



## SCHOOL NEWS 15 MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week, with Year 11 GCSE examinations well underway. This will be a stressful time for Year 11 students, and it is important they still feel supported as they go through the exam period. If you have concerns, please contact Miss Haslam: [lhaslam@worthinghigh.net](mailto:lhaslam@worthinghigh.net).

Today we held a presentation for our new senior prefect team, where they received ties and badges. A huge congratulations to all students who will join our student leadership team. They are excellent role models for our school. Tomorrow the remaining prefects will also receive ties and badges; a huge well done to them too. Student leadership is an excellent way to make a positive difference to our community, and their efforts are really appreciated.

Finally, a reminder that we can help if you have concerns over your child's attendance, or require support. Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant pastoral leader, who will be happy to support. The links between good attendance and positive outcomes are very strong and we want to ensure all parents and carers know what they can do to improve their child's attendance.

Year 7 – Mrs Gordon ([tgordon@worthinghigh.net](mailto:tgordon@worthinghigh.net))

Year 8 – Mr Facey ([jfacey@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jfacey@worthinghigh.net))

Year 9 – Mr Fenlon – ([jfenlon@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jfenlon@worthinghigh.net))

Year 10 – Mrs Rhodes – ([jrhodes@worthinghigh.net](mailto:jrhodes@worthinghigh.net))

Adrian Cook  
Head of School

### **Biennial Sponsored Walk**

On Thursday 19 June, our biennial sponsored walk will take place. This has taken place every two years since 1999, and during that time, we have raised £113,341.21 for Chestnut Tree House.

This year staff and students will be raising funds for Chestnut Tree House and Sussex Search and Rescue, who will be supporting us on the walk.

This is an opportunity for our school community to work together to raise valuable funds for these two amazing charities.

The walk takes staff and students from Worthing High School to Chanctonbury Ring and back, and will require lots of resilience to complete the 12 miles.

Students have been given their sponsorship forms during tutor time this week and will be looking for sponsorships from friends and family. Sponsorships can be made through our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/worthing-high-school-7>

Sponsorships can also be made on Wisepay or cash in a named envelope to the finance office.

Please support your child in raising monies for these amazing charities.

### **Reminder: Year 10 Work Experience Day – Monday 7 July 2025**

A reminder that all Year 10 students are expected to take part in Work Experience Day on Monday 7 July. Places must be sourced by students with parents/carers' support. If you require any additional help, please contact Mr Fisher asap. The Placement Form must be completed by the student, parent/carer, and employer, and returned by **Monday 9 June**, along with a copy of the employer's Liability Insurance.

Forms can be emailed to [workexperience@worthinghigh.net](mailto:workexperience@worthinghigh.net) or handed to **Mr Fisher in the Careers Office (B1b)**.

Additional copies of the Placement Form and further guidance, including suggestions of types of employers who may offer placements, are available on our website: [Work Experience Information](#)

### **Year 10 - What Next Sussex? - Post 16 Virtual Event**

A reminder that the independently organised live online event for students, parents, and carers across East and West Sussex will take place on **22 May 2025, from 6:00–7:00pm**. This event offers additional support to help students plan their next steps after GCSEs.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Chat live (via typed chat) with colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers, and employers from across Sussex
- Access up-to-date video content on the different pathways available after GCSEs, including options for young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

**To register your interest in attending please click this [link](#).**

For further information about the event please use the providers website:

<https://www.getcareerconfident.co.uk/what-next-sussex>

### **Developing resources for families about online child sexual exploitation and grooming**

DRAGON is working with the Breck Foundation and are looking to recruit parents/caregivers of one or more children aged 9-17 to consult on developing our **DRAGON-Shield training for a parent/caregiver audience. Dragon- Shield is an OG prevention and support-oriented resource for a parent/caregiver audience in a format aimed at widespread dissemination.**

Are you a parent or carer of one or more children aged 9 to 17 who wants to help develop resources for parents/caregivers about online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), particularly online grooming (OG)?

