SCHOOL NEWS 2 JULY 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Focus Day	06/07/2026
Year 11	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:
Wednesday, 22 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing my final newsletter as Headteacher, before I leave at the end of the week to begin my new role. It seems a fitting opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has made my time at the school such a rewarding experience.

When I joined the school in 2019 as Deputy Headteacher, I could not have anticipated the journey ahead. Since then, I have had the privilege of serving the school as Deputy Headteacher, Head of School and, most recently, Headteacher. It has been a genuine privilege to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and to be part of this community.

Not long after I arrived, we faced the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic. While it was an exceptionally difficult period for everyone, it also showed me the strength of the community I had joined. Colleagues, families and students came together with resilience, respect and a shared commitment to supporting one another, always keeping the needs of our young people at the heart of our decisions. Those qualities have continued to define the school ever since.

To our teaching staff, thank you for your professionalism, expertise and unwavering commitment to our students. Your pursuit of excellence, coupled with the care you show every day, ensures that our young people receive the very best education and opportunities. It has been a privilege to work alongside a team that is so deeply committed to helping every student succeed.

I would also like to recognise our support staff. Much of what they do takes place behind the scenes and may not always be visible to families, but they are integral to the success of the school. Their professionalism, integrity and dedication ensure that the school runs smoothly and that students receive the care and support they need every day.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your trust, partnership and support over the years. Strong schools are built on strong relationships, and I have always appreciated the way our community has worked together in the best interests of our young people.

Finally, thank you to our students. Your humour, resilience and kindness have made every day different and every year memorable. The respect you show one another, your determination to overcome challenges and your willingness to contribute to school life are what make this such a special place. You are, and always will be, at the heart of this school.

As I move on to my next role, I do so with great appreciation for the opportunities I have had here and with every confidence in the school's future. I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr Simpson, and I wish

him every success as he takes on the role of Headteacher. Thank you for allowing me to play a part in the school's journey. I wish every member of our community every success and happiness for the future.

Mr A Cook
Headteacher

This week we say a heartfelt goodbye to **Mr Adrian Cook** as he leaves Worthing High School to become the new Headteacher of **Oakwood School in Horley, Surrey**.

Mr Cook joined us in **2019 as Deputy Headteacher**, not knowing that within months he would be helping to lead the school through a global pandemic, national lockdowns, remote learning, testing centres and an Ofsted inspection to name but a few. His calm leadership, compassion and unwavering commitment to our students, staff and parents has guided the school through some of the most challenging years in education.

During his time with us, Mr Cook progressed from Deputy Headteacher to Head of School and, in 2025, to **Headteacher**—a reflection of the trust and confidence the whole community had in him. He has always led with integrity, humility and a genuine belief in young people.

Mr Cook leaves behind a school that is stronger because of his contribution. He has helped shape a culture built on **respect, resilience, integrity and high expectations**, and his impact will be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of myself, Trustees, Governors, staff and students, we thank Mr Cook for everything he has given to Worthing High School. We will miss him greatly, but we know he will be exceptional in his new role, as headteacher of Oakwood School.
We wish him every happiness and success in the future.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO - SDET

Summer Art and Design Show Exhibition 2026 - Rescheduled

Unfortunately, the Worthing High School Art & Design Show has been rescheduled to the Autumn Term. More information will be communicated closer to the time.

Lego Club - Donations

We are looking for donations of LEGO sets and loose LEGO pieces to help develop the resources available for our after-school LEGO Club.
The club provides students with opportunities to develop creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, design, and engineering skills through a variety of building challenges and projects. To support the continued growth of the club, we are hoping to expand our collection of LEGO so that more students can participate and enjoy a wider range of activities.
We are also beginning to create a LEGO Loan Library as part of the club. Initially, these resources will be available for students to use during club sessions. In the future, if sufficient resources are available and appropriate systems can be put in place, we hope to offer students the opportunity to borrow LEGO to use at home.
We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted LEGO, including complete or incomplete sets, loose bricks, minifigures, baseplates, and accessories. Every donation, no matter how small, will help us build this resource for our students.

Donations can be brought into school and handed to the school office or directly to the LEGO Club.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

FOWHS

Friends of Worthing High School – Pre-Loved Uniform Donations Needed
FOWHS is delighted to announce that we raised **£1,669** from our annual Year 6 Intake Preloved Uniform Sale.

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated school uniform. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to help many grateful families prepare for the new school year.

The summer holidays are often a time when children outgrow their uniforms. If your child has already grown out of theirs, or does so over the break, we'd be very grateful if you could donate any good-quality items. Donations can be dropped off at the main reception, which is open throughout the summer holidays.

Our preloved uniform sales are a fantastic way to recycle school uniforms, support our school community, and help keep uniforms affordable and accessible for all families.

We look forward to holding another preloved uniform sale next academic year.

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

Stikins
FOWHS are excited to announce that you can now purchase Stikins name labels while supporting FOWHS at the same time! Stikins name labels are a great way to label your child's belongings. Even better, every purchase made using our fundraising number helps raise money for FOWHS at no extra cost to you.

Please see the attached flyer for full details on how to order and support our school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Physical Education and Dance Clubs
Please see the attached updated posters for Summer Term. Click the link to the 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.

The last drama club of the year will be Wednesday 8 July – it will not run on the 15 due to trips taking place.

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

Cover 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
South Downs Education Trust: @sdetrust
Trips: @worthinghighout
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