



## SCHOOL NEWS 21 MARCH 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Last week, I was very proud to share the school's success in the locality Faraday Competition, hosted at St Oscar Romero's school. This week I am delighted to be sharing more good news, as a different group of year 9 students participated in an aerospace STEM competition and won! Congratulations to the students listed below, and thank you to Mrs Petrie, our STEAM coordinator, who has led another team to success.

Outstanding achievement has come thick and fast this week and there are also some significant sporting successes to note. Well done to Amelie in Year 10, who competed in the British Gymnastics championships and finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall. Also, congratulations to Elise, who despite competing against runners **in the year group above**, managed to finish 57<sup>th</sup> out of 339 participants in the English School's cross-country competition. Finally, well done to Zante in Year 8, who has qualified for the All-England Dance group. We are very proud of all our student's achievements and will always look to share their successes when we hear about them. Please follow us on X (Twitter) for up-to-date news and announcements.

On the subject of achievement, we would also like to know of any music qualifications that have been obtained outside of school. If your child has sat a level 3 music qualification in **Practical Music, Music Theory, Music Performance, Popular Music Theory, Rock & Pop or Theory of Music** and received a grade 6 or higher, we are able to add this to their personal learning record (PLR). The PLR is a permanent online record of your child's qualifications and achievements. It's held by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), which is an executive agency of the Department for Education (DfE). Having all qualifications in one space makes future applications to college, university and work much easier. If you would like them added, please email a copy of your certificate to [lfuller@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lfuller@worthinghigh.net) and we will process this for you.

Finally, you will be aware that next week is the last week of term and school breaks up at 3:10 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. During the Easter break, we will be running a number of intervention sessions for Year 11. We will be contacting parents and carers, in the next few days, asking to confirm their child's availability and attendance to these sessions. For all Year 11 students, this holiday is critical for their exam preparation and all students should be revising daily. It is important they have everything they need to do this, so I would like to remind Year 11s to make sure they have everything they need to revise. If parents or carers need support encouraging positive revision habits, please contact Mr Mashford or Mrs Gordon, who will be happy to help.

Adrian Cook

Head of School

### **STEAM Winners**

This week 8 year 9 students took part in the exciting opportunity at Ricardo Plc. Two teams were invited to take part in the IMechE ADSC/Ricardo – Aero Design Challenge. After a tour

of the site where we saw Ricardo's engineering and research facilities, Students were asked to design and build a model of a streamlined car. The car was then tested in a wind tunnel to ensure that they had met the brief. There were 4 schools and a total of 7 teams competing. We are delighted to say that a Team from Worthing High school won. Congratulations to Elliot Robinson, Codelia King, Elliot Woolgar and Lillie Ferris; We hope you continue to enjoy STEAM subjects in the future.

There are lots of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) opportunities available at Worthing High. If you would like to find out more, or think you could facilitate or support future events please get in touch with [jpetrie@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jpetrie@worthinghigh.net)

### **Young Carers**

Definition of a young carer - a young carer is a young person under the age of 18 whose life is affected by the care needs of another person who may have any disability or long-term illness. This could be a family member or friend with a lifelong condition, physical or learning disability, serious injury, mental health problem, long term chronic health condition, an addiction, or who is frail due to old age.

Please let us know if your child/ren qualifies as a young carer using the below form. You are able to indicate on the form if your child/ren require any further support from their relevant pastoral

leader, we can also support by referring to outside agencies if required.

Link to form: <https://forms.gle/J7aDMcxU127z7X4v6>

### **West Sussex Disability Register**

West Sussex Libraries manages the West Sussex Disability Register, a database of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please see the attached for further information.

### **English Bedrock Homework – Year 7 / Year 8**

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to evidence-based literacy instruction, we are partnered with literacy improvement specialists **Bedrock Learning**. Built by former English teachers, Bedrock Learning is a digital literacy platform which offers learners a carefully sequenced and adaptive **vocabulary and grammar curriculum**. It exposes learners to new words and grammatical concepts through a rich diet of culturally valuable fiction and non-fiction, and its algorithm ensures that learning is personalised to your child, identifying and targeting gaps in knowledge.

