



## SCHOOL NEWS 01 MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am incredibly proud to share with you the very positive outcome of Worthing High School's recent Ofsted inspection. The report highlights the school's strong leadership, committed staff, and the excellent attitudes and achievements of its students.

This achievement shows what can be accomplished when we work together as a community. I would like to sincerely thank the staff at Worthing High for their continued hard work and dedication, and also to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. Your partnership is an important part of the school's ethos, values and ongoing success.

Pan Panayiotou,  
CEO of SDET Trust

We are delighted to share the very positive outcome of our latest Ofsted inspection, which took place on 4 and 5 March 2025. The report confirms that *Worthing High School has taken effective action to maintain the high standards identified at the previous inspection*, and it reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our entire school community.

You will see in the report that Worthing High students are "*proud, positive and passionate about their education*", which perfectly reflects the ethos and culture of our school. Throughout their visit, inspectors were hugely complimentary of your children, and were provided with a real insight into what a happy and inclusive school Worthing High is.

While we are proud of this recognition, we remain focused on addressing areas for improvement, and you will see in the report, it is important we continue to work together to maximise attendance and reduce absence from school as much as we can. We know when your child is in school, they will benefit from the learning and experiences we offer, and this is something we are determined to continue improving.

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank you—our parents and carers—for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement plays a crucial role in the continued success and development of Worthing High.

To read the full Ofsted report, please see the attachment to this newsletter.

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Message from Lou Davey, our Chair of Governors**

On behalf of the Governing Board at Worthing High School, I am delighted to share our pride and appreciation following Worthing High School's recent Ofsted inspection, which resulted in a very positive report. This outcome is a testament to the unwavering

dedication, professionalism, and care shown by every member of our staff. Their commitment to providing the very best education and support for our students has been rightly recognised, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you – our parents and carers – for the continued support you give to the school. Your engagement, encouragement, and partnership play a vital role in creating the strong, inclusive and ambitious community we are all part of at Worthing High.

To our students – thank you for your hard work, positivity and the way you represent the school every single day. You are at the heart of everything we do, and this report reflects your enthusiasm and spirit as much as anything else.

We look forward to building on this success as we continue to move forward together.

Lou Davey,  
Chair of Governors

### **Important message from Our Chair of Trustees**

I am delighted to share some exciting news concerning Mr Panayiotou, who has recently been invited to become a RISE Advisor—a school improvement role that recognises the impact of strong and experienced leadership in education.

RISE, which stands for *Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence*, is a national programme led by the Department for Education. It brings together highly effective leaders from across the country to support school improvement within their region. As a RISE Advisor, Mr Panayiotou will work with other leaders to help drive up standards, share best practice, and support schools that may be facing challenges.

We are incredibly proud of this recognition, which is a reflection not only of Mr Panayiotou's outstanding leadership but also of the strength and success of Worthing High School, and South Downs Education Trust as a whole. Importantly, Mr Panayiotou will continue in his full role as CEO, and his work with RISE will complement and enrich the leadership he brings to our schools.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our Trust to contribute to the wider education community, while also gaining valuable insights and connections that will benefit our students, staff, and families.

If you would like more information about RISE, please use the links below:

- An update to the RISE page on gov.uk - [Regional improvement for standards and excellence \(RISE\) - GOV.UK](#)
- From the Times Education Supplement - [DfE recruits more RISE advisers to increase 'stuck' schools support | Tes](#)

Richard Cohen  
Chair of Trustees

### **Advertising on 'Thrive' Magazine**

Attached is a price list for advertisement space in South Downs Education Trust's new termly publication, *Thrive*. If you are interested or require further information, please use the contact details on the flyer.

### **Year 8 Vaccinations – Wednesday 7 May 2025**

Please remember your child will need to wear a short sleeved top and make sure they have had breakfast in the morning and bring a water bottle on the day.

### **Year 9 Berlin History Trip – Available Space**

We have a 1 spare History Berlin place available subject to behaviour points and senior leadership approval. If this is of interest, please e-mail [Trips@worthinghigh.net](mailto:Trips@worthinghigh.net) ASAP

Please see info below:

### **10 - 13 July 2025**

As a valuable enrichment experience for Year 9 Historians, the History team are planning a four-day residential visit to Berlin. It will deepen their knowledge of Weimar and Nazi Germany and their understanding of key events that took place in Berlin during the Cold War. Lastly, the trip will give students the opportunity to experience the German language and culture.

Places we plan to visit include the Reichstag, Sachsenhausen, The Museum of Topography, The Museum of Resistance based in the Wehrmacht HQ, Wannsee, the Olympic Stadium, The DDR Museum and the Holocaust Memorial. Other sites also included will be the Brandenburg Gate, PotsdammerPlatz and Alexanderplatz. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful city of Berlin.

