



## SCHOOL NEWS 7 MARCH 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week to reflect upon. Not only has it been National Careers Week, but today is also World Book Day, which we have been celebrating all week in School. Amongst many other competitions and activities, on Tuesday we welcomed author Chris Bradford into school, who delivered one of the most amazing author talks we have ever witnessed, which you can read about below. Thank you to Mrs Regan, Mrs Peachy and everybody else involved, whose efforts made this such a memorable week.

To mark National careers week we welcomed Captain Martin Gregg from British Airways into school who presented to Year 10 about the opportunities within B.A for Pilots, Cabin and Ground Crew. We also welcomed ECE Architecture Ltd, a Worthing based and national award-winning architecture practice, who presented in assembly to Year 9 and delivered a one-hour career based session to a group of Year 10 students about pathways in architecture, planning & construction. Year 7 and 8 were treated to an inspiring talk by one of our new members of the inclusion team, Crystal Mustchin, about careers with animals and her background working at Woburn, Whipsnade and Edinburgh Zoo. We are really appreciative of the time and support our visitors have given to our students and we are always looking to grow partnerships with businesses and organisations. Please do get in touch if this is something you can support us with, by emailing [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net).

Finally, I would like to remind our Year 11s that interventions, twilights and mentoring sessions have begun again and strongly recommend that they start attending, to maintain the good habits that were formed before the mocks. Compulsory sessions will be shared with parents, carers and students once the mocks have all been marked. Mock outcomes and predicted grades will be shared with families week beginning 28 March.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **WhatsApp: Safeguarding concern**

We have been made aware of some concerning WhatsApp groups within the South of England. The content of the groups have been that singular people have been targeted by larger groups. Sadly, these have resulted in some young people harming themselves.

If your child is using this platform we would like to reiterate the need for regular parental checks and transparency in what groups they are involved in and content of discussion. If you find any concerning material such as cyberbullying or risks of exploitation, please report this to the police and their relevant pastoral leader. If your child's mental health is being affected please report this to the single point of access website (SPOA): <https://www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk/our-services/service-finder/west-sussex-single-point-advice-spoa>

We would like to remind our families of the legal age of WhatsApp which is 16. This is set due to the end-to-end encryption and lack of controls available through this platform. Any young person using this platform at a younger age will be encouraged to stop their use.

### **Message from the Admin Office**

If any of your details change, i.e., email, telephone number, address, contacts etc. please can you advise us immediately by emailing [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net).

### **Lost property**

We have 5 pairs of shoes in lost property, if your child has lost any please can you ask them to go to Student Services to collect. If you would like a picture of them to check yourself, please email [adminoffice@worthinghigh.high](mailto:adminoffice@worthinghigh.high).

### **International Women's Day - #inspireinclusion – Friday 8 March**

This year we are celebrating International Women's Day on Friday 8 March by raising awareness of the characteristics of a leader. Often when asked to think of a leader, we picture someone who is competitive, outgoing and who tells others what to do – but this represents a narrow definition of leadership and often aren't traits that girls identify in themselves. During Tutor time on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, we will be celebrating all leadership traits and encouraging others to recognise these qualities. Lean in Girls, who have partnered with International Women's Day this year, have written the below article on how adults can lift girls up as leaders, if you would like to continue the conversation at home, please use the below link.

<https://www.leaninggirls.org/articles/inspireinclusion-5-ways-all-adults-can-lift-girls-up-as-leaders>

### **Chris Bradford – Author visit**

On Tuesday we welcomed author Chris Bradford – we thought he was going to talk to us about his writing journey but in fact he gave our Year 7s and 8s some intensive bodyguard training and they are all now experts in close protection techniques! He brought his books to life by re-enacting a scene from Bodyguard: Hostage (with the help of some of our students), demonstrated his 'one-inch push' with a very clear message not to try this at home, and saved Mr Panayiotou from a dangerous explosion. Many students went away with copies of Chris's books to read, but it is not too late if your child would now like a signed copy of any of Chris Bradford's books: orders can be placed on his website today or tomorrow and they will be signed and sent to school for us to pass on to your child. Please use the order details already sent out or go to his website [www.burningcandle.co.uk](http://www.burningcandle.co.uk)

### **World Book Day 2024 Celebrations at Worthing High!**

Both staff and students have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week at Worthing High. Not only have the students been playing 'Bookmaster' daily in tutor time, competing in a series of tasks against the Bookmaster (Mr Cook), year 7 and 8 had the pleasure of meeting author Chris Bradbury and Mrs Regan had great fun assigning each staff member as a character from a famous book. Staff have been wearing stickers all week displaying their character names and students completed a scavenger hunt around the school, writing down what character each member of staff was to win a prize from the LRC. Staff were also involved in the fun as they won a prize if they could find the member of staff who was a character from the same book as them; a particularly funny pairing was Miss Hoad as Beauty and Mrs Varley as The Beast!

Alongside this, in their lessons this week, students have been looking at how reading is an important skill in each of their subjects and why it is important to read for pleasure. Some were surprised to see that reading for pleasure increases your grades in every subject, not just English! It has been lovely to celebrate our reading culture this week and thank you so much to staff and students for making it such an enjoyable week.

### **Year 11 - College Open Events**

If you are still interested in looking at additional Post 16 options or have not yet had the opportunity to look around any colleges that you may have applied for, the following have upcoming Open Events. Booking will be essential for all of these, so please click on the link below which will take to you our website which has all the links for the colleges mentioned below.

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/attachments/download.asp?file=1911&type=pdf>

Chichester College – Thursday 7 March 2024

Brinsbury College – Saturday 9 March 2024.

Plumpton College – Saturday 16 March 2024

Worthing College - Monday 18 March 2024

### **Kidical Mass Cycle Rise – Saturday 20 April 2024**

Kidical Mass is a worldwide movement where cyclists from 0-99 years old take over the streets to reclaim the roads in colorful bicycle demonstrations. For more information <https://kidsonbike.org/>

This idea originally began with the desire to see secondary school children being able to cycle independently. **Please see the attached leaflet.**

### **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.

**Out of Bounds in Angmering** have a SEND event coming up on Sunday 7th April from 5-7.30pm Please see the attached flyer for further information.

### **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>

### **Physical Education**

#### **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:**

<b>Subject Review Evenings (SRE)</b>	<b>Date</b>
SRE Yr8 - Face to face	02/05/2024
SRE Yr7 - Face to face	21/03/2024

<b>Academic Review Evenings (ARE) - all virtual</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**

English Teacher - Worthing High School

KS1 and EYFS or KS2 Teacher – Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School

### **Non-Teaching**

Facilities Officer

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

### **Start/end of term arrangements**

Term ends at 3:10 on Thursday 28 March, students return back at **10:40am** on Monday 15 April.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 21 March – Year 7 Subject Review Evening – further information will go out shortly.

Thursday 21 March – **Early Finish, students leave at 13:30**

Thursday 28 March - last day of Spring term **student leave at 3.10pm**

Friday 29 March – 12 April inclusive - Easter Holidays

Monday 15 April – whole school returns after Easter break. **Students to start at 10.40am**

Thursday 18 April – Year 11 Virtual ARE evening – further information will go out shortly.

**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