



## SCHOOL NEWS 10 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we are recruiting a new Parent Governor and have had a number of expressions of interest. In order to select from the candidates, please can I ask that you take a few moments to read through their supporting statements and cast a vote on the Google form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeopkFPHXuqyOc8cPxbdjoTongRv3qdySAwazHDJD4UA6xPug/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeopkFPHXuqyOc8cPxbdjoTongRv3qdySAwazHDJD4UA6xPug/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We will aim to share the name of the successful candidate in next week's newsletter.

You will see below a short note from Mrs Kundishora, our Year 9 Progress Leader, who will be leaving to go on maternity leave at the end of term. Whilst we are sad, she will be departing, we are very excited for her and wish her all the best when her new arrival comes. Mrs Kundishora's period of absence will be covered by Mrs Farrell, who has been here for a number of years as a Science teacher. Work has been ongoing so Mrs Farrell is ready to hit the ground running next half term. She has already started to work with students and liaise with families. Mr Fenlon will remain the Year group's pastoral leader.

Good luck to all of our Year 11 students, who will start their first set of mock exams next week. This will be a busy and tiring fortnight for them, so please do contact their tutor or pastoral leader, should you have any well-being concerns. These exams will provide teachers with important information as we look to support them in this final year of their Worthing High School journeys. I must say, the way in which they have prepared for these exams has been really impressive. Their behaviour, focus and attendance to intervention has been exemplary, and I'm sure this will be reflected in their outcomes.

Finally, this week has been Space Week and every year group has received an assembly on the importance of Space exploration, and how learning about the solar system and universe is benefitting our day-to-day lives. As part of this week, on Monday, Year 7 students were treated to a Planetarium experience. On this day, we also welcomed some Year 5 and 6 students from Clapham and Patching, who are also part of the South Downs Education Trust. Thank you to Mrs Petrie, who coordinated this event, and all staff who have supported in its organisation.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Message from Mrs Kundishora**

It has been the greatest pleasure of my professional career so far to be the progress leader for our current Year 9. Whilst this is the case, I must now devote myself to another aspect of my life as I go on maternity leave. I am sad to leave my year group, but I look forward to returning to them next year.

Please keep encouraging them to always aspire to be the best they can be.

Mrs Kundishora  
Progress Leader of Year 9

### Year 11 mocks

We want to support our students as they prepare for their mocks, which start on Monday. To aid with this we will be providing all year 11 students with breakfast on Monday which will be served from the Millennium Hall servery. From Tuesday onwards, all students with a 9am exam will be provided with breakfast from the Millennium Hall servery. Breakfast will be available from 8.15am and is free. We hope that by providing this we will ensure all students are fully prepared and nurtured prior to their examinations.

Mr Simpson  
Deputy Headteacher

### Beyond Curriculum - More Able Programme

This week saw the launch of our more able programme to Key Stage 3 students who have been exploring topics beyond what they usually do in the classroom and broaden their ideas for potential career paths. Year 8 have been doing a journalistic writing workshop and had a guest Journalist talk to them about working with the Prime Minister. Year 7 and 9 had their introductory assemblies and have been completing their applications. All emails have gone out to students to confirm which workshops they are sign up for and sessions start next week!

In addition, our Year 10 students have had an introductory assembly to the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ). This is an independent project which runs during the course of the year and is the equivalent to a GCSE. Applications to the HPQ should be emailed to [sgreen@worthinghigh.net](mailto:sgreen@worthinghigh.net) by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### Message from Student Services

We have unnamed PE kits, several coats, hoodies, some books, odd shoes and lunchboxes. All of this will be cleared at the end of this term if not claimed. Thank you

### Lost and Damaged Library Books

We are having to increase the amount we ask you to contribute towards replacing lost and damaged library books as the current amount (£4) no longer covers the cost of purchasing a replacement. **From the 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will be asking for a £5 contribution when a library book is lost or damaged beyond repair.** This allows us to purchase a replacement copy in good enough condition to stand up to the wear and tear our books endure, going in and out of school bags all day in all weathers! We are letting families know now so they have the opportunity to replace any lost or damaged books at the lower contribution rate before half-term. If a student has an overdue book, a letter will be sent to parents and carers next week with details of what is outstanding. Asking for payment is always a last resort for us, and if you are struggling to cover the cost, please contact [lrc@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lrc@worthinghigh.net). Thank you to the hundreds of students (and their parents and carers) that ensure the majority of our books come back on time and in good condition!

## **Physical Education**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jack Booth in Year 10 who has competed in the West Sussex County Youth sailing regatta and after two full days, totalling 6 races finished in silver medal position with his teammate.

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

Please click the link to the [Autumn term 1 clubs timetable](#). For the next fortnight Year 11 students will be sitting their mock examinations therefore the sports hall will be out of use. Clubs which will not run for the remainder of this half term are listed below:

### **Cancelled clubs due to mocks until the end of term**

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October – No Badminton club
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – No Basketball Club
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – No Basketball Club
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October no clubs due to INSET day

All other clubs will run as normal. Please note we will be running an additional fitness club during the mock period: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3:15-4:15pm.

### **Cross Country Heats**

Cross country heats will be taking part in one of your child's normal PE lessons. Times and dates are listed below. It would be advisable for your child to bring in appropriate footwear and a spare bag to put dirty footwear in.

#### **Details:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 8X/9Y/10X/10Y

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7X/7Y/8Y

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9X

### **After Half Term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 11Y

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 11X

Marie Field

Leader of PE

### **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>

### **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**

**SCIENCE TEACHER**

**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