

## SCHOOL NEWS 11 SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year, and a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, parents, and carers. Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 7 Welcome Evening on Monday. As Mr Cook highlighted, your involvement in events like these plays a vital role in building strong relationships between home and school. In supporting your child's success throughout their time with us, from the very start in Year 7, through to their final year in Year 11. Your attendance and engagement in these opportunities are essential in helping your child thrive

A new term sees the launch of our new **South Downs Education Trust (SDET) Website**, showcasing what the Trust does supporting all of our schools and the outreach we do. Please take a few moments to view it: <https://www.sdetrust.net/>

Well done to the class of 2025 who have done extremely well in their GCSEs; the Trust is very proud of the staff and students of Worthing High. The school, year-on-year, has continued to improve its outcomes.

Mr Cook will pick up the importance of attendance later in this newsletter but I would like to reiterate here just how important it is that your child has excellent attendance.

As a Trust, we strongly encourage all students to get involved with the vast array of extracurricular activities on offer. To parents and carers, please encourage your child to join a club and get involved as this will help develop their team working skills etc.

There will be many opportunities for you as parent/carer to support the school, such as Friends of Worthing High/Parent Governor/Trustee etc., and if you like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, Worthing High's Open Day event is on Saturday 20th September at 0900-1300 and this is for prospective Year 6 students and their families, with Open Morning tours taking place on Monday 22nd -Thursday 25th September.

I am immensely proud of what the team have achieved at Worthing High School, and at Clapham and Patching C of E Primary school, both part of SDET, and what we continue to offer as a truly inclusive, mixed comprehensive Trust and thank you for your continued support.

Welcome back and look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

Pan Panayiotou  
CEO of South Down Education Trust

### **Welcome back to the new academic year!**

A special welcome also goes to our new Year 7 cohort and their families as they join the Worthing High School community. The students have made a fantastic start and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they are settling into their new classes and how hard they are already working in their lessons. This week, we have been focusing on supporting students' readiness to learn. I have been hugely impressed by their efforts to come fully prepared

with the right equipment, wear their uniform smartly and demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and progress.

I have reminded all students of our school motto: *"always pursue excellence."* For us, excellence is not about a single standard but about a positive mindset and individual progress, whatever stage a student is working at. This is what we aim to recognise through our merit points, consequence cards, and the wide range of rewards available. To help you stay connected with your child's progress, please check Class Charts regularly to monitor their merit count and take a look at their consequence card. These provide useful indicators of how well your child is doing in school.

Another key message we have reinforced this week is the importance of excellent attendance. Research consistently shows that regular school attendance has a direct impact on future opportunities, including higher earnings and better mental health, with those attending well enjoying greater success in adulthood. Our own data reflects this too: students with attendance above 95% typically achieve up to a full grade higher across all of their subjects than those whose attendance falls below 90%. If you have any emerging concerns about your child's attendance, please contact their pastoral leader as soon as possible. We have a range of support available to help address difficulties and ensure your child can attend regularly. Parents and carers will also receive regular updates about their child's attendance, and I encourage you to read these carefully. If any concerns arise, please do get in touch with the pastoral team. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this important matter.

A huge congratulations to our class of 2025, they have done amazingly well and I am extremely proud to see that their hard work has paid off. As a school we are excited to hear about their future adventures. If you or anybody you know attended Worthing High School and have enjoyed experiences and careers that might inspire our students, please get in touch. Please contact [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net), we would love to meet you and continue to grow our alumni.

Tomorrow is our first Focus Day of the year and I am excited to welcome a number of our alumni who will be coming in to present to our Year 9 students about their experiences after they left school. I hope Year 7 enjoy their day at PGL and all students enjoy the wide range of extracurricular activities we have organised.

Adrian Cook  
Headteacher

### **A Reminder of Uniform expectations:**

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents/ carers of the following:

- 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 (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
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this

Mr Swift

Deputy Headteacher

### **Student Ambassador Applications – Year 8, 9 and 10**

Student Ambassador Application emails were sent out earlier this week. Thank you for the amazing response so far. The deadline for application is Monday 15 September.

### **Year 8 & 9 Tourers – Open Day 20 September 2025**

If your child has been invited and would like to assist with our open day on Saturday 20 September, please confirm their attendance via Wisepay.

### **Individual and Year 11 School Photographs**

Individual student photographs are due to be taken on Monday 15 of September for Year 11's and Tuesday 16 of September for Years 7-10 by Van Cols Ltd. Your child will be issued with a photo proof card to take home with them on the day with instructions for parents/carers on how to register. Once registered you will get an auto notification to inform you when the images are ready for viewing.

**All students to attend school wearing full school uniform.**

### **Advertise in our Thrive Magazine**

Please find attached for more information on how you can advertise your business in our Thrive Magazine.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. We do not have cups available.

### **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.

## **REF: Physical Education and Dance Clubs**

Please click the link to the [Autumn Term 1 Clubs Timetable](#).

## **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**

Year 8 & 9 Virtual Introduction Evening	11/09/25
Year 11 Welcome Evening	11/09/25
Year 7 PGL Trip	12/09/25
Focus Day	12/09/25
Year 11 Group & Individual Photos	15/09/25
Year 7 – 10 Individual Photos	16/09/25
Year 7 CATS Tests	15/09/25 – 19/09/25
Open Morning	20/09/25
Open Morning Tours	23/09/25 – 25/09/25

## **INSET Days for Academic Year 2024-25.**

**The school will be closed to students on these days:**

Friday, 26 September 2025

Friday, 24 October 2025  
Friday, 28 November 2025  
Monday, 1 December 2025  
Monday, 5 January 2026  
Friday, 19 June 2026  
Wednesday, 22 July 2026