



## SCHOOL NEWS 24 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a long 8 weeks it has been!

Many of you may have noticed that I have been somewhat absent, and that has been largely due to a small issue of shoulder surgery at the start of the Academic Year.

I am pleased to say that physio and recovery is progressing well, and will hope to be back 'to normal' in the next half term.

It has been great to see and hear of how well Year 7 have settled into their new school, and hopefully it has not been too challenging for them or yourselves as new parents/carers to the school.

Mr Mashford and Mrs Gordon and the Year 7 tutor team have been supporting the transition and integration of Year 7. I ask that you continue with your positive communications with your respective tutor and if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

There has been so much to celebrate and recognise this half term, but shouldn't take anything away from how positive all of our students have come back to school, and what great role models they are for the school, our core values and our community.

Year 11 have also been excellent in their conduct throughout their Mocks. Huge thanks to Mr Beda and the Year 11 Team for supporting the students throughout this process.

Our Year 11s, along with all students, have had to manage themselves around the school and this is always more challenging when our normal outside spaces are impacted by poor weather.

I wanted to thank Mr Toe, Headteacher at the Vale school for allowing a few selected sports prefects to attend a presentation, where Russ Cook, Worthing's very own Hardest Geezer, first person to run the length of Africa, met with pupils from the school and went for a light run on the Downs. Russ Cook has also agreed to be our Presentation Evening speaker in December, and we are delighted that he has agreed to return back to his old secondary school, where he once was a student!

Please can I ask you to ensure that your child's attendance is strong throughout. I appreciate that sometimes it may be difficult and challenging, but attendance is a school and national focus, as it has always been, and it is important that we encourage all of our students to be in school, equipped and ready to learn.

Please report all student absences in a timely manner, and where possible have appointment times after school, so as not to impact your child's learning.

Finally, we wish Mrs Kundishora all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. Miss Farrell will be Interim Progress Leader for Year 9, and any queries should be directed to her during this period.

We also welcome back Miss Beckford who returns from her maternity leave and starts back on Monday 4th November.

And lastly, I wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of the school and Trust, to Mr Ellis, who leaves our Design and Repro team here at Worthing High School after six years. You will be well aware of Mr Ellis's work, as he designs all the termly newsletters, logos, graphics, and even on occasion drives the minibus. He has been an integral part of the school and Trust, and we wish him well in retirement.

Have a restful and well deserved half term break, and please encourage your child to do as much as possible that may not necessarily be online, social media etc, but involves other activities where possible, and see you on our return on Monday 4 November.

Pan Panayiotou  
Executive Headteacher

Firstly, I am pleased to share the outcome of our Parent/carer governor vote. Congratulations and welcome to Ian Fielding who received most votes. Joining Ian on our board of Governors is Lorna Sinsbury, who will be our new staff Governor. Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to put themselves forward for this role, we now look forward to working with Ian, Lorna and the rest of the Governing Body as we work tirelessly to ensure the school continues to flourish.

I was reflecting that this is the longest term I have experienced in my eighteen years in the profession. To get to the end of the eighth week, so positively is extremely impressive, and to see students working so diligently right to the end of period 5 today, makes me incredibly proud of the resilience and efforts from our students and staff. To try and put into context what a positive term this has been, I am delighted to share that staff have witnessed and signed consequence cards over 6600 times, this term. Every time a card is signed for a positive reason, it means we have witnessed a student embodying our core values and making a positive contribution to our community. We hope to exceed this number next term, as we continue to catch students getting it right.

I would like to finish by thanking staff and students for their hard work and commitment this term, and thank you to parents and carers for their on-going support. Remember that tomorrow is an INSET day, so students should not come to school. I hope that families enjoy the half term break and students enjoy a well-earned rest. Please don't forget to re-stock pencil cases, and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at normal time.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Mock Exams and Interventions**

#### **Year 11:**

I wanted to say a massive well done to all of our year 11's on an amazing effort with their mock exams over the last 2 weeks. They have truly embodied our core values of resilience and excellence. During our celebration assembly this afternoon we will be ensuring that their well-being is a priority by ensuring their efforts are recognised and celebrated along with encouraging a period of rest throughout half term. You would have been notified by our subject leaders of interventions starting after half term with the option subjects. These

will replace the English, Maths and Science interventions. We feel it is vitally important that students have the support needed as they receive their mock results to ensure their continued attainment and progress through these interventions. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

#### **Year 10:**

We are delighted to be starting interventions sessions within English, Maths and Science with selected students. This will give students an excellent opportunity to develop their understanding of content delivered in lessons. Subject leaders will be contacting families directed for those invited, these are compulsory. Thank you for your continued support of your child's educational attainment.

#### **Remembrance Day**

We will be marking Remembrance Day **on Monday 11 November** with a minute's silence and a point of reflection.

If students wish to make a charitable contribution and purchase a poppy, they are being sold in school during tutor time.

We would like to provide the opportunity for all current cadets to be able to attend school in cadet uniform on Monday 11 November and to honour and remember those who have served our nation by being part of our group observing the 1 minute of remembrance at the school flagpole. If your child is a current cadet and would like to attend school in their cadet uniform on Monday 11 November, please can you notify [office@worthinhigh.net](mailto:office@worthinhigh.net).

#### **Bedrock: Yr7 and Yr8 English Homework Reminder**

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support with Bedrock homework. A huge congratulations to George J in year 7 and Tayla L in year 8, for making the most progress this half term out the whole of their year groups. As a reward, they were given a token for our book vending machine and we hope they enjoy reading their new books!

As a reminder – students may need headphones to listen to extracts and segments enabling them to engage fully with the program. If you do not have access to this resource, please let contact [office@worthinhigh.net](mailto:office@worthinhigh.net) . 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.

#### **Action Your Potential**

Don't forget today at 8pm [Action Your Potential](#) are running a Stepping Up to GCSE webinar for all parents, carers and Y11 students. It will be really helpful for Y10 students too. We have over 700 parents and carers signed up so far!!!

[To sign up you can either click here](#) or [via the link in the poster](#).

[Here is a promo video explaining](#) what we'll be covering on the 24 October.

### **Message from Catering**

The canteen has a shortage of the coins used for the juice machine. If your child has any of the coins that they are not going to use please can they be given back to the canteen.

### **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**

#### **Well done**

- Nicholas in Year 10 competed in the Sussex Winter Championships at the weekend. He became the 200m Butterfly Champion, secured a silver medal for his 50m butterfly and bronze for his 100m butterfly.
- Year 9 Footballers were runners up in the district league final this week against St Oscar Romero in a close contested match
- Year 11 Rugby have secured a placed in the district final for the third year running – final will be played after half term.

### **Club timetable and fixtures Autumn Term 2**

Please click the link to the [Autumn Term 2 Clubs Timetable](#). Clubs will start back Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Cross Country Heats**

Well done to all students who have taken part in the cross-country school heats. Year 11 students will complete their heats after half term. 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 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 - FULLTIME/PART TIME - Required from Easter 2025***

**Non-Teaching**

***LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT Full-Time (Part-time considered) Fixed Term Appointment Until July 2025 at Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School***

**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**

Post 16 Careers Evening	07/11/2024
Year 10 ARE – Virtual	14/11/2024
DofE Walk	17/11/2024
Presentation Evening	21/11/2024

**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