



SCHOOL NEWS 17 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Somehow, we are approaching the end of the seventh week of term, and we still have a week to go! Understandably staff and students are very tired, so we ask for one final push so we finish the term positively. Please keep supporting your child with attendance; if you require any advice on this, or have concerns, please contact the relevant pastoral leader, who will be happy to support. Keep talking to your children about their day, and if you want an insight into what they have been learning, ask to see their study capture. This is an excellent way to look at the key themes in their lessons and will hopefully give you the opportunity to talk to them about their learning. More detailed information about the curriculum can be found on the website.

Well done to all of our Year 11 students, who are approaching the half way point of their mock exams. Their behaviour has been impeccable and their efforts are not going unnoticed. Regardless of the outcomes of these exams, the feedback teachers provide will be very useful in their preparation for summer exams. It will also help teachers to ensure misconceptions are addressed and interventions are targeted for all students.

You may have seen photos on our X feed of some of our best long-distance runners, who went to the Vale Primary School, where they met Russ Cook "Britain's Hardest Geezer" and supported the Year 4, 5 and 6 Children with a run across the Gallops in Findon. Thank you to all the students who participated, you were amazing Worthing High ambassadors and thank you to Miss Field for organising. Everyone involved had a brilliant morning.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is an INSET day, so students do not come to school on that day. On Thursday 23rd October it is a non-uniform day, please see details below.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Bedrock: Yr7 and Yr8 English Homework Reminder

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support with Bedrock homework – students have been making great progress this half term. As a reminder - 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. Students can access the LRC computers before school, at lunchtime and after school, along with their quiet year group rooms at lunchtime. If they are struggling, they can pop into T1 after school on a Monday for English teacher support. 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 T1, a computer room, to allow them to catch up with their missing homework for English.

Can you help? Seeking Interesting Careers Talks

As part of Beyond Curriculum, we asked our students what they want to be when they grow up. Students have shown an interest in an array of subjects and we would like to help them find out more. Do you (or anyone you know) have an interesting career and would be willing to come and talk to our students about how you ended up on that path, what your job entails and why you love it. We are particularly looking for people involved in:

- Law
- Architecture
- Flying/Aviation
- Medicine
- Engineering
- Zoology
- Veterinarian
- Computer Science

Also open to any wonderful suggestions you may have outside of this list. If you can help, please send an email to cfarrell@worthinghigh.net

Non-Uniform Day for Andy's Angels - Thursday 24th October

On Thursday 24th October we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of local grief charity Andy's Angels. On non-uniform days, students may wear their own clothes and we invite them to make a £1 contribution to this very worthwhile cause. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Post 16 Options Event 2024 - Year 10 & 11

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.

Physical Education

Club and Fixture timetable for Autumn Term clubs

Please click the link to the [Autumn term 1 clubs timetable](#). 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 21st October – No Badminton club
- Wednesday 23rd October – No Basketball Club
- Friday 18th October – No Basketball Club
- Friday 25th 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 21st October 3:15-4:15pm.

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