



SCHOOL NEWS 30 JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and unpredictable week! As you will be aware, on Monday we lost internet in the school, which was finally reinstated this morning. I would like to thank our staff and students for ensuring the disruption was minimised. It was inspiring to see teachers change plans at last minute and deliver lessons in a slightly different way. For many, this was their first experience of teaching and learning without internet, so we shouldn't underestimate just how hard they worked to ensure their lessons were of a consistently high standard. Likewise, students needed to respond in a positive way – which they did! Also thank you to our amazing IT team, who have worked tirelessly to resolve the issue

As a result of our connectivity issues, the Year 8 reports were slightly delayed in being sent, apologies they only got to you today. I am hoping Year 8 Parents and Carers still have the opportunity to read these ahead of the Subject Review Evening this afternoon.

This week in assemblies, students were given an overview of Focus Day 2, which takes place on Thursday 13th February. This is a day of enrichment, careers and STEAM-based activities. Keep an eye on our school website and X feed for more information. For Year 9 students, this day will focus on curriculum choices and they will spend the day in taster lessons, where they will gain an experience of the subjects we offer at Key Stage 4. A reminder to parents and carers that on the same day, our curriculum choices evening will take place. Here you can speak to our subject leaders and hear a talk from myself and Mr Simpson about pathways and the process of making preferences.

Finally, good luck to all of our Year 11s who will start their mock exams on Monday; we are confident your hard work will pay off. As always, if your child needs support managing this period of examinations, please contact their tutor, Mr Beda or Miss Haslam.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Consequences at Worthing High School

I wanted to share a reminder of our consequence system so that we can continue to work together to support your child in school.

We aim to 'catch students getting it right' and will sign consequence cards, award merits and make positive calls and emails to celebrate times when our students make positive choices.

There may be occasions when our students do not make positive choices and there will then need to be consequences for their actions. Within the classroom if a student is not meeting our expectations, the member of staff will issue a warning (C1), this will not be logged and there will not be a consequence for this. Our hope is that at this point, the student reflects on their behaviour and makes a positive choice. If the behaviour continues then the member of staff will issue a second warning (C2). At this point, a member of senior staff will have a conversation with the student to help them to make positive choices. The consequence for this will be that the student will have a 10-minute detention either at break, lunch or after school (whichever is closest to the lesson). The member of staff will

then have the opportunity to discuss the student's behaviour with them to enable them to start the next lesson positively. If the behaviour persists, the member of staff will then issue a C3 – this requires the student to leave the classroom and report to our behaviour support room (F8a). A member of the behaviour team will speak with the student so that they are ready to return positively to their next lesson. The consequence for this is a 30-minute detention after school with the member of staff the following school day where the behaviour leading to a C3 will be discussed and the student will catch up on any work missed.

Please may I remind parents and carers that our home school agreement allows us to keep students until 3.30pm without notification (though we would always endeavour to do so).

There are additional consequences when students accrue negative signatures on their cards or fail to complete homework. We also place students in internal exclusion for significant incidents and on occasion we may need to suspend students from school.

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your on-going support with enabling all of our students to make positive choices. There may be occasions when some of our students make the wrong choice but when we work together this allows students to reflect and then make the right choice. This leads to them achieving positive outcomes in school and creates the warm and welcoming environment that we have in school and are very proud of.

Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 Mocks

As our year 11's embark on their second round of mocks we wanted to state that to ensure their well-being is prioritised, those with morning exams will have access to breakfast in school. Students will be able to leave school after their core exams which start at 11.30. This is to embed routines and habits for independent study to ensure they are fully prepared for their GCSE's in the summer. We will be providing a study room period 5 should any students wish to stay at school. All students should bring revision materials with them each day that are not IT dependent. Many students have had revision sessions with Action Your Potential, this is a great opportunity to start implementing the strategies learnt.

Library Closures

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

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.

Non-Uniform Day 14 February

Friday 14 February will be a non-uniform day raising funds for local charity Little Lifesavers. Little Lifesavers ran a free session teaching bystander-CPR skills to our incoming students at our summer school this year, and have to date passed these skills onto almost 20,000 young people across the country. You can find out more information at <https://littlifelifesavers.org/>.

More information about the non-uniform day and how to contribute to the charity will be shared next week.

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 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

No Current Vacancies

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 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