



SCHOOL NEWS 03 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been marking Black History Month in student-led assemblies I would like to thank our Senior Prefect Team for delivering such a well-researched and engaging assembly. The students watching have been captivated and I am sure would have been impressed with the confidence and authority with which the prefects spoke. This is an excellent example of setting a good example and is something we ask all students to do. As you will be aware, one way we do this is by using our consequence cards, where students will receive a “positive” signature for showing a small act of support, kindness or thoughtfulness. It is pleasing to see we are averaging around 300 signatures a week where students have been observed getting it right.

Well done to all students for another week of positive engagement with Study Capture. Developing these good habits helps students gain a better understanding of what they have done in school whilst improving their memory. We encourage parents and carers to talk about this with their children as it is a really good way of seeing what they are learning and the level of understanding they have. If you have any concerns or questions about Study Capture, please contact your child’s form tutor.

Finally, a reminder that good attendance is key to building positive relationships and achieving potential in school. If you need support with this, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s tutor or pastoral leader. Contact details for the pastoral leaders are below.

Year 7 Pastoral Leader – Mrs Terra Gordon – tgordon@worthinghigh.net

Year 8 Pastoral Leader - Mr James Facey – jfacey@worthinghigh.net

Year 9 Pastoral Leader – Mr Jim Fenlon– jfenlon@worthinghigh.net

Year 10 Pastoral Leader – Mrs Jenifer Rhodes – jrhodes@worthinghigh.net

Year 11 Pastoral Leader – Miss Lauren Haslam – lhaslam@worthinghigh.net

Parent/Carer Governor

Thank you to the parents/carers who have put themselves forward as potential Governors. Tomorrow we will be sending out some information about each of the candidates and an online voting form. Please can I ask that you read the information each of our candidates has provided and to make use of your vote.

Parent/Carer Forum

As a school, we are very keen to ensure all stakeholders are given an opportunity to voice their views about the school. One way you can do this is to join our Parent/Carer Forum. This group meets termly to discuss the strategic direction of the school and allows parents/carers to have their say on what is working well and what can be even better. This year we are making some changes, to allow members of the Forum opportunities to come in to the school during ordinary working days and see us in action. We would also like them to meet with and have a cup of coffee with key individuals across the school, so the Forum gains an even better insight into what we are doing, to support us as we continue to grow

and develop. If you are interested in joining our parent forum, please email office@worthinghigh.net.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Post 16 Options Event 2024

We are delighted to confirm that we will once again be hosting our popular Post 16 Options evening on **Thursday 7 November 2024 from 5.00 -7.30pm.**

The evening will provide WHS Students, their Parents and Carers with an opportunity to meet and speak face to face with a large number of local Colleges, Sixth Forms, Apprenticeship providers, Businesses and Armed Service representatives about what each of their Centres has to offer our students as they move on from WHS.

This event will be invaluable for both year groups, assisting Year 11 students in making their final decisions for their Post 16 pathway and providing Year 10 students with the opportunity to begin the process of considering their options in advance in readiness for the transition to Year 11 when final Post 16 decisions and applications will need to be made in the 2025 Autumn Term.

This event will be held in the Sports Hall and entry will be via the doors next to the Millennium Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all and further information about this opportunity will follow closer to the event.

Food lessons:

For practical Food lessons, all students are expected to bring a named container to hold all of their ingredients and to store them in the school fridges in T4 and T5 when they arrive at school. They use the same container to take their cooked food home at the end of the school day (they do not collect it at lunchtime).

In addition to this, KS4 GCSE students are expected to provide their own clean apron.

Please ensure blazers are clearly named as they are hung on hooks in the classroom during the lesson.

Mrs Whitby

Subject Leader for Food Preparation & Nutrition

AYP Parent Partnership Webinars This Term

We are very excited to bring you Season 3 of the #NeuroNinja Parent Partnership programme. Please see the link below for a short video introduction

[**Thursday 24 October - Stepping Up to GCSE Studies**](#)

A webinar for all Y11 students and parents and carers with powerful strategies to help students to manage their GCSE studies. [Video Short Trailing the Webinar on 24 October](#)

GCSE English Literature

As part of the English Literature GCSE, students have to study **An Inspector Calls** by J.B.Priestley. One of the best ways for students to revise this play is to see it live on stage.

There is currently a production of *An Inspector Calls* touring the country. Unfortunately, we are not able to run a school trip as tickets at Southampton are quite limited but we would encourage you (and your families) to attend if you want to see a staged performance of your GCSE set text. This production is an interesting interpretation that sets the action of the play inside a dolls-house version of the Birling family home, and the chaos that unravels in the dining room is further reflected through the destruction of the set and costumes as the play progresses, accompanied by a silent chorus of working-class people who watch the action in the Birling household unfold. There are various different dates and locations that you may be able to attend before the end of 2024 or at a later date in 2025. See the website here for more details and how to book tickets at your preferred venue:

<https://aninspectorcalls.com/tour-dates>

Bedrock: Yr7 and Yr8 English Homework

Congratulations to all our students who have excelled on Bedrock this month, including Jessica Gogova, Thomas Gregory, Harry Pattinson and Harrison Pearce for earning the most points and showing great progress with their English homework. It's fantastic to see how students are building their literacy skills and developing a rich vocabulary. We're proud of your efforts—keep up the great work. Each step you take strengthens your reading and writing abilities, setting you up for continued success. Well done!

For those new to WHS - as part of the school's ongoing commitment to evidence-based literacy instruction, we are partnered with literacy improvement specialists **Bedrock Learning**. Built by former English teachers, Bedrock Learning is a digital literacy platform which offers learners a carefully sequenced and adaptive vocabulary and grammar curriculum. It exposes learners to new words and grammatical concepts through a rich diet of culturally valuable fiction and non-fiction, and its algorithm ensures that learning is personalised to your child, identifying and targeting gaps in knowledge.

When students engage regularly with the programme, this can be a transformative addition to our literacy offering, ensuring that our young people are equipped with the vocabulary and grammatical understanding they need to access the curriculum and express their ideas in every subject.

At WHS students in Year 7 and 8 are expected to carry out Bedrock Vocabulary lessons online for homework, to achieve a minimum of 20 points a week. Homework is set on a Monday and is due by the following Sunday. Teachers receive a report on Monday morning to track student engagement and progress. Those who do not achieve the required 20 points will be set an after-school detention for the following Monday for 30 minutes. This is held in T3, a computer room, to allow them to catch up with their missing homework for English.

PSHE

As part of your child's Personal Development, they cover Health and Wellbeing, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Living in the Wider World within their PSHE lessons. This term, students across the school will be covering the below topics:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Conflict management	Self-harm	Scams and Sextortion	Scams and Sextortion	Scams and Sextortion

Anxiety, worry and depression	Vaping	Smart phone addiction	Time management	Sleep and exercise
Emotional self-literacy	Alcohol	Anxiety	Online gambling	Vaping

If you have any questions about what is covered in PSHE lessons, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader. This website also gives information about how to have challenging conversations with young people: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

World Space Week

World Space Week is almost upon us as we have some great activities planned. Pupils have the opportunity to run the solar system, eat and make space food, launch rockets and much more.

Please follow the Steam X account on @SDE_Steam to keep you up to date

Non-Sports Clubs

Please find the link below to the website where you will find the list of the clubs that are available. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the member of staff running the club.

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=Clubs+%26amp%3B+Extra+Curricular&pid=62>

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

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

Year 11 Mocks 14/10/2024 – 24/10/2024

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