



SCHOOL NEWS 12 FEBRUARY 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Year 9 Vaccinations	04/03/2026
Curriculum Choices Evening – Year 9	19/03/2026

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,

What a phenomenal and busy half term it has been for Worthing High School! Today has been their Focus Day, and it has been a fantastic opportunity to see all of the students engaging in so many diverse activities, while broadening their knowledge and understanding. A huge thank you to all the visitors and volunteers who helped with interviews for our Year 10 students. I cannot thank them enough for their time, working with everyone of our students in order to help them get all important guidance and support. Just one of many activities happening today on Focus Day.

Many of you will have seen Worthing High School on Tuesday featured on BBC South. It highlighted the incredible work that Mr Cook and all staff and pupils do at Worthing High School, as a lead DfE Attendance and Behaviour Hub school, one of only three schools in the South East. A huge privilege for us. Below is the link in case you would like to read the news article that accompanied the BBC South report:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0rjwr8xgrxo>

We acknowledge the importance of Attendance both as a school and as a Trust, and hope that you will continue your support as a parents and carers in ensuring that your child attends school 100% of the time. We fully appreciate all the challenges this brings, but evidence is really clear that the better a child's attendance is, the more opportunities they have to be successful at school, and eventually when they come to their GCSE's.

Thank you for all that our parents and carers, staff and pupils for an excellent start to 2026, and wishing you all a restful and safe half term break when you get there.

Pan Panayiotou

CEO South Downs Education Trust

Today was our second focus day of the year and it has been extremely successful. I hope that the Year 7 students enjoyed the Young Green Briton Challenge, Year 8 students were inspired by their trip to the Farnborough and Aldershot Museum, and that Year 9 have developed a good understanding of what the Key Stage 4 curriculum will be like after undertaking a number of taster sessions. A huge thank you to all of our visitors who have come in today, from a range of different businesses to conduct interviews with Year 10

students. I appreciate that for some Year 10s, this took them out of their comfort zone, which made their maturity and engagement with the process all the more impressive. Interview skills are extremely important and having the time to think about their own aspiration and careers is invaluable, as they approach the final year of secondary School.

A reminder that we are running interventions throughout out the half term for Year 11 students and invitations have been sent out for these. If you are unsure, or would like further information on these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Morris. rmorris@worthinghigh.net.

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow is the last day of half-term and it will be a non-uniform day. Please see details below. I hope students enjoy a safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing them back in school on Monday 23 February.

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

Support Services

Please see the attached poster with useful websites and resources available for support.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13 February

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13 February 2026 prior to the half term. Please see the attached letter for more information.

After-School Choir – Join Us on Mondays!

Our after-school choir runs every **Monday from 3:10–4:10pm**, led by our peripatetic music teacher **Ms Bramley**. Sessions cost **£5 each**, and all pupils are welcome—whether they're confident singers or just keen to give it a try!

If your child is interested in joining, please contact **Mrs Hopkins** for more information.

We'd love to see lots of children getting involved and enjoying the joy of singing together!

Message from Student Services

Student Services have a large number of unnamed coats, shoes and trainers in their office. Please could you ask you child to come and check if anything belongs to them. Any unclaimed items from Friday 13 February will be donated to the local charity shop.

FOWHS

FOWHS Quiz Night – Friday 13 March

FOWHS are pleased to announce that our Quiz Night will be taking place on **Friday 13 March**.

Please save the date and join us for what promises to be a fun and entertaining evening for our school community. Further details, including booking information, will be emailed to you shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who turned out in the rain to support the FOWHS Preloved Sale. Thanks to your generosity and support, we are delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£800** for the school!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated items, helped organise the event, and came along to shop. Your continued support makes such a difference to our school community.

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

Following our successful Preloved Sale last week, we are continuing to collect **branded uniform in good condition**, with a particular need for girls' uniform.

If your child has outgrown any items and you are able to donate them, we would be very grateful. Please drop any donations into the **main reception** at your convenience.

Please get in touch at fowhs@worthinghigh.net if you can support us in any way and don't forget to follow us on Instagram: [friendsofworthinghighschool](#)

Thank you for your continued support

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please click the link to view the updated [Spring Term 1 Clubs and Fixtures 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.

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 date.

- 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

Examination Invigilator and scribe

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Instagram

Whole School: [worthingschool](#)

IT: [worthingschool_it](#)

PE: [worthingschool_pe](#)

FOWHS: [friendsofworthingschool](#)

Twitter

Whole School: [@WorthingHigh](#)

Headteacher: [@WorthingHigh_ht](#)

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

Trips: [@worthingschooltrips](#)

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: [@WorthingHighCar](#)

Lettings: [@HighLettings](#)