



SCHOOL NEWS 03 APRIL 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a truly busy and eventful Spring term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your dedication, resilience, and commitment have been truly inspiring, especially through what has been an incredibly busy term, including our recent OFSTED visitors.

Our students at every level have worked incredibly hard, with enthusiasm, and determination. You continue to make us proud, and I hope you take this Easter break to rest, recharge, and celebrate your achievements and come back ready for the Summer term, and for our Year 11's, a few weeks before their exams begin.

Our parents and carers-your ongoing support and encouragement mean so much to WHS. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for the role you play in our school community, led by our incredible team of dedicated and committed staff at every level.

On behalf of myself and the Trustees of SDET, we wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter break when you get there.

Thank you once again for everything you do.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO of South Down Education Trust

Following Mr. Panayiotou's message, I'd also like to thank parents, carers, students, and staff for their efforts this term. We have accomplished a great deal, and I encourage you to read our new **South Downs Education Trust** termly magazine, [Thrive](#), which highlights news from both **Worthing High School** and **Clapham & Patching**, the other school in our Trust.

I also want to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of good attendance. Congratulations to those students who have improved their attendance this term! If you have any concerns or need support in improving your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant pastoral leader. I have attached posters shared with students that highlight just how crucial regular attendance is; the new summer term is an excellent opportunity to establish positive routines and make improvements.

Thank you in advance to the numerous staff who are giving up their holiday time to run intervention sessions for Year 11. If your child is due to attend, please can you ensure they are on time and have all the relevant information ahead of the session. For more help with this, please contact Mr Beda. For all Year 11 students, this is a vital holiday, and whilst it is important to recuperate after a busy term, it is also the last holiday to revise ahead of the first GCSE exams, so please keep working hard and preparing yourself for your final exams.

A couple of quick updates:

- Look out for this week's *Worthing Herald*, which features a double-page spread celebrating our **Year 7–11 football teams**.
- Don't forget that **tomorrow is a non-uniform day** in support of **Comic Relief** - please see the details below.

Wishing you all a fantastic break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday, 22 April**, at the usual time.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Non-Uniform Day – Tomorrow

The school will be holding a charity non-uniform day on **Friday 4 April** prior to the Easter holiday to continue the fundraising for Comic Relief.

As Comic Relief celebrated 40 years this year we want to help support as many organisations as we can and build on over £200 raised on Red Nose Day through the cake sale and sponge the teacher events. Thank you to all staff students, charity reps and parents for participating and bringing in money and cakes. A big thank you to Mr Swift and Mr Townsend who took the majority of the sponges on the day. The Headteacher swap and Guess the Teacher event winners will be announced after Easter.

More details on Comic relief can be found on their website: <https://www.comicrelief.com/>

On our non-uniform day, students should observe the following:

- Students can wear any **suitable** non-uniform.
- Usual standards regarding jewellery, make up and suitable hair styles and colours will still be in place.
- Students that have P.E on the day may wear non-uniform but must have appropriate footwear for a P.E lesson (they must bring trainers).

We suggest a contribution of £1.00 from your child which can be paid through Wisepay, or they can bring in their cash donation the week leading up to the 4th March and hand it to their Form Tutors or paid on Wisepay. This ensures that all contributions are collected and accounted for in advance of the day. I know the charity will be very grateful for all your support.

I would like to emphasise to students that although an early finish on Friday at 12.30pm for students, normal lessons will take place and therefore items and styles of an inappropriate nature will not be permitted and this does include hair dye.

We are very grateful for your support in raising funds for this vital cause.

Year 10 Mocks: English, Maths and Science

We wanted to provide parents/carers and students will advance warning that year 10 will be sitting 1 mock paper in English, Science and Maths on May 6, 7 and 9 respectively. Students will be given information during assembly on the first week back to ensure they know the logistics of the 3 exams and preparation for these has started or will start straight after

Easter. You will receive a revision list and revision materials tomorrow via school comms to help with preparation with revision. Mocks will be sat in formal test conditions. Students will be given an individual timetable with dates/time/location after Easter. Students should speak to their class teachers should they have any questions regarding this process. These mocks will help teachers assess their current level of learning, provide students will preparation for high stakes testing in formal exam conditions and may also be used for college applications in the Autumn term when students return in year 11.

Staying Safe – West Sussex Tips On Staying Safe When Out and About

We know that staying safe is a concern for many children and young people. This can be especially so when you are out and about in town centres. Whilst the chances of being a victim of anti-social behaviour or crime are low, we want to do everything we can to provide useful information to help you to stay and feel safe.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/your-space/support/personal-safety/stay-safe/>

Worthing Herald Football Special

Please find attached information from the Worthing Herald about their football special souvenir edition release.

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

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