



SCHOOL NEWS 03 MARCH 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Curriculum Choices Evening – Year 9	19/03/2026
Last Day of Term – 12:30pm Finish	27/03/2026
Easter Break	30/03/2026 – 10/04/2026
Return to School	13/04/2026
Year 11 ARE (virtual)	16/04/2026
Early Finish (13:30pm)	30/04/2026
Year 8 SRE	30/04/2026
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	04/05/2026
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	06/05/2026

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,

This week has been full of celebrations, which started on Monday when our student female leaders group joined our staff briefing to introduce International Women's Day, which is on 8th March. The female leadership group showed their leadership credentials by bravely addressing the whole staff body and sharing with them the celebrations for the week ahead. Thank you very much to Mrs Peachey for coordinating this group and for providing them with so many opportunities outside of the classroom.

This week was also national careers week, so we have arranged for a number of different guests to come in to speak to students in their assemblies about career options in their sectors. This has ranged from Police to IT experts. Thank you to Mr Fisher for arranging these inspirational talks – the students really value them. If this is something you might be able to support us with and you have had an exciting career path that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you; please feel free to contact Mr Fisher.

This week, we are also celebrating World Book Day with a weeks' worth of activities and competitions. This will be concluded tomorrow with an author talk from Chris Bradford. Chris is an author and black belt martial artist, best known for his children's fictional series, "Young Samurai." We are excited to welcome Chris in to the school and are excited to hear about the inspiration behind his books.

A huge thank you to our parent/carer forum group who met on Tuesday. As always, their insights were extremely helpful and the group were able to have their say on issues such as homework, attendance and student leadership. If you are interested in joining this group and meeting myself and other senior leaders to discuss ways to improve the school, please do not hesitate to contact us - office@worthinghigh.net.

Finally, you may have noticed we now have a 'Parent friendly' accreditation badge at the bottom of our school communications. This is recognition from the organisation Parent Kind of the work we are doing to try and positively engage our parents and carers. Working in partnership is an extremely powerful means to ensure students receive the best possible education. This is something we are committed to maintain and developing even further. To that end, it would be extremely helpful if you shared your views on the school by completing the OFSTED Parent View survey. The link is [here](#).

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

PSHE

As part of your child's Personal Development, they cover Health and Wellbeing, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Living in the Wider World within their PSHE lessons. This half term, students across the school will be covering the below topics:

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
<u>Sexting</u>	<u>County lines</u>	<u>Masculinity</u>	<u>Grief and loss</u>	<u>Revision</u>
<u>Child sexual exploitation</u>	<u>Knife crime</u>	<u>Equality act</u>	<u>LGBT rights</u>	<u>Revenge porn</u>

If you have any questions about what is covered in PSHE lessons, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader. This website also gives information about how to have challenging conversations with young people: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

AYP:

Andrew from Action Your Potential is leading a powerful and helpful workshop on Thursday 26 March at 7:30pm. It is called "Keep Calm and Carry On," and it's all about how we help our children build resilience and bounce back from setbacks. Click the Zoom link below to sign up.

[Poster for Webinar](#): Keep Calm and Carry On

[Video Promo for Webinar](#)

[Sign up link to Zoom](#)

For any questions, email Andrew at andrewwright@aypuk.com, your children are welcome to attend the webinar too.

West Sussex Music: Holiday Activities

We're thrilled to invite you to our holiday activities! We've collaborated with young people to create music-making opportunities during the school holidays, and lunch is included as part of the experience.

We also have a limited number of **free** spots available for families receiving benefit-related Free School Meals.

All skill levels are welcome, and equipment will be provided. If you'd like more information, we would love to hear from you.

To book please visit: [West Sussex Music: Holiday activities](#)

Workshop – LPO Overture Day: 2 April 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

The London Philharmonic Orchestra's Overture Days are free, fun orchestral skills days for young people aged 10-15 who are playing orchestral instruments at a Grade 3-8 standard. Participants play alongside LPO musicians, get tips on musicianship and find out what happens behind the scenes of a professional orchestra.

The day will take place at Worthing High School, South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7AR

For more details and to apply, go [here](#). Please see the [LPO website](#) for more information.

<http://www.burningcandle.co.uk> – please make sure you include your child's name and Worthing High School with your order.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

As part of the Best Start in Life initiative, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme will continue to offer vital support to families during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays for the next three years.

During 2025, over 40,000 sessions were booked by families with children in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Eligible children were able to access holiday activities and have a free meal over the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. All HAF providers are selected based on their ability to meet the HAF objectives:

- Healthy Meals
- Enriching Activities
- Physical activity
- Nutritional education
- Safety and inclusion
- Support and signposting

Help your child to stay safe online

Find practical information trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online by going to <https://kidsonlineafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Post 16 Open Events - Year 10 & 11

As year 10 students begin to consider their Post 16 options and Year 11 finalise their own, a number of colleges and sixth forms will be holding Open events during the Spring and Summer terms for students, parents and carers to view their centres.

Where we have been notified of these, we have placed details on our own website <https://www.worthinghigh.net/learning/careers-post-16-and-work-experience/college-open-days-and-taster-events>

Please be aware Year 10 will all attend a Taster Day at Worthing College, organised by us at school, in June 2026 - this will be booked through us at WHS later in the term.

We are not always advised by all centres, so please ensure you check with any you are possibly considering and view their websites for the most up to date information. If you have any queries or need support, please contact Mr Fisher by email: mfisher@worthinghigh.net.

March Reading Challenge

The theme for our March monthly reading challenge is *Award Winners*. There are books awards for almost every genre and kind of book imaginable, so whether you are interested in Sci-fi, comedy, cookery or non-fiction, you should be able to find something you enjoy. We've picked 3 fantastic award winners to recommend:

Ages 7+: *October, October* by Katya Balen

Ages 14+: *Glasgow Boys* by Margaret McDonald

Adults: *James* by Percival Everett

But you can read anything you like! Tell us about it here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc53RfNwzDNdWE1bXY02xizJ_WUF0fEqpMB_FxjGsw3WQJtbyw/viewform?usp=header

FOWHS

FOWHS Quiz Night – Friday 13 March!

Join us for a fun evening at the FOWHS Quiz Night taking place on Friday 13 March. Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy a great night out!

📅 Book your tickets:

- Via Wisepay
- Or email fowhs@worthinghigh.net

🍷 On the night:

- Licensed bar
- Raffle with great prizes

Don't miss out – book your place and get your team ready!



We look forward to seeing you there!

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: [friendsofworthingschool](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofworthingschool)

Thank you for your continued support

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please click the link to the view the updated [Spring Term 2 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.

- 11 March 2026

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

Art Technician

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Instagram

Whole School: worthinghighschool

IT: worthinghigh_it

PE: worthinghigh_pe

FOWHS: friendsofworthingschool

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Whole School: @WorthingHigh

Headteacher: @WorthingHigh_ht

South Downs Education Trust: @sdetrust

Trips: @worthinghighout

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: @WorthingHighCar