



SCHOOL NEWS 17 JULY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I seem to recall it's been number of years now when I say what an incredible year it has been, and perhaps even more so this year!

We have had so many key events at school throughout this term, with our Summer Showcase, Activ8 day, our Focus Day, PE Presentation evening, and the return to school of the Class of 2020 alumni Lui Maxted, fresh from his debut at Wimbledon. Not losing sight of the fantastic Teaching and Learning that goes on, supported by our incredible Pastoral care team and support staff.

I hope that over the summer, your child has a chance to have a well-deserved break, have some down time from social media and screens, read a book of two and spend more time doing things that they really enjoy and with different friendship groups.

I also wanted to wish those colleagues who will move on at the end of this term all the very best, and thank you for your time at Worthing High School. Especially to Mr Mostefa Beda, who leaves WHS as a Progress Leader and Head of Languages after 17 and half years of dedicated loyal service to the school. We wish him all the best in retirement.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to you as parents and carers for your continued and unwavering support for your child, the school and staff of WHS.

We look forward to welcoming students back at the start of a new academic year in September, refreshed and ready to continue with their studies in a new academic year.

Have a great and safe summer.

Kind regards

Pan Panayiotou

Executive Headteacher

CEO South Downs Education Trust

We are fast approaching the end of another fantastic academic year and I am very proud to have seen so many students and staff achieve so many amazing things. For a taste of some their achievements and highlights from the school year, please make sure you read our Trust magazine "Thrive" which you can find [here](#)

There are so many ways to measure success in a school year and I hope students are able to talk confidentially about their personal achievements, whether they be in a classroom, on a sports field or on stage. One measure we have in school is the number of positive consequence cards students hand in. A reminder that cards are handed in once students have received three signatures for doing something positive. I am very proud to share that we end the year on 10,520 cards which equates to 31,560 signatures, which is a phenomenal achievement and as I always say, a reflection of our amazing community.

Sticking with the theme of success, congratulations to Broadwater who won activ8 last week; thank you to Miss Field and the PE team for the detailed organisation, the tutor teams and all the students who made this such a special event.

I would also like to thank the Year 7 and 8 students who have served as 'buddies' and warmly welcomed a group of Chinese exchange students into our school this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hopefully they enjoyed learning about Chinese culture and made some new friends. I also hope our guests from Zhongshan Sanxin School, in the City of Zhongshan enjoyed their time with us and got an insight into an English school. Please take a look at the photos on our social media platforms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their support and positive engagement, our students for their efforts throughout the year and our staff, who every day, go above and beyond. To echo Mr Panayiotou, a special thank you to Mr Beda who has been dedicated, passionate and loyal for the entire 17 years he's been working at Worthing High School - happy retirement sir!

I wish our students and staff a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to returning September in my new role as Headteacher

Adrian Cook
Head of School

Uniform expectations for September:

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations for this year. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents who may be planning on purchasing uniform this summer for September to note the following:

- Uniform orders can be delayed when the new year 7 students order their uniform so, please allow at least 1 working week when ordering uniform.
- Please ensure that skirts reach the knee and that skirts are not rolled.
- Parent/carers should only purchase approved branded Worthing High School PE kit from SWI. Trainers and boots may be purchased from any retailer.
- Students should be able to remove any piercings when they return from the summer holiday (we would not recommend students pierce anything other than their earlobes to hold a small stud earring)
- Haircuts and hair colouring should conform with the school uniform policy when students return in September.
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this
Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Non-Uniform Day - Reminder

Tomorrow we will be holding a charity non-uniform day in aid of the RNLI.

On our non-uniform day, students should observe the following:

- Students can wear any **suitable** non-uniform.
- Usual standards regarding jewellery, make up and suitable hair styles and colours will still be in place.
- Students that have P.E on the day may wear non-uniform but must have appropriate footwear for a P.E lesson (they must bring trainers).

We suggest a contribution of £1.00 from your child which, if possible, to be paid through Wisepay, or if unable to please bring in their cash donation before 18th July and hand it to their Form Tutors. This ensures that all contributions are collected and accounted for in advance of the day. I know the charity will be very grateful for all your support.

To find out more about the cause we are supporting please go to:

[RNLI - Royal National Lifeboat Institution - Saving Lives at Sea](#)

Summer HAF Provision

Please see the attached flyer WSCC regarding HAF provision

Safer Communities

Please see the attached letter from **Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership**

Public Assembly on Transport

Worthing CREW and Transition Town Transport Group are organising a Public Assembly on Transport later this month and I wondered if any of the staff or parents at the school would be interested in attending. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Worthing High School students help Jamie Oliver to beat the Guinness World Record for the Biggest Ever Cooking Class

On Tuesday 1 July 50 year 9 students followed a Zoom Cookery Lesson run by Jamie Oliver and his Chefs. We made homemade pasta dough and were shown how to hand shape it in two different ways to form Gnocchetti and Pici Pasta. We also made a fresh tomato sauce that involved very fine chopping of tomatoes, garlic and basil.

I think all of the students would agree that it was an amazing experience and
WE BEAT THE WORLD RECORD!!

Please see the full article [We beat the world record!!](#)

FOWHS

Preloved uniform Donations

Thank you for all the generosity that has already been shown with your 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

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Job Advert

Clapham and Patching C of E Primary School

EYFS LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

<https://www.sdetrust.net/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=9>

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

Last day of term. Early Finish – 12:30pm 18/07/2025

2025 - 26

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