



SCHOOL NEWS 20 MARCH 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't often link these two topics, but this week, rubbish was a theme running through assemblies! Students learned about upcoming changes to waste and recycling, which will require everyone in school to be more mindful about where we dispose of our waste. Using the correct bins will be essential. For students, this also means eating only in designated areas, where the appropriate recycling points will be available.

This week, we welcomed our second Iceland trip back. Students represented the school impeccably, and hearing about their experiences has been incredible. All of them gained so much from the visit – a huge thank you to Miss Schuler, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Conrad and Mr Lucking for taking the students.

I would also like to thank the Science department and our fantastic Year 7 Scientists for creating engaging displays and presentations for the Science Fair. Students independently planned and prepared information stalls on scientific topics of their choice. From hydraulics to planets, it was inspiring to hear students speak so confidently about their research. A quick reminder to parents and carers: if your child rides a bike to school, they must wear a helmet and should not leave their bike on school grounds overnight.

Finally, don't forget that tomorrow we'll be raising money for Comic Relief. If you're able to contribute, please send your child in with a donation so they can take part in the activities. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements

As you will be aware our year 11s started their Food GCSE practical exams last week. The written exams start on Thursday 8 May where they occur regularly until Wednesday 18 June.

To support our student's preparation, from Monday 12 May all year 11 students will be expected in school as usual in the morning where they will attend their normal lessons or their timetabled exams. Teachers will be allowing them to revise as appropriate during these lessons or delivering targeted support lessons. If students do not have an afternoon exam, they will be allowed to leave school at 12.30pm. This is to replicate the support and process they have experienced throughout the mock period. If students have an afternoon exam or wish to stay in school after 12.30pm then a study room will be available to them. We will be providing breakfast for students who have a morning exam to again replicate their mock experience. Year 11s leaving assembly will be on Friday 23 May from 11.30-12.30. Formal study leave will start after the May half term. Each student will receive an individualised timetable for their GCSE exams.

If you have any questions, please email their progress leader or pastoral leader in the first instance: mbeda@worthinghigh.net lhaslam@worthinghigh.net

Reminder to All: Social Media Platforms Have a Legal Age Limit of 13

We would like to remind everyone that all social media platforms are legally restricted to users aged 13 and older. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we continue to engage with students through assemblies and our PSHE programme, raising awareness about the potential risks of social media and how to use it responsibly.

Term Dates 2025-26

Please find attached term dates for the academic 2025-26 year.

World Down Syndrome Day

In support of World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 21 March we would welcome students and staff to wear brightly coloured odd socks.

Comic Relief

To Celebrate Comic relief's 40th Birthday tomorrow we are running a few events in school.

We are holding a cake sale; students have been encouraged to bring in a cake to go towards the sale. If it is homemade, please include an ingredients list otherwise we will not be able to sell it.

Several members of staff including Mr Swift have volunteered to be sponged in the name of charity. 50p for 3 sponges with a slightly increased rate to take aim at the Deputy Head!

There is also a guess the teacher competition with entry forms available from the LRC for 50p. A winner will be drawn from all the correct entries and they will win an Easter Egg.

Finally, an opportunity for a student to swap places with Mr Cook and have a go at running the school for a lesson. 50p per entry which can be given to tutors or paid for on Wisepay.

Please encourage your child to get involved by either bringing in a cake but most importantly bringing in some money and buying some cake or throwing some sponges. All money will go towards supporting the amazing work of the organisations supported by Comic Relief.

The Nationwide BBC Young Composer Competition 2025 is Now Open

The BBC Young Composer competition 2025 is NOW OPEN! If you are 12-18 (on the 1 July 2025), they want to hear your music! Whether you compose, produce or experiment with sound, this is your chance to take your creativity to the next level.

For full details on how to enter, including our [Rules](#) and [Privacy Notice](#), visit: bbc.co.uk/youngcomposer.

Bedrock Homework – Parent Evening for Yr7 & Yr8

A reminder that the **Bedrock Parents' Evening** is tonight, **Thursday 20 March**, from **7pm to 8pm**. This hour-long online event (run by Bedrock themselves) is designed to strengthen the important home-school connection and ensure that everyone is involved in supporting our literacy strategy. By attending, you'll gain valuable insights, including:

- Why language is crucial to academic success
- Key takeaways to help you support language development at home
- A live demonstration of Bedrock's platform and the Parents' Portal

This event is an excellent opportunity to learn more about how you can actively support your child's learning journey. We encourage all yr7 and yr8 parents/carers to sign up for this informative session using the following link:

[Register for Bedrock Parents' Evening](#)

Ski Trip Launch

Following the success of previous ski trips, we are delighted to announce that there will be another Worthing High School Ski Trip in 2026. The trip is open to current year 7, 8 and 9 (years 8, 9 and 10 at the time of the trip).

This trip departs over the first week of the Easter holidays: Sunday 29 March 2026 – Saturday 4 April 2026. This year we will be travelling to Italy to the resort of Folgarida/Marilleva. We will be staying at Residence Il Vigo in a doorstep position at Marilleva 1400.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1450, which can be payable through a payment plan. This cost includes full board accommodation including hot lunches, a 5-day lift pass, 5 hours per day of ski tuition and hire of skis, boots, poles and a helmet. We will have an in-house evening entertainment programme and will provide fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance.

We will be hosting a launch evening on **Thursday 27 March at 5pm** in the Millennium Hall where we will be able to share more information about the trip. If you are interested in your child attending this trip, please do come along.

Physical Education

REF: Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please click the link to the [Spring Term 2 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

EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS

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 Academic Review Evening	20/03/2025
Last Day of Term – 12:30 Finish	04/04/2025
Easter Break	07/04/2025 – 21/04/2025
Year 7 Subject Review Evening	23/04/2025

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



Academic Year 2025 - 2026 - Parents

Worthing High School

Term	Dates
Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 September to Friday 19 December 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 3 September - INSET (1) • Thursday 4 September - INSET (2) • Friday 5 September-Year 7 Only • Monday 8 September- All Year Groups • Saturday 20 September- OPEN DAY • Friday 26 September - INSET • Friday 24 October - INSET • Friday 28 November - INSET • Monday 1 December- INSET
Half term break	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025
Christmas break	Monday 22 December 2024 to Friday 2 January 2026
Spring Term	Monday 5 January to Friday 27 March 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 5 January - INSET
Half term break	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026
Easter break	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026 <i>Friday 3 April - Good Friday</i> <i>Monday 6 April - Easter Monday</i>
Summer Term	Monday 13 April to Wednesday 22 July 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 4 May Bank Holiday • Friday 19 June - INSET • Monday 25 May Bank Holiday • Wednesday 22 July - INSET
Half term break	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 <i>Monday 25 May Bank Holiday</i>
Summer break	Starts Thursday 23 July

INSET DAYS (9)

Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Thursday, 4 September 2025

Friday, 26 September 2025

Friday, 24 October 2025

Friday, 28 November 2025

Monday, 1 December 2025

Monday, 5 January 2026

Friday, 19 June 2026

Wednesday, 22 July 2026