



## SCHOOL NEWS 27 JUNE 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed Year 5 parents, carers and students from a number of locality schools, to give them a taster of life at Worthing High School. Whilst the Year 5s went off to trial Art, DT and Science lessons, their parents and carers were given a tour of the school, by our Year 7 tour guides. A huge thank you to all students who have acted as a guide, the feedback we have had from our visitors has been overwhelmingly positive and it is very clear that the Year 7 students are proud, knowledgeable and articulate members of the wider school community. Next week, we continue with two more taster mornings.

It has also been a busy week for our Year 10 students who spent half a day Worthing College experiencing subjects they may wish to pursue when they leave Worthing High School. As they approach their final year, having aims and aspiration is really important, to remain focused throughout such a challenging year. We will be supporting Year 10s in making college applications and providing impartial advice as they make decisions about their future.

Also on Tuesday evening, we hosted our annual PE presentation evening. Parents, carers and students who attended will have noticed how many award winners we had, which reflects the importance of sport to our community, but also the inclusive nature of our PE department. If your child is interested in joining a club, please view our website and encourage this, as participation in extra curricular events provides students with experiences and skills that will help them inside and outside of school. Tomorrow, we look forward to Activ-8 day, which is a whole school celebration of sport. Good luck to Broadwater, Heene, Salvington and Tarring, please keep an eye on Twitter for announcement of winners. On this day, students may come to school in WHS PE kit.

Next week is the Year 9 and 10 Academic Review Evening, where parents and carers have a virtual meeting with their child's tutor, to have a check-in, raise any concerns and to discuss the report recently sent out. All students will receive one last report, at the end of the academic year, this will give a progress update and information on your child's effort, within each subject area.

Finally, next week we expect the weather to cool, so students will be expected to return to their full school uniform, and all students must wear their blazers and tie. We will continue to monitor the weather and update as appropriate, should we experience more extreme temperatures.

### **Update from the Local Authority Safeguarding Team**

Many of you may be aware of an incident earlier on this week with the kidnap attempt in Broadwater of a 6/7 year old. The child who was involved in the incident is unharmed and safe and well with his family. A man has been charged with kidnap following the incident in Worthing. We have been kept informed, and there will be an increased Police presence out in the community for reassurance.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **School Attendance: Education Act 1996/Children Act 1989**

Pupil Entitlement: Investigation has asked schools to share the attached letter with pupil's parents/ carers to inform of changes implemented by the Government in respect of school attendance and the use of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs).

### **SLT detentions**

Please note that parents will always be given 24 hours' notice of an SLT detention. Please may we ask that parent/carers provide the school with 24 hours' notice if students are not able to attend the detention so that we can plan accordingly. If a parent/carer does not contact the school we will assume that the student is able to attend and will apply any necessary sanctions for non-attendance.

Many thanks for your support with this.

### **FREE Taster Guitar Lesson**

Our guitar tutor Steve Gladman would like to invite any interested students to a free guitar lesson at school.

Guitars are provided. Email [bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com) for more info and to book a space.

### **Worthing High Rock Band Project**

In September Steve Gladman will be starting a new Worthing High Rock Band project.

Calling all singers/drummers/keyboard players who may be keen to take part. Email [bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com) for more info.

### **Year 9 Parents: Annotation friendly copies of *An Inspector Calls* and *Romeo and Juliet* for £12.53 – available to purchase via WisePay**

As part of their English Literature GCSE course, students will study three set texts: *An Inspector Calls*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Experience has shown us how beneficial it is for students to have their own copies of set GCSE texts to annotate, as this supports their progress in class and ensures they have high-quality notes to underpin independent study and revision at home.

Therefore, we are inviting parents to purchase annotation-friendly copies of *An Inspector Calls* and *Romeo and Juliet*, which students will be studying in Year 10, to aid their study; we are able to offer at a discounted combined price of £12.53 for both texts. This is *not* compulsory, but should you wish to make the most of this opportunity, please order via WisePay with a payment of £12.53 by 31st July 2024. Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, they will automatically receive a copy of each text.

### **Art Exhibition - Summer Art and Design Show 2024**

You are all warmly invited to attend Worthing High Schools Art and Design summer show. Showcasing in the exhibition will be GCSE Art, Textiles, and Design Technology student work. The Art, Design and Live Music event will take place at the Glynn Owen Centre, 118

South Farm Road, on Tuesday 2nd July, 5pm until 7pm. We look forward to celebrating and sharing with you all of the wonderful work these talented students have created.

### **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)

### **Physical Education**

#### **Congratulations**

Maisie in Year 7 and Elise in Year 8 have both made it into the Sussex Football teams.

### **Club and Fixture timetable for Summer Term clubs**

#### **Basketball Club**

Due to Year 11 examinations Basketball club will start up again in September Summer Term clubs [click here](#).

The weekly newsflash can be found [here](#) and will be updated every Friday by 1pm.

Marie Field

Leader of PE

### **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**

*Maths Teacher (Maternity Cover)*

#### **Non-Teaching**

*No vacancies currently*

### **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 24 June – Tuesday 2 July – Year 5 Taster Mornings

Thursday 27 June – Year 11 Prom

Friday 28 June – Activ8 Day

3 July – New Year 7 Intake ay

12 July – Focus Day 3

**INSET Days for Academic Year 2023-24.**

**The school will be closed to students on these days:**

Monday 22/07/2024 - INSET day

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