

SCHOOL NEWS 15 JANUARY 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MFL Mocks	13/01/2026 – 28/01/2026
Subject Review Evening (Year 7)	22/01/2026
Early Finish – 13:30pm (All School)	22/01/2026
February Half Term	16/02/2026 – 20/02/2026
Subject Review Evening (Year 9)	26/02/2026
Early Finish – 13:30pm (All School)	26/02/2026

INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 - 26

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Friday, 19 June 2026

Wednesday, 22 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the second week of term, I would like to thank you for your continued support as we progress through what is a busy and important part of the school year. Student's have been working hard in lessons and are showing how at Worthing high School we 'Always pursue excellence'.

This has been embodied by our Year 11 students who have been completing their Modern Foreign Languages mock examinations. These assessments are a valuable opportunity for students to practise exam technique, manage their time effectively, and identify areas for further improvement ahead of the summer examinations. We are proud of the mature and focused attitude shown by our Year 11 cohort and encourage them to continue revising steadily and seeking support from their teachers where needed.

I would also like to remind families that our Year 7 Subject Review Evening will take place on Thursday 22nd January. This event provides an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet subject teachers, discuss progress and work collaboratively to support students in reaching their full potential. We strongly encourage attendance, as open communication between home and school is key to student success.

As stated in last week's newsletter, attendance remains a major focus for us as a school. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for academic progress, well-being, and the development of positive learning habits. We greatly value our partnership with parents and carers and ask for your continued support in ensuring students attend school every day unless genuinely unwell.

This week our school assemblies have focused on our core values of integrity, respect, community and well-being. These values underpin everything we do and help ensure that our behaviour standards remain high across the school community. Students have engaged thoughtfully with key messages around uniform expectations, being a positive role model within the community, punctuality and being equipped ready to learn. It has been encouraging to see the positive effect this has had on interactions and standards within the school throughout the week.

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

Year 10 Work Experience Day July 2026/ Focus Day 3

A letter has gone home today to announce the Year 10 Work Experience Day on Monday July 6th. This is an essential part of our work-related learning curriculum aiming to give students a genuine "experience of work" and a firsthand look at the professional world.

Students, with the support of parents and carers, are required to secure their own one-day placement. This unpaid day allows students to observe daily operations, understand workplace discipline (such as time-keeping and teamwork), and explore an industry that sparks their interest. Please see your letter for further details and the important placement forms that you will need to complete. If you need help sourcing a placement please speak to tutors, the pastoral team or Mr Fisher in B1b.

Litter Picking

As we begin the new school term, we will be reinstating litter picking after school. As one of our core values of 'community', students carry out litter picking after school to ensure a positive school environment for all. Please note that we have changed the days of the week for each year group to ensure that their Progress Leader can support the process.

To this end, we will be continuing to take a whole school approach to litter. Each week a different community will be responsible for cleaning the field of litter from 3.10pm until 3.30pm. They will be supervised by their form tutor and progress leader and will be provided with litter pickers and bin liners.

The schedule will be:

Date	Tutor group responsible for litter collection after school
20/1	7B1 + 7B2
21/1	8B1 + 8B2
22/1 (1:30pm due to Early Finish)	9B1 + 9B2
23/1	10B1 + 10B2
27/1	7H1 + 7H2
28/1	8H1 + 8H2
29/1	9H1 + 9H2
30/1	10H1 + 10H2
3/2	7S1 + 7S2
4/2	8S1 + 8S2
5/2	9S1 + 9S2
6/2	10S1 + 10S2
10/2	7T1 + 7T2
11/2	8T1 + 8T2
12/2	9T1 + 9T2
13/2	10T1 + 10T2

Students will leave the school site at 3.30pm on this day and all students should be encouraged to wash their hands before leaving.

We are hoping that students will take the opportunity to reflect on the importance of maintaining a positive school environment.

Thank you for your support with this and for ensuring that your child attends the litter picking session on the date allocated. Please notify the relevant progress leader if your child is not able to attend for a valid reason, if we do not receive notification prior to the litter picking session the student will be added to an SLT detention. If poor weather is forecast, students will still litter pick in our covered areas.

Scholastic Book Fair – 23 to 30 January 2026

After a very successful Fair in 2024, we are excited to announce that the Book Fair will be returning to Worthing High at the end of January. There will be a wide range of titles available, from classics to current bestsellers, with prices starting from just £2.99, so save a bit of Christmas money for a new book – or three!

FOWHS

Plea for Clothes Rails

Do you have a freestanding hanging clothes rail that you no longer need? If so, we would be very grateful to hear from you. We are looking to borrow or rehome a small number of rails to help us organise items for our preloved uniform sales. If you can help, please get in touch with FOWHS.

FOWHS Preloved Uniform Sale

FOWHS will be holding a preloved uniform sale on:

Thursday 5 February 2026

5:00–6:00pm

The Glynn Owen Centre

Ways You Can Support FOWHS

★ Sponsor an Event ★

Could you, your employer, or your business sponsor an event? We're always looking for amazing individuals and businesses to help support our fundraising efforts. Please get in touch at fowhs@worthhigh.net.

Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can support us for **FREE** every time you shop online. Simply sign up and choose FOWHS as your cause:

[Easyfundraising](#)

Follow Us

Make sure you're following us on Instagram for the latest news, events, and updates:

 [@friendsofworthhighschool](#)

Join FOWHS

We meet once a month (usually virtually) to share ideas and organise events. The more people involved, the more funds we can raise to support our school community.

Volunteer

We are always grateful for any help you can offer. Any time you give is truly appreciated.

Support Our Events

Come along and join us at our events — your support makes a real difference.

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

FOWHS has good stock levels but is still collecting branded uniform in good condition (especially girls' uniform). If your child has outgrown their uniform and you're able to donate it, please drop items into the **main reception**.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please click the link to the [Spring Term 1 Clubs and Fixtures Timetable](#).

Please note that no clubs will run on the below dates due to staff meetings/events

- Thursday 22 January
- Monday 9 February

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.

Drama club takes place on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend we will begin to plan a summer showcase event.

Please note, there will be no Drama club on the below dates.

- 4 February
- 25 February

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:

Instagram

Whole School: [worthingschool](#)

IT: [worthinghigh_it](#)

PE: [worthinghigh_pe](#)

FOWHS: [friendsofworthingschool](#)

Twitter

Whole School: [@WorthingHigh](#)

Headteacher: [@WorthingHigh_ht](#)

South Downs Education Trust: [@sdetrust](#)

Trips: [@worthinghighout](#)

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