



SCHOOL NEWS 2 MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I would like to take some time to remind parents and carers of our core values: *community, resilience, respect, integrity* and *excellence*. Students hear a lot about inspirational people and stories that embody these values and we continually remind them of the importance of modelling them themselves. For our Year 11s we are asking them to reflect on their own resilience as they embark on their GCSE exams. Many have already sat practical exams in Food, PE, Textiles and Art but all will start the written assessments next week. This starts with Philosophy and Ethics next Thursday and Science on Friday. On behalf of all staff and students we wish them the very best of luck!

Sticking with the subject of core values, I am left feeling extremely proud of our Year 10 students who have applied to become Head Boy/Girl. Not just those who made it to the final 9, and delivered the most amazing 'core value' assemblies to Year 7, but all the students who made an application, this takes real courage. Excellence is often achieved when we show ambition and all of these students have done that, so regardless of the outcome, I would like to thank them all and congratulate them on their outstanding efforts. The final part of the process are the interviews, which will take place tomorrow. Next week we will be able to share the names of our new Head Boy and Head Girl.

This evening, we welcome parents and carers in to school for their Subject Review Evening. As always, we have had huge numbers booking appointments, which is really positive as the relationship between school, parents and carers is vital in ensuring the best possible outcomes for your child. If you were unable to make bookings or are unable to attend, please do contact us. Teachers will be happy to offer feedback on your child's progress via the phone or email, at a later date.

Finally, a reminder that the school is shut on Monday as it is a Bank Holiday, we hope that you enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing students again on Tuesday.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

#NeuroNinja Parent Partnership Programme from Action Your Potential Season 3 - Build a Resilient Child

This term's *#NeuroNinja parent partnership programme webinars* are all focused on Building a Resilient Child. We will explore where resilience is built in the brain, how helping our children learn to manage their minds supports powerful well-being. We will also look at the impact of a phone-based childhood on children and teenager's brains.

Every Wednesday for 4 weeks, 8pm on Zoom. [You can sign up here.](#) There is also a link in [the poster here.](#)

[Here's a video from Andrew at AYP with an overview of what we will cover.](#)

You can find lots of content on our [Youtube](#), including the weekly well-being work-outs.



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
Protected Characteristics	Tolerance and Mutual respect	Miscarriage and unplanned pregnancy	Pornography	Wellbeing during exams
Healthy Living	Conflict at home	Sexually transmitted infections	Teen Pregnancy	
Personal Hygiene	LGBT+ relationships	Readiness for sex	Adoption and fostering	

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/>

Year 11 Exams and study leave

Written examinations will begin on Thursday 9 May; we are therefore starting study leave the following week from Monday 13 May. From this point Year 11s only need to come in for examinations. Their leavers assembly will take place from 11:30am on 10 May, after which they will be dismissed to go home.

Students should still come to school in full uniform and must be punctual. Before some exams, there will be revision sessions and information about these will be shared on Google Classroom.

There will be a staffed study room available for year 11, should they need a quiet place to study. The location of this room will also be shared via Google classroom.

Year 11 Canteen Refunds

Any monies still remaining on student accounts after 30th June 2024 will be refunded via their Wisepay accounts as long as the card used to top up, is still valid, or any balance can be transferred to a siblings account. Please email catering@worthinghigh.net if you would prefer the transfer option.

Cash refunds will only take place for those students who topped up their accounts with cash, or for those whose visa cards have expired

Any requests for cash refunds must be made to the Canteen Manager accompanied with a signed and completed form which can be found attached to this email.

Year 11 Locker refunds

All lockers are to be cleared and keys returned to the Facilities Office by 30th June 2024.

If a locker key is returned and the spare key is available, a refund of £2 will be made in cash.

Any locker keys not returned by Monday 1st July 2024 will be considered lost and lockers will be cleared out and contents disposed of.

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

Physical Education

Club and Fixture timetable for Summer Term 1 clubs

Basketball Club

Due to Year 11 examinations Basketball club will start up again in September

Summer 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

Academic Review Evenings (ARE) - all virtual	Date
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

Subject Leader Maths

Maths Teacher

Non-Teaching

EBSA Lead Practitioner

Alternative Provision and SEND Behaviour Manager

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 6 May – Bank Holiday (the school will be closed)

Wednesday 8 May – Year 11 Photos

Friday 17 May – FOWHS Quiz Night

Monday 27 May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 28 May – Friday 31 May - Half Term

Monday 3 June – School returns

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