



SCHOOL NEWS 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marked the first full teaching week for students, and what a positive week it has been. Our core values have been expertly role-modelled by Year 11 who have already started their intervention programme. To see 95% of the entire year group, undertake an extra hour of learning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school demonstrates a level of commitment and focus that all students should recognise. Well done to the students and thank you to their families for supporting us.

You will see below that there is information on upcoming CATS tests for Year 7. Please make sure you contact your child's tutor should you have any questions about these. For Year 7, these tests are nothing to worry about, but must be taken seriously as they will provide teachers information about setting and support.

Yesterday, we welcomed Year 11 parents to our welcome/meet the tutor event. Thank you to all those who attended. If you were unable to, the slides from the evening are attached. This afternoon, we will host our first virtual Academic Review Evening (ARE) for Years 8 and 9. The purpose of this is to meet with your child's tutor, who is available to answer any questions and take you through key focuses for the year ahead.

For all year groups, the role of the tutor is key in ensuring the relationship between home and school is a positive and productive one. As I have said in all of the welcome evenings, please be proactive and reach out should you have any concerns. They are the best placed staff to support your child, should you have any concerns.

Finally, a reminder that our Saturday Open Morning is on the 21st September. If you have friends or relatives who you feel might be interested in joining Worthing High School, please do share this date and ask them to look at our website for further information.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 7: CATS

From Monday, year 7 students will be sitting their CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests). These will run across the week and the timetable is below, the assessments will take place on a computer. These tests are very important for your child's teachers to understand where their current levels of learning are and will inform their planning, reporting and assessment throughout their time at Worthing High School. Students will be receiving an assembly from myself tomorrow morning to explain the process so that they are fully informed of the expectations and logistics for the day. Please note, there is no preparation needed for these tests.

Date	9:00 AM Periods 1 and 2	11:25 AM Periods 3 and 4
Mon 16 September	7B1	7B2
Tues 17 September	7H1	7H2
Wed 18 September	7S1	7S2
Thurs 19 September		Year 8 and Year 9 new students
Fri 20 September	7T1	7T2

Mr Simpson
Deputy Headteacher

Food Department

Do you have a pasta machine at home that you never use?

This year's GCSE Food Science project is based around pasta making and we would benefit from a few extra machines.

If you feel able to help us, the pasta machines could be left at Reception or Student Services. We continue to make good use of Celebration and Quality Street type containers which students can bring to T4/T5 at any time

Mrs Whitby
Subject leader Food Preparation & Nutrition

Message from Student Services

A plea from Student Services. A week in to the term and we already have a number of lost items which are un-named. We have pencil cases, lunch boxes, water bottles and 1 PE Kit. Could we ask parents to please name everything and then we will be able to return it when it arrives in our office. Thank you

Year 7 Breakfast Club

Our FREE drop-in Year 7 Breakfast Club runs every Monday from 8.05 to 8.30 in the LRC, starting from Monday 9th September. We have warm pastries, cereal bars, juice cartons and hot chocolate. All options are nut-free and vegan/ dairy-free options are available, but if your child has a particular dietary requirement and they are planning to attend, please email aregan@worthinghigh.net to ensure they are catered for.

Physical Education

Club and Fixture timetable for Autumn Term clubs

Autumn Term clubs [click here](#).

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

Marie Field
Leader of PE

Parent Governor

Have you thought about becoming a school governor? Governors are a core part of the school's Board, with the opportunity to make a positive impact on the education and school life of the students. Worthing High School currently has vacancies for two parent governors to contribute to the range of skills that makes up an effective Board.

The role requires commitment, an ability to question and analyse, and a willingness to learn. You would be expected to attend six governing body meetings per academic year (one in each half term), for a term of four years. The role is voluntary but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, we would like to hear from you. Please contact me at ClerktoGovernors@worthinghigh.net

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

Higher Level Teaching Assistant - Fixed Term Contract – October 2024 – April 2025

ART TECHNICIAN

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

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

ARE - Year 8&9 - Virtual	12/09/2024
Dunsfold Race Circuit Trip	15/09/2024
Year 7 CATS Tests	16/09/2024 - 20/09/2024
Open Morning	21/09/2024
Open Morning Tours	23/09/2024 - 27/09/2024

INSET Days for Academic Year 2024-25.

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Friday 25/10/2024

Friday 29/11/2024

Monday 02/12/2024

Monday 06/01/2025

Friday 20/06/2025

Monday 21/07/2025

Tuesday 22/07/2025