



SCHOOL NEWS 10 JULY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fast approach the end of term and before we have our well-earned and deserved summer break, I wanted to outline a few changes within our South Downs Education Trust structures from September 2025.

As you will be aware, my role has been Executive Headteacher, overseeing Mr. Cook of Worthing High School, and Mrs. Chubb at Clapham & Patching CofE Primary School, who are currently Heads of School. It is now the appropriate time for them to move into the role of Headteacher designate from September 2025 for both of our schools.

I will still be based at WHS and will continue to grow our Trust, along with a part time secondment to the Department of Education as a Regional Improvement for Standard and Excellence (RISE) Adviser. I will continue to support the Headteachers, Chairs of Governors, Staff and students and try not to interfere with the day-to-day operational running of our great schools. (Try is the word!)

Both Mr. Cook and Mrs. Chubb are excellent leaders in their own right, and as a Trust we are very proud of what they do day in and day out and what they have achieved, and now have the accountabilities associated with the role of Headteacher.

You will not notice a discernible difference hopefully, but I felt it important to acknowledge the change and thank you, our parents and, for your support always.

I will continue in my role as CEO of the Trust and am committed to the WHS and C&P and the other schools that are joining the Trust in the future.

Kind regards

Pan Panayiotou

Executive Headteacher

CEO South Downs Education Trust

I am proud and excited to begin my new role as Headteacher of Worthing High School this September. Having worked closely with our exceptional staff and students, as Head of School, I know first-hand what a special community this is and I feel incredibly honoured to be stepping into this role.

Our school has a clear and ambitious vision which recognises and encourages all students to be kind and academically inspired. This vision resonates deeply with me, and I am committed to strengthening it and building on the many areas where our school already excels. Our recent Ofsted inspection highlighted a journey of continued improvement since the previous inspection in 2020 and I will work tirelessly and closely with Mr Panayiotou to ensure we continue to improve.

Worthing High is a school built on strong values: Community, Resilience, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence and these will continue to guide everything we do. I look forward to working with you all in the future, as we support every student to pursue excellence, thrive, and achieve their best.

Looking ahead to tomorrow's Activ8 Day, we're excited to welcome back former student Lui Maxted, fresh from his recent appearance at Wimbledon. Lui will share his experiences of the tournament and reconnect with the spirit of our annual inclusive celebration of sport.

Finally, as we approach the final week of term, a reminder that students should return in full school uniform on Monday. If the weather becomes particularly hot again, we will notify parents, carers and students of any adjustments to uniform expectations.

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Activ8 Day – Tomorrow

Important Information: Activ8 Sports Day – Friday 11 July

Our annual Activ8 Day will take place this Friday, 11 July. This is a fun and active event designed to promote sport, wellbeing, and many of our school's core values: resilience, excellence, teamwork, and respect.

The weather is forecast to reach 25°C, so we kindly ask that students come to school well-prepared for the conditions:

- Full PE Kit – to be worn to school
- Refillable water bottle – to stay hydrated throughout the day
- Sun cream – applied before school and brought in for reapplication
- Sun hat – optional, but recommended for sun protection

Thank you for your continued support.

Non-Uniform Day

Please see the attached letter regarding non uniform day on Friday 18 July

What is the Free School Meals (FSM) Scheme?

FSM is a government initiative to ensure all eligible pupils have access to a nutritious meal every school day. In addition to supporting your child's health and wellbeing, registering for FSM helps the school receive additional funding (known as 'pupil premium') that we use to enhance educational provision for all students.

Eligibility Criteria

Your child may be eligible for FSM if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit, and with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying)
- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

For full and up-to-date eligibility details, please visit the West Sussex County Council FSM page:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

How to Apply

1. Visit the West Sussex County Council website (link above) and follow the instructions to apply online.
2. If you need help completing the form, please contact our school office office@worthinghigh.net

Already Receiving FSM?

- If your child is currently receiving FSM, you do **not** need to reapply for this summer.
- **However, you will need to reapply next year** (summer 2026) to ensure continued support.

