



SCHOOL NEWS 22 MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer half term break, I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our Parents and Carers and students, and notwithstanding our incredible Year 11 students who are in the throes of their GCSE Examinations. They have been a credit to themselves and the school, and I know that they will be working diligently over the half term break with revision. It won't be long before they have completed their final exams.

All of you have been notified of our recent Ofsted results, and we now gear up for our Year 5 taster mornings starting Monday 23 June where we promote our amazing school.

You will also have been sighted on our biannual Sponsored Walk which will take place on Thursday 19 June. Please know that your help and support, and that of your child, makes such a big difference, and enables us to raise considerable funds for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

Have an enjoyable and restful half term break when you get there.

Kind regards
Pan Panayiotou

I hope your child has enjoyed a productive term and is looking forward to a well-earned break. Although it has been a shorter term, there has still been so much to reflect on: the UK Maths Challenge, the trip to Valencia, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, countless sporting achievements, diversity workshops, and Youth Ambassador training for online safety, to name just a few.

Next term, we look ahead to what is probably the busiest of the year. We will be welcoming our new Year 7 cohort for their intake day, hosting open mornings for families of Year 5 pupils, celebrating Activ8 Day, taking part in our biennial sponsored walk, and much more.

One way we like to reflect on the strength of our positive school culture is by looking at the number of *Positive Consequence Cards* awarded to students. So far this academic year, over 26,000 have been given out—each one representing a moment where a student made a good choice, demonstrated one of our core values, or showed kindness. I hope this offers a meaningful insight into our school community and how positively students interact and behave.

Many students continue to do this consistently, and it's a real pleasure to see the canteen full of those invited to our reward breakfasts for their excellent conduct this half term. These students have shown strong attendance and earned a significant number of merit points. Well done to everyone invited—keep up the hard work, and thank you for being such fantastic role models.

Sadly, tomorrow we say goodbye (for now) to our Year 11 students, who begin study leave after the break. They have been an exceptional year group and are a credit to the support

and leadership of Mr Beda, Miss Haslam, and their brilliant team of tutors. Good luck with the remainder of your exams, Year 11—you are still very much part of our school community, and I look forward to seeing you at your leavers' assembly tomorrow.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you to our students for their hard work and positivity. We hope they enjoy a restful break and return on **Monday 2 June** ready for the final term. We also hope Year 11 can recharge while making their final preparations for the exams ahead.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

PS Catering

Please see the attached letter from our catering supplier, PS Catering, regarding an update on school meal tariffs. Please see our website for menus and more information.

<https://www.worthinghigh.net/page/?title=Catering&pid=53>

Geography GCSE y10 Trip 3 & 4 June 2025 reminder

10A, 10D1 & 10D2 attending Tuesday 3 June only

10C1 & 10C2 attending Wednesday 4 June only

GCSE Geography students will be completing their Geography fieldtrip on the date outlined above. On their assigned day, students will need to meet their teacher at the front of Worthing Pier at 8.45am to register. On the day of the fieldwork your child will be allowed to wear their own clothes that are appropriate for a beach field trip. Lunch will be taken at school but they should bring a water bottle and a snack if they wish for morning break.

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

A reminder that this independently organised live online event for students, parents, and carers across East and West Sussex will take place this evening, **22 May, 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>

Year 11 Reminders

Study leave starts on 2 June whereby students only need to be in school for their exams.

They should report to the millennium hall when coming in for exams. If students are sitting their exams at the Glynn Owen they should report straight to the Glynn Owen. We look

forward to welcoming students in tomorrow and Friday at 8.40 until 12.30 (unless they have an exam in the afternoon). The leavers assembly is on Friday at 11.30.

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.

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.

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

No Current Vacancies

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