

SCHOOL NEWS 18 JUNE 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Day	19/06/2026
Year 11 Prom	25/06/2026
Year 5 Taster Mornings	24/06/26 – 29/06/26
New Year 7 Intake Day	01/07/2026
Focus Day	06/07/2026
Art Exhibition	08/07/2026
Yr 10 Subject review Evening	09/07/2026
Early Finish (13:30pm)	09/07/2026
Activ8 Day	17/07/2026
Last Day of Term (12:30pm Finish)	21/07/2026

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,

A reminder that school will be closed to students tomorrow, for a planned INSET Day. Our staff will be using the time for training and development focused on further enhancing teaching and learning across the school.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 students and their families to visit our amazing school during our Taster Mornings, which start on Tuesday. These mornings are a wonderful opportunity for Year 5 students to experience life at Worthing High, as they begin considering which secondary school they would like to attend in September 2027. Thanks in advance to our student tour guides, who are always such impressive ambassadors for the school.

Likewise, it has also been really positive to hear about how helpful our sports leaders have been at some of our feeder school sports days. They have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Primary school children and have demonstrated the leadership qualities to the wider community

Finally, well done and congratulations to Year 11, who have now finished their exams. They have been a credit to the school throughout the entire period and we cannot wait to celebrate with them at their Prom on 25 June.

Mr A Cook
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from The Government's announcement on Monday 15 June, I wanted to write to you about the social media ban in 2027, and Worthing High School being a smartphone free school.

The Government has confirmed that a national ban on social media for under-16s will come into effect from Spring 2027. This reflects growing national concern about the impact of social media on children's wellbeing, mental health and safety.

Worthing High School had already made the decision to support the ban on smartphones in school. For many years now, we have operated a zero-tolerance mobile phone policy. Phones are not seen or used during the school day, ensuring that learning, relationships and wellbeing come first. This approach has helped us maintain a calm, respectful and focused environment where students can thrive.

While many schools are now moving in this direction, our community has long understood the benefits of limiting digital distractions and protecting children from online pressures during the school day.

From September 2026, Worthing High School has already outlined the ban on smartphones for Year 7 and Year 8, as we take the next steps by supporting families to move towards a smartphone-free childhood. This includes:

- Encouraging non-smart alternatives for communication
- Helping parents set healthy digital boundaries
- Promoting age-appropriate technology use
- Reducing the pressure and risks associated with early smartphone ownership

This is not about restriction for its own sake — it is about doing what is right for children's development, safety and mental health.

We recognise that, as the National ban and our own smartphone-free approach take effect, some young people may experience a 'social media gap'. The absence of constant online connection may feel unusual at first.

However, we believe — and evidence increasingly supports — that this gap will soon be filled with the things that truly matter:

- Curiosity and creativity
- Real-world friendships
- Conversation, play and exploration
- Time to think, reflect and grow

Working together with our Parents and Carers, we can ensure that this transition leads to stronger, healthier habits and, ultimately, better mental health and wellbeing for our young people.

Worthing High School has always taken pride in leading with integrity and doing what is right - not what is easiest or most popular. The upcoming national ban simply reinforces a direction the school has championed for many years.

We look forward to working with all of our stakeholders and are excited for the journey ahead in all of our schools in South Downs Education Trust. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO - SDET

Free school meals changes

Please see the attached letter from WSCC regarding changes to free school meals.

Term Dates 2026-27

Please see the attached updated Term Dates for 2026-27

Summer Art and Design Show Exhibition 2026

You are all warmly invited to attend Worthing High Schools Art and Design summer show.

Showcasing in the exhibition will be GCSE Art, and Design Technology students work. The Art and Design event will take place at the Glynn Owen Centre, 118 South Farm Road, on **Wednesday 8 July**, 5pm until 7pm. We look forward to celebrating and sharing with you all of the wonderful work these talented students have created.

🎸 New Guitar Club – Tuesdays 🎸 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Have you ever wanted to learn guitar and play your favourite songs? Now's your chance!

Join our fun and friendly after-school Guitar Club and discover how to play one of the world's most popular instruments. Whether you're a complete beginner or already know a few chords, you'll learn new skills, build confidence, and make music with others.

- Guitars provided – just bring your enthusiasm!
- Learn songs you love in a relaxed and supportive environment.
- Explore different styles of music.
- Start creating and writing your own music.
- Open the door to exciting musical opportunities coming in September.

Experienced tutors Steve and Daniel from B Sharp Guitar School will guide you every step of the way and help you develop your skills while having fun.

To book your place or find out more, email bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com
Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

B Sharp Guitar School has proudly worked with Worthing High School since 2008.

FOWHS

🎮 Bingo Night 🎮 – Available to book now on Wisepay

FOWHS are delighted to invite you to our Bingo Night on Friday 3 July!

Event Details

- 🕒 **Doors open: 6:30pm**
- 🕒 **Bingo starts: 7:00pm**
- 🕒 **Approximate finish: 9:30pm**

Tickets

🎫 **£8 per person (Over 18s only) - Your ticket includes one bingo book containing 5 games.**

On the Night

- 🎮 Additional bingo books and dabbers available to purchase
- 🎁 Raffle and extra games throughout the evening (optional)
- 🍹 Drinks and snacks available to buy

Come along for a fun-filled evening with great prizes, entertainment, and the chance to support FOWHS.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of Worthing High School – Pre-Loved Uniform Donations Needed

Thank you to all parents/ carers who have already donated. These sales are a wonderful way to recycle uniforms, support our school community, and help keep school uniforms affordable and accessible for all families.

We would especially encourage Year 11 students who may no longer need their uniforms to consider donating them.

Donations can be dropped off at the school reception at any time that is convenient for you.

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping to make school uniforms more accessible for everyone.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please see the attached updated posters for Summer Term. Click the link to view the updated [Summer 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 will run on from the 3 June until the end of term - Every Wednesday except Wednesday 10 June

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

[Receptionist/Admin Assistant](#)

[Cover Manager](#)

[Exams Manager](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Instagram

Whole School: [worthinghighschool](#)

IT: [sdetrust_it](#)

PE: [worthinghigh_pe](#)

FOWHS: [friendsofworthinghighschool](#)

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Whole School: [@WorthingHigh](#)

Headteacher: [@WorthingHigh_ht](#)

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