



## SCHOOL NEWS 27 MARCH 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week in assemblies, Mr. Simpson has been discussing neurodiversity, emphasising the importance of celebrating differences and challenging unkindness. Students were also encouraged to speak to a member of staff if they have any concerns about their own well-being or that of their friends. Parents and carers are also urged to reach out to the relevant Pastoral Leader if they have any concerns about their child's welfare. Please see the contact list below for details.

Another issue we frequently address in school is online safety, which has become a highly discussed topic, since the release of *Adolescence* on Netflix. Parents and carers may have watched the programme themselves or noticed its widespread discussion on social media. This programme highlights the importance of monitoring their child's social media and internet use, to ensure their online presence is safe. If you have any concerns around this or would like more information, please contact your child's pastoral leader.

Please find attached some information from Clapham and Patching Primary School, who are also part of the South Downs Education Trust, about their voluntary work in The Gambia. Any donations to support their efforts would be gratefully received.

Finally, I would like to share some fantastic extracurricular successes. Firstly, congratulations to our literacy team, who won a locality school competition last week. Secondly, congratulations to our Year 8 boys' basketball team, who won the district final, and finally, congratulations to our boys' year 11 Rugby team, who once again have won the district final. Thank you to the staff who organise our extracurricular events and the students who participate with such energy and enthusiasm. Please do check our website if your child would like to join a club, we have huge variety and all students are welcome, not all are competitive and they are a fantastic way to make new friends and develop new interests.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Pastoral Leaders**

Year 7 - Terra Gordon [tgordon@worthinghigh.net](mailto:tgordon@worthinghigh.net)

Year 8 - James Facey [jfacey@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jfacey@worthinghigh.net)

Year 9 - Jim Fenlon [jfenlon@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jfenlon@worthinghigh.net)

Year 10 - Jenifer Rhodes [jrhodes@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jrhodes@worthinghigh.net)

Year 11 - Lauren Haslam [lhaslam@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lhaslam@worthinghigh.net)

### **Community notice for parent/carers,**

We are aware that there have been significant incidents of anti-social behaviour in the locality, which is of concern. The police are aware and are taking steps to address this, but we would encourage parents and carers to ensure that their children are not alone in parks after school. Parents and carers may want to encourage your child to avoid parks and Worthing Town Centre, as these have been identified as areas of concern. We have an extensive enrichment offer after school if students want to do something with their friends at the end of the school day.

### **Easter Intervention**

We are offering year 11 students Easter intervention to support them with preparation for their GCSE's. This is being offered at no cost to parents/carers and is only possible as staff are volunteering their time. The following subjects are offering this support:

Science: [akent@worthinghigh.net](mailto:akent@worthinghigh.net)

English: [hdavies@worthinghigh.net](mailto:hdavies@worthinghigh.net)

MFL: [mbeda@worthinghigh.net](mailto:mbeda@worthinghigh.net)

DT: [KRasarathnam@worthinghigh.net](mailto:KRasarathnam@worthinghigh.net)

Geography: [cgllover@worthinghigh.net](mailto:cgllover@worthinghigh.net)

Food Preparation and Nutrition: [cwhitby@worthinghigh.net](mailto:cwhitby@worthinghigh.net)

Textiles; [jbaptiste@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jbaptiste@worthinghigh.net)

Business: [nmariosa@worthinghigh.net](mailto:nmariosa@worthinghigh.net)

Art: [mhunt@worthinghigh.net](mailto:mhunt@worthinghigh.net)

History: [joram@worthinghigh.net](mailto:joram@worthinghigh.net)

Media: [nhoad@worthinghigh.net](mailto:nhoad@worthinghigh.net)

Child development: [jpetrie@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jpetrie@worthinghigh.net)

Subject leaders will be inviting students in, but should you wish your child to attend one of these sessions, please contact the relevant member of staff listed above for further information regarding times and dates.

### **Preloved Uniform Sale**

FOWHS will be hosting a second-hand uniform sale in the Millennium Hall at 3.30pm on Monday 31 March 2025. Card payments are preferred. Many thanks.

### **The Healthy Selfie**

### **Attach Flyer**

Please see the attached flyer regarding an This interactive webinar, which takes place **on 1 April 2025, 19:30 - 21:00**, is suitable for preteens/teenagers from year 6+ and their parents/carers, and will explore ways to get a healthy balance with technology.

### **Forest School – Update and Request for Donations**

### **Attach Letter**

Please find attached a letter from our Alternative Provision team with an update on our Forest school provision and how you may be able to help.

### **Thank you**

We would like to thank Parkers Building Supplies for their generous donation of materials to our Forest School. These will be put to good use by our Forest School students who are also really grateful for their generosity.

### **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](mailto:mbeda@worthinghigh.net)    [lhaslam@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lhaslam@worthinghigh.net)

### **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 our launch this evening, **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*

### **Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School**

*Office Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)*

### **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**

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