



SCHOOL NEWS 23 MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Summer 1 term has absolutely flown by, and we now see our Year 11's fully immersed into their GCSEs.

Our recent Friends of Worthing High School Quiz Night last Friday raised an incredible sum of money of approx. £1,000, and those funds will be used to purchase outside furniture for students to use at break and lunchtimes.

Our focus continues to be delivering the best for all our students, and this can only be achieved by strong attendance in School. Our newly launched half termly attendance letter, highlights your child's attendance and recognises their positive engagement with School.

The recent announcement from our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak that the General Election is to take place on Thursday 4 July. Our Year 9 and Year 10 Academic Review Evening is also taking place on the same day, but as it is virtual, our plans for it remain unchanged.

Normally we would be providing our Summer 1 Newsletter, but we have made the decision to add the items to the final one at the end of term and make it a bumper issue.

Finally, it just leaves me to say a huge thank you to Mr Joe Carey, Facilities Officer, who leaves Worthing High School on Friday 24 May after 20 years of incredible and loyal service. From myself, staff, students and Governors and Trustees, we wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Hope you all have a well deserved break when you get there, and good luck to our Year 11s with their continued exam revision.

Take care

Pan Panayiotou

Executive Headteacher and CEO of SDET

Thank you for your ongoing support this half term and thank you to students who have, as always, conducted themselves so positively. So far, this academic year students have received over 21,000 positive signatures on their consequence cards. This is 21,000 times where a member of staff has observed a student making a good choice, embodying one of our core values or demonstrating an act of kindness. I hope this gives you an insight into our community and how well students interact and behave in school.

As with the end of any term, it is a good time to reflect and we hope that students are able to take some time to think about their achievements and what they might like to accomplish next. As I have said, a number of times before, we have numerous extracurricular offers and it is never too late to start attending them. One example of this is the Duke of Edinburgh

award, which we facilitate in school. Well done to all the Year 10 students who successfully undertook a two day expedition last weekend, who returned to school on Monday with some amazing memories and experiences.

On behalf of all staff, thank you to our students who work so hard. We hope they enjoy a well-earned rest and return on Monday 3rd June, ready for the final term of the academic year. Likewise, we hope Year 11 can recharge their batteries, whilst making final preparations for the remaining exams after half term.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 7 Breakfast Club

After half-term, we will be trialling a free Year 7 Breakfast Club on Monday mornings from 8.05am in the LRC. From Monday 3rd June, Year 7 students can come to the LRC and enjoy breakfast pastries, fruit and juice before school.

During Breakfast Club, other year groups will still be able to borrow, return and renew books, use computers (for homework only) and access the stationery shop.

Non-Uniform Day

The school will be holding a charity non-uniform day on Friday 24th May prior to the half-term holiday.

As the non-uniform day falls just after Dementia Awareness Week, we will be raising money for Guildcare.

Guildcare is Worthing's leading social care charity. They have recently celebrated their 90th birthday and offer residential and day care to those with dementia, among other services within our community. You can find out more at <https://www.guildcare.org/>

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 24th May 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

Messages from the London Philharmonic Orchestra

We are delighted to let you know that applications for our next **LPO Junior Artists: Overture Days** are now open. These orchestral days are for young musicians to join LPO musicians and members of our talent schemes for a fun day of music-making and professional insights.

This summer we are running two Overture days, in Worthing and London:

Our Worthing Overture Day will take place on **Sunday 21 July** at **Worthing High School, South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7AR** from **11.00am – 4.30pm**. It is open to young musicians aged **10-15** who are **Grade 3+** on their instruments.

Our London Overture Day will take place on **Wednesday 31 July** at **St John's Waterloo, Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8TY** from **10.30am – 4.30pm**. It is open to young musicians aged **11-14** who are **Grade 4+** on their instruments.

Applications are open to all but priority will be given to young musicians from backgrounds and communities that are under-represented in professional UK orchestras, who may be eligible for [LPO Junior Artists](#) in the future

*Please note that young musicians can only participate in **one** of these Overture days. We are unable to accept applications from harpists, saxophonists and pianists.*

For more information, or to apply on behalf of a young person, visit lpo.org.uk/overture

Participation is free. The deadline for applications for both Overture days is **9am, Monday 24 June 2024**.

Please find attached flyers with more information

Hannah Smith (she/her)

Education & Community Coordinator

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

Sussex Schools Track & Field Championships 2024

Good luck to all students competing in the Sussex Schools Track & Field Championships 2024

Selection for the West Sussex South team at the K2, Crawley on Saturday 8th June 2024.

Age group	Name	Event
Junior Girls	Elise Ashton	800m
Intermediate girls	Pollyanna Sharp	100m
Intermediate Girls	Olina Chatfield	Javelin
Junior Boys	Sammy Harkin	1500m
Intermediate Boys	Charlie Fisher	200m
Intermediate Boys	Charlie Russell	1500m
Intermediate Boys	Harry Evans	High Jump
Intermediate Boys	Harry Russell	Javelin
Intermediate Boys	George Barker	400m
Intermediate Boys	Samuel Beal	Shot Putt

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

Academic Review Evenings (ARE) - all virtual	Date
ARE Yr9	04/07/2024
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

No Current Vacancies

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 27 May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 28 May – Friday 31 May - Half Term

Monday 3 June – School returns

Tuesday 25 June – PE Achievement Evening

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