



## SCHOOL NEWS 23 JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am going to focus on the importance of feedback this week, which was the key theme in assemblies this week. It was emphasised how important it is for students to act on advice. Every day in lessons, students will be receiving feedback on what they could do next or how they can improve, and it is vital they listen and reflect to become better learners. This is something you can help with at home, by encouraging your child to complete their study capture. This reflection time is invaluable in helping students remember key information. Their self-reflection also allows you to see how confident they are feeling in particular subjects. Please discuss this with them, and if you are worried they are scoring themselves low for particular subjects, please contact their subject teacher or tutor.

For daily feedback on key elements of your child's school day, please remember to check ClassCharts, and if you haven't done so yet and are able to, please download or login to the application. Here you will find up-to-date information about your child, their behaviour points, attendance and punctuality. Once again, if this raises any concerns, please contact your child's tutor.

Parents and carers of Year 8 students will have the opportunity for feedback on your child's progress at next Thursday's Subject Review Evening. Here you can sit down with your child's individual subject teachers. If you have not yet booked, please do-so. If you need support making appointments, please do not hesitate to contact [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net).

Finally, I would like to thank our parent/carer forum for their time on Tuesday. This was our first meeting and gave an opportunity for parents and carers in each year group to provide us with feedback. We will continue to meet throughout the year and discuss developments in the school – as always, parent/carer voice is fundamental to what we do. If you would like to join this group, you still can. Please email [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net). Meetings are remote and we try to be as flexible as possible with timings, for your convenience.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Year 9: Curriculum Choices Evening**

All year 9 parents should have now received their invite to the curriculum choices evening which is being held on February 13 at 5pm-6.30pm. This is your opportunity to listen to a presentation explaining our curriculum throughout key stage 4 but also to speak to subject leaders regarding all the varied qualifications and options for year 10 and 11. Parents will be notified of the different pathways during w/c 03/02/25. You can find more information on our website.

### **Music Co- Curricular opportunities**

It's a great time to be thinking about starting a new musical adventure. Tuition is available in school for the following music activities. Please use the links provided to contact the tutors directly to enquire about costs and availability of lessons.

Flute – Mr D Smith - [dominic.smith@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:dominic.smith@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

Singing – Miss V Bramley - [WSMusic@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:WSMusic@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

Drum Kit – Mr N Sandford - [Nathan.Sandford@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:Nathan.Sandford@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

Brass – Mr L Greenwood - [nroffbrass@gmail.com](mailto:nroffbrass@gmail.com)

Keyboard – Mrs H Phillips [helen.phillips70@icloud.com](mailto:helen.phillips70@icloud.com)

### **After school clubs**

#### **Tuesday pm**

Guitar club – BSharp Guitar School - [bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com)

#### **Friday pm**

KS4 period 6 - Mr Martin - [dmartin@worthinghigh.net](mailto:dmartin@worthinghigh.net)

You may qualify for assistance with paying music tuition costs. West Sussex Music provides some bursary schemes that may cover all or part of the cost of tuition. Please click this link <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/help-with-costs/> for further details.

### **Library Closures**

There are some upcoming library closures for before and after school sessions:

**Friday 24 January** – Open until 5pm but no internet access after 3.30pm due to IT maintenance

**Monday 27 January** – Close after school

**Tuesday 28 January** – Closed before school

**Wednesday 12 February** – Closed after school

**Thursday 13 February** – Closed to students all day, including before and after school

Please ensure, if your child would usually use the library at these times, they have made other arrangements for those days.

### **Steam Focus – Warhammer painting competition**

Worthing High has a great deal of STEAM opportunities for all students to participate in. The variety is broad and diverse. One such club is the Warhammer club, run by Mr Dyas every Friday.

The club is well established and is launching a miniature painting competition that will be judged on Friday the 28 of February. The competition is open to anyone, and not just those that attend Warhammer club.

There will be two sides to the competition, the standard miniature part which is a normal sized miniature of some sort (infantry sized) and the centrepiece part (which is a larger item, such as a tank or a monster).

Winners and runners up for both aspects, will receive a prize, which will be related to this genre of painting. Students can enter both.

In order to enter, students will need to email Mr Dyas [cdyas@worthinghigh.net](mailto:cdyas@worthinghigh.net) and include:

- their name,

- a picture of themselves with an unpainted or mainly unpainted model
- state what model it is
- what contest they are entering.

**Deadline for entry is the 14 February**

You will bring in the finished items on the 28 February

**Physical Education**

**REF: Physical Education and Dance Clubs**

Spring Term 1 clubs and fixtures have started. However, I wanted to outline a few dates when clubs will unfortunately not be able to run.

Monday 10 February – no clubs will run due to staff meetings

**Year 11 mock period Monday 3 – Friday 14 February**

Any clubs which take place in the Sports hall will not be able to run. This will include, Badminton, Basketball, and Volleyball.

Please click the link to the [Spring Term 1 Clubs Timetable](#).

**Non-Sports Clubs**

Please find the [Non Sports Clubs](#). If you have any questions, please get in touch with the member of staff running the club.

**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**

**English Teacher - Main or Upper Pay Range (ECTs welcome)**

**Full time/Part Time 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**

Early Finish – 13:30	30/01/2025
Year 8 SRE	30/01/2025
Year 11 Mock Exams	03/02/2025 – 14/02/2025
Year 9 Curriculum Choices Evening	13/02/2025
Early Finish – 13:30	27/02/2025
Year 9 SRE	27/02/2025

**INSET Days for Academic Year 2024-25.**

**The school will be closed to students on these days:**

Friday 20/06/2025

Monday 21/07/2025

Tuesday 22/07/2025