



SCHOOL NEWS 7 NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope your child has enjoyed a restful half term break. We have a busy term ahead and events start straight away. This afternoon we welcome 30 different providers in to school for our post-16 event, which is open to Year 10 and 11 Worthing High Schools students, and their families. This is an excellent opportunity to experience the breadth of offers available in the locality and beyond. The providers will include Sixth Forms, colleges, vocational centres and apprenticeship providers, so we thoroughly recommend you attend – no booking is necessary.

Next week is Academic Review Evening for Year 10 Parents and Carers. This is an online meeting with your child's tutor, to discuss the report they will receive early next week. This is a good opportunity to discuss progress, and to raise any concerns or queries you may have, after their first half term as Key Stage 4 students. Booking information has already been sent out. Please contact office@worthinghigh.net if you need further support with bookings.

Also, next week, we will be paying our respect and marking Remembrance Day with a point of silent reflection at 11am. If you can spare some change, please encourage your child to buy a poppy, which are being sold in school every day this week, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Looking even further ahead, we are busy planning for our awards evening, on 12th December. We are delighted to welcome "Britain's hardest geezer" and former Worthing High student, Russ Cook, as our guest speaker. Invitations to this event will be sent soon, and we look forward to seeing lots of families celebrating the many achievements of so many students.

We look forward to another busy and productive term. As always, keep your eye on our X feed for all the latest news and events coming from the school, and please keep checking your child's study capture for an overview of what they have been learning, and some of the key takeaways from their lessons.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Pencil Cases and Equipment

All students should bring to school each day the following items:

- Pencil Case * 2 x black pens
- 1 x blue pen * 2 x green pens
- 2 x pencils * Coloured pencils
- Highlighters * Eraser
- Ruler * Sharpener
- Glue stick * Small scissors
- Reading book * Scientific Calculator

Please can you check with you child that they have the correct equipment. Stationary can be purchased in the LRC either before school, at break or lunchtime and after school.

Steam Focus 2

As we start a new half term it seems fitting to celebrate all the wonderful STEAM activities that took place last half term, as well as advertise what is coming up.

During the first week of half term students were taken off timetable to experience a variety of activities. Year 8 went to Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre, and explored the facilities with interactive experiments and working telescopes.

Meanwhile back at school Yr. 9's explored forensics techniques looking at fingerprints and blood spatter analysis.

The green car club is going from strength to strength, and were competitive at their last race at Dunsfold race track.

Other clubs are still continuing and always looking to welcome more people. If you are not sure what they involve, the best way to find out is but turning up and getting involved.

Some examples of activities are below.

- * Science club has mad gummy worms and indoor fireworks with sugar snakes.
- * Tech club has expanded and are now working on a Soap Box challenge.
- * Art club is now full at KS3.
- * Textiles club has been a great success and will continue with a new project this half term.

Steam club will focus on plastics over the next three weeks, for a national competition, with a potential prize for the winning student of £500.

Other completions that Worthing High will be involved in are Teen tech, and Industrial Cadets. I look forward to seeing the innovative ideas the students come up with.

If you would like to get involved in some REAL science and contribute, here is one citizen science project that you can do so from your back garden.

<https://www.earthwormsoc.org.uk/ners> The society are trying to collect a large amount of data about earth worms as they could be an indicator of how healthy our planet is.

If you would like to know more about our STEAM provisions, or would like to contribute, please contact me at jpetrie@worthinghigh.net

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@worthinghigh.net.

Art Competition, Design a Christmas Card

Christmas is a time to get together, and be creative! Worthing High School and Clapham and Patching C of E School

You are invited to design a joint Christmas card, which will be sent out by each school.

We invite Year 7 students at WHS and all years at Clapham and Patching C of E School to enter.

Make your own A4 Christmas inspired work, entries can be drawn, painted, printed, collaged/ mixed media. No lettering inside needed just the artwork with your name clearly labelled on the back.

One winner from each School will feature on the double-sided card, (in a landscape format). The 2 winners and 3 runners up will each receive a gold Art badge and a prize.

Deadline for the competition, by the end of Monday 25th November. WHS Students please hand in your entries to Mrs Hunt in F9.

Clapham and Patching School please hand your card entries to Mrs Chubb.

Judging will be the Art Department, Mr Panayiotou and Mrs Chubb. Good Luck!

School Council

We at the School Council will be collecting advent calendars during November which we will hope to distribute to some members of our school community at the beginning of December and we would be very grateful for your support. Any type of advent calendar will be gratefully received. Please ask your child to leave your donations with Mrs Hopkins in her office half way up the E corridor stairs.

In addition to this, the school council are hoping to spread some Christmas joy with another project; if you have any spare shoeboxes, please also leave these with Mrs Hopkins. More information to follow about this project soon!

Charity News

Thank you to our students and families for their donations to Andy's Angels for the non-uniform day before half-term – we raised over £800 for this fantastic local charity.

On Friday the 15th November, our charity reps will be running a Charity Fair at lunchtime in the Sports Hall. There will be stalls, games and activities for 50p each, and all proceeds will go supporting the fantastic work of Children In Need, who fund many local and national projects. We encourage all our students to come along and participate!

Post 16 Options Event 2024 - Year 10 & 11

A reminder that our Post 16 Options Evening is **tonight from 5:00PM – 7:00PM**.

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 timetable and fixtures Autumn Term 2

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

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
Year 11 SRE – Face to Face	05/12/2024
Presentation Evening (Amended date)	12/12/2024

INSET Days for Academic Year 2024-25.

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Friday 29/11/2024

Monday 02/12/2024

Monday 06/01/2025

Friday 20/06/2025

Monday 21/07/2025

Tuesday 22/07/2025