The cost of the trip is currently £769 which includes:

- Return air travel
- 3 nights bed and breakfast based in the A&O Mitte or similar
- Evening meals in Berlin and a packed lunch on one day
- Coach hire whilst in Berlin
- All entrance fees to sites

### **VE Day**

Next week we will be observing VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), marking the end of World War II in Europe and honouring the sacrifices made by those who served. Throughout the week, students will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities to help them understand the significance of this historic event. These will include tutor time activities and reflective discussions in subject areas.

### **ClassCharts – Parent/Carer Access Reminder**

We've noticed that some parents and carers have not yet accessed the ClassCharts app this academic year, and some accounts haven't been used since the start of term. Here is a reminder of where you can download the app [ClassCharts Parents/Carers App](#).

ClassCharts is a key platform for keeping up to date with your child's attendance, behaviour, and homework. Regular use of the app helps you stay informed and involved in your child's learning journey.

If you need help logging in, retrieving your access code, or navigating the app, please contact the school office at [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net). Support is also available on our [school homepage](#), including a Parent Guide and FAQs.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Year 11 GCSE Information**

As some students start their GCSE's this week we wanted to clarify arrangements over the coming weeks:

- There will be no change until May 12
- From May 12 until May half term, all students are expected in school at the usual time of 8.40am.
- Students will attend their normal, timetabled lessons if they do not have an exam in the morning. We will be providing breakfast for students with a 9am exam.
- Students will be allowed to leave school at 12.30pm if they have no afternoon exam.
- We will be offering study rooms for students if they wish to remain at school until the end of the school day.
- Students must continue to wear full school uniform whenever they are in school.
- Students must continue to conduct themselves in line with our school expectations.
- Leavers assembly is May 23 from 11.30-12.30.
- After May half term students are only required in school for their exams. They must continue to wear full school uniform.

If you have any queries, please direct these to Mr Beda ([mbeda@worthinghigh.net](mailto:mbeda@worthinghigh.net)) and Miss Haslam ([lhaslam@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lhaslam@worthinghigh.net)).

### **Euro Space Centre, Transinne, Belgium trip – 8 - 11 May 2026**

I am delighted to inform you about our exciting Euro space trip next year. It is an amazing opportunity for pupils in KS3 (those currently in yrs 7 and 8) to experience science in practice, using a variety of simulations, exercises and team activities.

Students learn about life in space, the training programmes that actual astronauts go through and much more.

To register your interest for your child to take a place on the Euro Space Centre trip in Belgium, Friday 8 May – Monday 11 May 2026, we would like to invite you to an information evening to share with you further details and answer any questions you may have.

Millennium Hall - Thursday 8 May 2025 5:30-6pm

If you would like to attend, please email me at [jpetrie@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jpetrie@worthinghigh.net) so that we can accommodate you.

### **Preloved uniform Donations**

Friends of Worthing High School are reaching out to request donations of good quality school uniforms for our pre-loved uniform sales, which are held throughout the year. These sales are a fantastic opportunity to recycle uniforms, support our school community and ensure affordability for all families.

We particularly encourage Year 11 students who may no longer need their uniforms to consider donating. Donations can be dropped off at the reception at your convenience.

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping to make school uniforms more accessible for everyone.

### **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**

**SUBJECT LEADER COMPUTING**

#### **Non-Teaching**

**EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS**

#### **Clapham & Patching Vacancies – Non-Teaching**

**BREAKFAST CLUB LEADER**

**LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (FIXED TERM)**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

For up-to-date information don't forget to follow us on the links below:

### **Twitter**

Whole School: @WorthingHigh

Headteacher: @WorthingHigh\_ht

South Downs Education Trust: @sdetrust

Trips: @worthinghighout

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: @WorthingHighCar

Lettings: @HighLettings

### **Intagram**

Whole School: worthinghighschool

PE: worthinghigh\_pe

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| May Bank Holiday (the school will be closed) | 05/05/2025              |
| Year 10 Mock Exams                           | 06/05/2025 – 09/05/2025 |
| HPV Vaccinations                             | 07/05/2025              |
| Year 11 GCSE's                               | 08/05/2025 – 18/06/2025 |
| May Half Term                                | 26/05/2025 – 30/05/2025 |
| Early Finish (13:30pm)                       | 12/06/2025              |
| Year 10 Subject Review Evening               | 12/06/2025              |
| Year 11 GCSE Exam Contingency Day            | 25/06/2025              |

Please find below the link to our school calendar on our website

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/calendar/?calid=6,7,1&pid=6&viewid=1>

## **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