



SCHOOL NEWS 11 JULY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to update parents and carers on some changes to our Board of Governors. Sadly, we say goodbye to our existing Chair of Governors, Sasha Scambler who has stepped down from the Governing Body. On behalf of the staff, students, Governors and Trustees, I would like to say a massive thank you to Sasha for her years of service and support for the school.

Sasha will be replaced as Chair of Governors by Louise Sivyer who is our current Vice Chair and our new Vice Chair will be Neil Ambrose, who is a current member of our Governing Body. We look forward to working closely with our new team of Governors next academic year.

If you are interested in school Governance, we will be sharing more information about future opportunities in September. If this is something you would like to discuss now, please contact our clerk for more information: ClerktoGovernors@worthinghigh.net.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we are approaching our last week of the academic year. This is a good time for students to reflect on all their achievements across the year and to think about how they can be even better next year, whether that's in lessons or through participation in enrichment activities. One thing we regularly reflect upon is how well students conduct themselves and how well engaged they are in lessons, so it is no surprise that this year 9000 congratulatory emails or calls have been made to families. That's 9000 times a member of staff has observed a student working well, making good progress or achieving good results.

We will always keep you updated about your child's progress in school, but if you would like to find out more about their day, ask to see their consequence card and ask them about the signatures they have received. Likewise, we also recommend parents and carers regularly check study capture. This will provide an overview of what your child has been learning and their reflections on what they have been taught. If you have any concerns with either of these things, please contact their tutor for further support.

Tomorrow is our third and final Focus Day. Year 10 students will be out on work experience visits, and Year 9 will be undertaking a team building mud run. Year 7 and 8 students are expected in school for their enrichment activities and should arrive in school at normal time, in full school uniform. We hope all students have an enjoyable day.

Tonight, is our summer showcase and we hope to see lots of you in the audience, enjoying performances from across the performing arts. Good luck to all students and thank you for your participation. Also huge thanks to our brilliant drama, music and performing arts staff teams for organising this fantastic event.

Finally, a reminder that we break up for the end of the academic year next Friday 19th July. This is an early finish for students, who will be dismissed at the end of period 3 at 12:30pm

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Uniform expectations for September:

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations for this year. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents who may be planning on purchasing uniform this summer for September to note the following:

- Uniform orders can be delayed when the new year 7 students order their uniform so, please allow at least 1 working week when ordering uniform.
- Please ensure that skirts reach the knee and that skirts are not rolled.
- Parent/carers should only purchase approved branded Worthing High School PE kit from SWI. Trainers and boots may be purchased from any retailer.
- Students should be able to remove any piercings when they return from the summer holiday (we would not recommend students pierce anything other than their earlobes to hold a small stud earring)
- Haircuts and hair colouring should conform with the school uniform policy when students return in September.
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this

Mr Swift

Deputy Headteacher

Pre-Loved Uniform

Following a summer holiday is a prime time for the children to grow out of their current uniform. The Friends of Worthing team will be holding another Pre-loved Uniform sale, in the new academic year.

If your child has already grown out of their uniform, or does so over the summer break, please drop these items into the main reception, they are open through the summer holidays.

All proceeds from our pre-loved sales are used to support the development of outside spaces and furniture at the school, which benefits all our students.

Safeguarding update: Self-Harm

There is a current rise in the locality of the number of young people turning to self-harm as a way of coping with feelings of upset or overwhelm. There is also an increase in content around self-harm and eating disorders popping up online which young people can access and consume, glamourising and normalising self-harm as a way to cope.

Please continue to monitor your child's social media and the sites or images they are searching for. You are always able to reach your child's pastoral leader if you have a concern about any of the above and we will ensure to support yourself and your child/ren.

There are some resources and helplines attached that you can access over the summer holidays if you have concerns around your child's well-being.

Please also see the link to SPOA. This is a form you can fill in with your child to be added on to the waiting list for outside of school counselling support.

SPOA – [West Sussex Single Point of Access \(SPoA\) :: Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sussexcamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk)

Sid Youth Summer HAF

Sid Youth are running their holiday HAF over the summer for 11–16-year-olds who are entitled to free school meals.

Please see the attached flyers for more details on the events they are running.

Bedrock Learning

Worthing High School places vocabulary at the forefront of its focus for literacy in Key Stage 3; one of the ways we have done this is to continue to engage our students in the literacy improvement tool 'Bedrock Learning'. This interactive online platform introduces students to new vocabulary and concepts via a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, helps them to apply these in different contexts, and quizzes them to develop their retention of new words.

Students in Years 7 and 8 are asked to achieve a minimum of 20 points each week as English homework. This has been a huge success; Bedrock has reported to us that there has been a steady improvement in students' results this year, and we are positive that this progress will be reflected in their overall comprehension and attainment across all of their subjects.

The English Department would particularly like to congratulate the following students:

- * Hadiqa KHAN for the highest total number of points scored this academic year in Year 7 with 2932 - this is also the highest score across the school!
- * Jasper CORBETT for the highest attainment in Year 7 with an improvement of 375%
- * Harrison WELLS for the highest total number of points scored this academic year in Year 8 with 1489
- * Albie ROSENBERG for the highest attainment in Year 8 with an improvement of 1036%

Congratulations to all of our Year 7s and 8s for their progress so far this year, and thank you to parents and students for engaging so enthusiastically with this homework tool.

Non-Uniform Day

Please see the attached letter regarding non uniform day on Friday 19 July

Message from Student Services

Student services have a number of pairs of glasses along with various items of jewellery. If your child is missing anything please call into Student services to have a look.

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

Message from Clapham & Patching (Part of the South Downs Education Trust) –

Fundraising

We are delighted that Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School's application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. If we receive the most votes, we can win up to £1500 to spend on outside play equipment!

Please vote for us when you visit any of these stores.

Worthing Findon Exp	BN14 0EL
Dolphin Worthing Rd Exp	BN14 8LB
Broadwater Worthing Exp	BN14 9DA
Durrington Exp	BN13 1QY
Rectory Worthing Exp	BN14 7PE
Goring Way Express	BN12 4TY
South Farm Worthing Exp	BN14 7AB
Worthing Chapel Rd Exp	BN11 1EG
West Durrington Extra	BN13 3PB
Worthing Goring Rd Exp	BN12 4AJ

Voting will commence in store from the first week in July 2024 until the end of September 2024.

Thank you

Physical Education

Well done to Daniel S in Year 8 who won both days of the archery competition last weekend. Daniel is now the National U14 Outdoor Compound champion - amazing

Well done to Lyra in Year 9 who completed in the Dance World Cup 2024 Czech Republic, Prague against 50 other countries. Lyra placed in a number of sections which included a silver medal in the song and dance.

Good luck to Charlie in Year 11 who has been offered a place on the inter boys' team in the 200m for the English Schools championships in Birmingham Friday 12th July and Saturday 13th July 2024. We wish him luck.

Club and Fixture timetable for Summer Term clubs

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

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT at Clapham and Patching CofE School

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

12 July – Focus Day 3

19 July – Last day of term. 12:30pm finish

INSET Days for Academic Year 2023-24.

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Monday 22/07/2024 - INSET day

Tuesday 23/07/2024 - INSET day