business as usual right from the start, as they began the second round of mock examinations. Starting the term with mocks is challenging, but they have conducted themselves impeccably so-far. Outcomes from these exams will provide teachers with the information they need to plan for the final weeks in year 11, ensuring students receive the best teaching and intervention in preparation for their full examinations. This term marks the second half of their last full term, before their public examinations and we are dedicated to providing them with the support, resources, and guidance they need to excel academically and reach their full potential.

Next Tuesday is the second of our three Focus Days. This is a key date in the academic year as it provides students with the opportunity for enrichment activities. Year 7 will go out on a trip to the Weald and Downland Museum, Year 8 will focus on STEAM-related enrichment activities alongside student leadership and Year 10 will focus on careers, the work place and student leadership, ahead of potential prefect applications. For Year 9, it will be an opportunity to explore post 16 options and careers. We are delighted to welcome a number of former Worthing High students who will be

leading workshops on their experiences after Worthing High and into the world of work; these will range from Veterinary Science to Military engineering.

Please keep an eye on our website and Twitter feeds for the most up-to-date information on the myriad of events and accomplishments taking place within our school.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Parental online safety information:

The link below will support you in ensuring your child stays safe online and you are knowledgeable of some of the risks young people face when online:

<https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/parent-online-safety-zone/?org=33687dcf-ebef-4d35-aa9a-2feb601cd46d>

Message from WSCC – Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Bookings for the Easter HAF Programme can be made from the 19 February 2024. Places are available at a range of different holiday clubs across the county for children receiving benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) – each session includes a free nutritious meal, and every eligible child can attend up to 4 sessions.

<https://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Article/154060?source=Newsletter&guid=39780E28-AE36-4D45-AFF8-ADFFA69CD1AE>

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
Mr N Mariosa

Quiz Night- Friday 17 May Quiz Night

Hot food, drinks on ice and the chance to be crowned WHS champions at the Friends of Worthing High School's Quiz Night on Friday 17 May. Details on securing your quiz team's table will be sent after half term.

PSHE

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
Child Sexual exploitation	FGM	Consent and the law	Public Sexual Harassment	Mock Revision
Well-being	Homophobia and Transphobia	Contraception	Gender and Sexuality	Pay Day loans

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

H Schuler
Teacher of Science and Leader of PSHE

#NeuroNinja Parent Partnership Programme 2024

As you know as a school community we work with Action Your Potential (AYP) to support our students, parents and carers and staff to build the metacognitive skills of becoming a **#NeuroNinja**. A **#NeuroNinja** is someone who understands how their brain works. Webinars by AYP run from 8pm until 9pm and details of upcoming courses can be found below:

Monday Webinars running on 4th, 11th, 18th and 26th March at 8pm

A step-by-step guide to helping your child tackle anxiety and build resilience.

[A video overview of the course from Andrew is here.](#)

[Sign up here](#) on Zoom.

Wednesday Webinars running on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March at 8pm

How to unleash the incredible power of your parenting to support your child every day. We will focus on every tiny thing we can do as parents and carers in a 24-hour period we can do to support our child to build the best brain for their future.

[A video overview of the course from Andrew is here.](#)

[Sign up here](#) on Zoom.

How Can I Help My Shutdown Child Return to Balance Everyday

In this course Andrew will walk through the daily processes to support parents and carers of neurally diverse children to return to balance after burnout, stress or trauma. To sign up to receive this course when it is published during the week of [26 March click here.](#)

[A video overview of the course from Andrew is here.](#)

Physical Education

Please be aware all clubs in the MH or Sports hall (Badminton, Table Tennis and basketball) will start back Monday 4 March due to Year 11 mock examinations.

Club and Fixture timetable for Spring Term 2 clubs

Spring Term 2 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

Forthcoming Subject and Academic Review Evenings are as follows:

Subject Review Evenings (SRE)	Date
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

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

No current vacancies

Non-Teaching

Art Technician
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

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