



SCHOOL NEWS 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new Year 7 cohort, parents and carers. What a positive start all of our students have made, especially how well our new Year 7 intake has integrated back into school.

Our GCSE results from our outgoing class of 2024 were very positive and we are very proud of how well our students have achieved at every level. We wish them all the very best in their next endeavours and look forward to celebrating their success in the future.

It has been well reported that results are down nationally, but what I am very proud of is how, at Worthing High School, we are again consistently above the National Average, and all of our students have been able to go onto their next phases of their educational journeys.

One thing remains clear, students whose attendance is strong, +95%, do well and the Government data nationally reinforces that. Attendance will be and continues to be a focus and our expectation is that every child is in school, learning every day.

We appreciate there will always be medical appointments etc, but we strongly encourage, where possible, optional appointments to be made at the end of the school day, to lessen the disruption to learning and support the school.

To all of our students we strongly encourage them to get involved with many of our clubs and afterschool activities. To parents/ carers, whatever year group they are in, we encourage your child to try to be involved with our extracurricular activities, to help develop their team working skills and show how they go above and beyond.

There will be many opportunities for you as parent/carer to support the school, Friends of Worthing High/Parent Governor/Trustee etc., and if you like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Tracy Reed for expressions of interest as a Parent Governor.

Finally, we are holding our Open Day event on Saturday 21 September at 0900-1300, for prospective Year 6 students and their families, with Open Morning tours taking place on Monday 23 - Friday 27 September. This information has been sent out to all local schools and will be on our website and info on how to book places on the touts and to the talks on Saturday.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved at Worthing High School and at Clapham and Patching CofE Primary school, as part of SDET, and what we continue to offer as a mixed comprehensive school and thank you for your continued and dedicated support.

Welcome back and look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

Pan Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher
CEO of South Down Education Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and your child has enjoyed their first day back, either yesterday or today.

Things happen at pace in school, and a common theme in all of the welcome assemblies, was to *start how you mean to go on*, develop positive habits and hit the ground running. To help students do this, they have all seen our new student consistencies, which are a set of expectations we have for all lessons. These will ensure lessons are always purposeful and learning is maximised. These have also been shared with parents and carers at our welcome events. If you are/were unable to attend these, they are attached for your reference.

Thank you to our new Year 7 families for their presence at the Welcome Evening event yesterday evening, it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers there. A reminder, tonight is the Year 10 welcome, which starts at 6pm and next Wednesday we host our Year 11 welcome families, at the same time. On Thursday our virtual meet the tutor event will take place. Booking information for these evenings were sent out yesterday.

Tomorrow is our first Focus Day, which will launch the enrichment and careers programme for the year. This will allow opportunities for students to start the year by developing relationships and thinking about their aspirations and ambitions. A reminder, students in school are expected to be in full uniform, for students out on trips, details have already been shared regarding times and logistics. For information on trip return times and for the most up-to-date information about the school, please follow us on 'X'.

This first half term will be extremely busy and work has already begun preparing for our Open Day on Saturday 21st September. Please do share this date if you have friends or family interested in viewing our amazing school. This will be followed by our open mornings, where prospective parents will be able to see us on a normal school day. Please see the website for more information.

Finally, following our notice at the end of last academic year, the school is still seeking Parent Governors. If this is something you are interested in, or would like further information on, please contact ClerktoGovernors@worthinghigh.net

Adrian Cook
Head of School

A Reminder of Uniform expectations:

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents/ carers of the following:

- 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 (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

- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this
Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Message for Year 11 Parents

We are delighted to welcome back our year 11's today. To support throughout their GCSE year, we are running compulsory period 6 interventions. Period 6 interventions run from 3.10-4.10 and are delivered by subject specialist to further enhance the learning from lessons. The timetable is as follows:

English: Monday

Maths: Tuesday

Science: Wednesday

Please encourage your child's attendance as we endeavour to provide the best possible support throughout their final year. Period 6 interventions commence from Monday 9th September.

Mr Simpson
Deputy Headteacher

Class Charts

We are now using Class Charts for homework at Worthing High School.

Class Charts is an online system which teachers use to set and monitor homework. We believe in working closely with parents and guardians. One of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child's homework to keep you up to date in real-time with work set.

Each parent and each child have a unique access code which you will need to set up your account. **Your code has been sent this afternoon, please check your junk and spam. Please keep it safe.** Your child will receive this in their school email account this afternoon and they will also need to keep this email. **If your child has any questions about class charts please can you advise them to speak with their Tutor.**

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. We do not have cups available.

Timetable and Subject Coding

Please find attached a list of codes used on your child's timetable.

Individual and Year 11 School Photographs

Individual student photographs are due to be taken on Monday 9th of September for Year 11's and Tuesday 10th of September for Years 7-10 by Van Cols Ltd. Your child will be issued with a photo proof card to take home with them on the day with instructions for parents/carers on how to register. Once registered you will get an auto notification to inform you when the images are ready for viewing.

All students to attend school wearing full school uniform.

Physical Education

Please see the attached flyer for this terms after school clubs and fixture days.

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

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

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 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

Welcome Evening Yr10	05/09/2024
PGL Trip - Year 7	06/09/2024
Focus Day 1	06/09/2024
Herstmonceux Trip - Year 8	06/06/2024
Year 11 Photos	09/09/2024
Individual School Photos	10/09/2024
Welcome Evening Yr11	11/09/2024
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