Would you like to advise us on adapting our ground-breaking, research-based DRAGON-Shield training for child-safeguarding practitioners into resources to help parents/caregivers to build their knowledge about OG communication to better support their children?

How to get involved?

Sign up by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025:

[https://swanseasom.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Ow1yn9rQYwAQjY](https://swanseasom.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Ow1yn9rQYwAQjY)

### **Archaeology Webinars**

Discover what it's like to study Archaeology at Cambridge.

Interested in the human past and want to find out what that means at Cambridge? Do you enjoy history, art, language or science? Join us for a series of online webinars with lecturers from the Department of Archaeology.

The BA (Hons) Archaeology at Cambridge is made up of four subject areas: Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Assyriology and Egyptology.

Each webinar will consist of an introduction to the subject area, a 30-minute taster lecture and a Q&A with a Cambridge academic. The final sessions will cover where Archaeology can take you in the future and how best to prepare for applying to Cambridge. All sessions will take place on Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm. Sessions and dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 7th May – Archaeology with Prof Cyprian Broodbank
- Wednesday 14th May – Egyptology with Dr Kate Spence
- Wednesday 28th May – Assyriology/Mesopotamian Archaeology with Dr Steve Renette
- Wednesday 4th June – Biological Anthropology with Dr Emma Pomeroy
- Wednesday 11th June – What can you do with Archaeology? With Dr Dacia Viejo-Rose, Sarah-Jane Harknett, Dr Jody Joy and Dr Jimena Lobo Guerrero Arenas
- Wednesday 18th June – How to apply and hear from some alumni with Dr Sam Lucy, Dr Matt Brudenell and Dr Emma Brownlee

Please sign up using the link below before 9am the day before the session. A Zoom invitation will be sent later that day.

### **Who can attend?**

These webinars are **open to all students** who aged 14 and above. We particularly welcome attendees from Year 12 (England and Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland), S5 (Scotland) or equivalent. Students currently studying at international schools are also very welcome to attend.

If the webinar is oversubscribed, we will prioritise those participants who are under-represented at the University of Cambridge. Book your

place: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3qjR5wtvQKk4F3U](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qjR5wtvQKk4F3U)

More information: <https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/outreach-and-public-engagement-events/archaeology-webinars>

**Please feedback how you found the webinars to Mr Swift**

### **Charity Fundraising Update**

There will not be a non-uniform day at the end of this half-term, instead we will focus on fundraising, including our sponsored walk and other charity activities, in the second half of

the summer term when exams are over. We'd like to thank all the Year 11 Charity Reps for their contribution to fundraising this year, and throughout their time at Worthing High.

### **Year 11 Canteen and Locker Refunds**

#### **Catering**

PS Catering are proud to provide the catering services at Worthing High School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom while your child has been at Worthing High. Any monies still remaining on student accounts after 2 June 2025 will be refunded via their Wisepay accounts as long as the card used to top up, is still valid, or any balance can be transferred to a siblings account.

Cash refunds will only take place for those students who topped up their accounts with cash, or for those whose visa cards have expired.

Any requests for cash refunds must be made to the Canteen Manager accompanied with a signed and completed form which can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Students are encouraged to use any remaining funds on their accounts prior to their final exam.

#### **Lockers**

All lockers are to be cleared out and keys are to be returned to the Facilities Office by 27 June 2025.

If a locker key is returned and the spare key is available, a refund of £2 will be made in cash. Any locker keys not returned by Tuesday 1 July 2025 will be considered lost and lockers will be cleared out and contents disposed of.

#### **Food Department**

If you eat GU dessert pots (or similar treats) we would really appreciate donations of the glass ramekin or souffle style mini containers. We use these in our GCSE practical lessons and exams when making panna cotta, chocolate mousse and mini cheesecakes

We continue to make good use of Celebration and Hero type containers as well. Thank 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 [Summer 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**

**DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE**

**EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS**

**WELFARE ASSISTANT & FIRST AIDER (STUDENT SERVICES)**

## **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**

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