When students engage regularly with the programme, this can be a transformative addition to our literacy offering, ensuring that our young people are equipped with the vocabulary

and grammatical understanding they need to access the curriculum and express their ideas in every subject.

At WHS students in Year 7 and 8 are expected to carry out Bedrock Vocabulary lessons online for homework, to achieve a minimum of 20 points a week. Homework is set on a Monday and is due by the following Sunday. Teachers receive a report on Monday morning to track student engagement and progress. Those who do not achieve the required 20 points will be set an after school detention for the following Tuesday for 30 minutes. This is held in B3, a computer room, to allow them to catch up with their missing homework for English.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19dwasPzmhei3F9IAmCHUwJJBrimdGiV19oOZ6p919Uo/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Absence for Medical Appointments and Early leave Requests.**

Can we please remind parents/carers that we need to be made aware of medical appointments or early leave requests prior to the day where possible. You can leave a message on the absence line. 01903 229 290 or email [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net)

### **Comic Relief**

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th March prior to the Easter Holidays.

This non-uniform day will add to the £95 already raised through the events held last week to support Comic Relief which will help support local, national and international projects.

On our non-uniform day, students should observe the following:

- Students can wear any **suitable** non-uniform.
- Usual standards regarding jewellery, make up and suitable hair styles and colours will still be in place.
- Students that have P.E on the day may wear non-uniform but must have appropriate footwear for a P.E lesson (they must bring trainers).

We suggest a contribution of £1.00 from your child which can be paid through Wisepay, or they can bring in their cash donation the week leading up to the 28th March and hand it to their Form Tutors. This ensures that all contributions are collected and accounted for in advance of the day.

***I would like to emphasise to students that normal lessons will take place and therefore items and styles of an inappropriate nature will not be permitted and this does include hair dye.***

We are very grateful for your support in raising funds for this vital cause.

Kind regards

**Mrs A Regan**

**Mr J Fenlon**

Whole School Charity and Community Leads

### **Easter Egg collection**

We will be delivering Easter Eggs to one of our nominated local charities the week beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to add an extra Easter Egg into your shopping over the next week, please hand in to Mrs Hopkins or tutors and we will make sure they go to a worthy home. Thank you

### **QUIZ NIGHT- Friday 17 May Quiz Night (18s and over only)**

Following on from last year's successful Quiz Night, Friends of Worthing High School (FOWHS) once again would like to invite you to join us at the school for a fantastic evening of quizzing on Friday 17 May. Tables can be booked for up to 8 players per table with doors opening at 18.30 and finishing around 22.00. Hot food (pizzas), drinks on ice and the chance to be crowned WHS 2024 quiz champions all await! Please book your table using the following form: <https://forms.gle/bhLtwJFqjeePdBW9>

**Out of Bounds in Angmering** have a SEND event coming up on Sunday 7 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**

### **Congratulations and well done**

Amelie Beadle-Gates Year 10 finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Beam Final at the Gymnastics British Championships.

Austin Russell Year 10 won the AJA National Judo Championships over the weekend and has been asked to represent GB in the Judo International Tournament in Mierlo in May. This is a fantastic achievement.

Elise Aston Year 8 finished 57<sup>th</sup> in the English Schools cross country competition and was part of the winning Sussex team who won the first team back

Zanthe Dumbleton has excelled in her group dance outside of school and qualified for All England.

### **Table tennis club cancelled until September**

Unfortunately, Table tennis club is cancelled until September due to the coach being unavailable. Apologies for the inconvenience.

### **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**

No current vacancies

### **Non-Teaching**

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

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

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

Thursday 28 March – **Non-Uniform day in aid of Comic Relief**

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