Benefits of Registering for FSM

- A free, healthy meal every school day for your child
- Additional funding for the school to provide support, resources, and enrichment activities
- Potential eligibility for extra support (e.g. Holiday Activities and Food Programme)

Next Steps

- **Check your eligibility** using the information and links provided
- **Apply online** if you are eligible and have not yet registered
- **Contact the school office** if you have any questions or need support with your application

Little LifeSavers

During Focus Day 3, Year 7 benefited from some free, lifesaving skills sessions run by [Little LifeSavers Charity](#). The charity is volunteer led and is always looking to recruit new volunteers to deliver sessions and help us fundraise.

Could you help the charity by volunteering/donating?

The volunteer process is very straightforward and is all online. It takes just 3-4 hours of your time to complete, and you do not need previous CPR experience. The charity provides full support and equipment. You will need an enhanced DBS certificate which is registered with the Update Service. If you don't have this, then the charity can apply for it for you for a small one-off contribution of £15.

Volunteering can be great fun with friends, and it is a brilliant way to give back to the community and feel good. By inviting parents/carers to join the charity as volunteers, it means the children at our school and others will benefit from receiving crucial lifesaving skills sessions this year and in future years to come. Please have a look at the volunteer information leaflet attached and visit www.littlelifesavers.org or email info@littlelifesavers.org for more information or to sign up (please note, volunteers do not have to be parents/carers so please spread the word to your own networks if you are not able to help yourself, but you know someone who might be interested). If you are unable to spare time to volunteer but you are interested in helping the charity fundraise then there are lots of ideas on their website [here](#) but we always love to hear new ideas too! Thank you in advance, Georgie McCall, Operations Manager

Trips

Year 9 Berlin Trip – July 2026 – Applications open to current Year 8 students

In the next academic year, we are excited to announce that we are planning a school trip to **Berlin**, taking place from **Thursday 9th July to Sunday 12th July 2026**. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore one of Europe's most historically rich and culturally vibrant cities.

The trip will offer students the chance to deepen their understanding of modern history, particularly World War II and the Cold War, and engage with Berlin's unique heritage. The itinerary is set to include visits to:

- The Berlin Wall Memorial
- Brandenburg Gate
- Checkpoint Charlie Museum
- The Reichstag Building
- DDR Museum
- German Spy Museum
- Topography of Terror
- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial
- The Olympic Stadium (including guided tour)

The **total cost** of the trip is **£820 per student**, which includes:

- Return flights and coach transfers
- Three nights' accommodation with full board and a restaurant meal
- All excursions, entry fees, and guided tours
- Travel insurance and supervision by experienced staff

To secure a place on the trip, we require a **deposit of £200** by **W/C 14 July** (please select the Berlin History Trip 2026 after logging into Wise Pay). A payment schedule will be provided following the initial deposit.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a case-by-case basis. Please note, we will take

into consideration behaviour points when allocating trip places.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss financial assistance options, please don't hesitate to contact the office office@worthinghigh.net

FOWHS

Preloved uniform Donations

Following a summer holiday is a prime time for the children to grow out of their current uniform. The Friends of Worthing team will be holding another Pre-loved Uniform sale, in the new academic year.

These sales are a great opportunity to recycle uniforms, support our school community and ensure affordability for all families. The Friends of Worthing team will be holding another Pre-loved Uniform sale, in the new academic year.

If your child has already grown out of their uniform, or does so over the summer break, please drop these items into the main reception, they are open through the summer holidays.

All proceeds from our pre-loved sales are used to further enhance our school facilities.

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

Instagram

Whole School: worthinghighschool

PE: worthinghigh_pe

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Activ8 Day | 11/07/2025 |
| Summer Showcase | 15/07/2025 |
| Last day of term. Early Finish – 12:30pm | 18/07/2025 |

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| Year 7 Starting | 05/09/2025 |
| All other Year Groups return | 08/09/2025 |

School Calendar

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:

Monday 21/07/2025

Tuesday 22/07/2025

INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 – 26

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Wednesday 03/09/2025

Thursday 04/09/2025

Friday 26/09/2025

Friday 24/10/2025

Friday 28/11/2025

Monday 01/12/2025

Monday 05/01/2026

Friday 19/06/2026

Wednesday 22/07/2026