

SCHOOL NEWS 03 SEPTEMBER 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026-27

Year 7 Welcome Event	03/09/2026
All Year Groups return	04/09/2026
Year 11 Welcome Event	10/09/2026
Year 7 Blacklands Trip	11/09/2026
Year 11 Group & Individual Photos	14/09/2026
Year 7-10 Individual Photos	15/09/2026
Year 8 Welcome Event	15/09/2026
Year 10 Welcome Event	17/09/2026

INSET Days for Academic Year 2026-27

Monday, 28 September 2026
Thursday, 22 October 2026
Friday, 23 October 2026
Friday, 27 November 2026
Monday, 30 November 2026
Friday, 4 January 2027
Friday, 25 June 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

1. A warm welcome back

We are delighted to welcome all students back for the start of the new academic year this week. After a long summer break, we hope everyone feels refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Staff are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting our new students; there is a real buzz of excitement around school as we prepare for another successful year together.

Date	What is happening
Thursday	Year 7 students return
Friday	All other year groups return

2. Summer work

If your child was set summer work, please could this be brought in or submitted to the appropriate subject teacher as soon as possible or in line with the subject teacher instructions. This work helps staff understand where each student is starting from and supports a smooth return to learning.

3. Punctuality, attendance and equipment

A positive start to the year depends on good habits from day one. We would ask parents and carers to support their child with the following:

- Arriving at school and to lessons on time, every time.
- Attending school every day unless they are unwell.
- Coming to school ready to learn, with the correct equipment for each day.

4. New: temporary classrooms on the north playground

You may notice temporary classrooms have been installed on the north playground. These form part of an exciting refurbishment project to create a new special support centre for our students. The classrooms are not yet operational and we will update as and when they are in use. Look out for further updates as this work progresses.

5. New: bells at the end of break and lunch

To support students in transitioning smoothly to their next lesson, a bell will now sound at the end of break and lunch to signal the end of social time. This is designed to give students a clear and consistent signal to begin making their way to their next lesson. Mr Swift has added more detail below.

6. Change to C2

Please note a change to C2. Students who receive a C2 will now be required to stay after school for 10 minutes on an assigned day with their progress leader. Mr Swift has added detail below

7. Thank you for your continued support

We look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping every student make the most of their time at school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming school events and to welcoming our students back during assemblies next week.

Kind regards,

Mr Simpson
Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year, and a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, parents, and carers.

I wanted, again, to congratulate all of our Class of 2026 students following their GCSE results, and who are now embarking on the next phase of their educational journeys. We wish them every continued success and hope they stay in touch as now one of our incredible Alumni.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who are planning on attending the Year 7 Welcome Evening this evening. Our new Year 7's have definitely had a very positive start today, ahead of the main school starting back tomorrow.

Mr Simpson, Headteacher, will be highlighting how important parental engagement is. It plays a significant role in building strong relationships between home and school and 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, as parents and carers, at events such as parents' evenings etc., are essential in helping your child develop and thrive at Worthing High School.

Mr Simpson will pick up the importance of student attendance later in this and future communications with all year groups, and I would like to reiterate here just how important it is that your child has excellent attendance throughout their time at Worthing High School.

You may also notice a few new additions to the site on the North playground area. Over the summer we took delivery of 8 temporary classrooms to help support our new building development programme for a brand-new SSC (Special Support Centre). It has taken many years of working with West Sussex County Council to get us to this point, and I appreciate everyone's support, patience and understanding as the work commences. The project is planned to last for one year and we will keep you updated with developments as the project progresses.

There will be many opportunities for you as a parent and 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 26th September at 0900-1300. This is for prospective Year 6 students and their families, with Open Morning tours taking place the following week on Tuesday 29th - Friday 2nd October. More information about these events and how to book can be found on our website.

I am immensely proud, as CEO of South Downs Education Trust, of what the team have achieved here at Worthing High School, and what we continue to offer as a truly inclusive, mixed comprehensive Trust, and thank you for your continued support.

Welcome back to all of our students and I look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO, South Downs Education Trust

School bells protocol

In order to support students with punctuality to lessons this year, a bell will now ring at 11.20am and 2.00pm each day. The bell will ring once at these times to signify this is a lesson warning bell. Some students are not in areas of the school at social times to be able to see a clock and this will provide them with an audible signal to start moving to their lesson.

All students are expected to be in lessons at the following times:

Registration: 8.40am

Lesson 1: 9.00am

Lesson 2: 10.05am

Lesson 3: 11.25am

Lesson 4: 12.30pm

Lesson 5: 2.05pm

Any student arriving after this time, without a valid reason will have their consequence card signed for lateness and the time they are late will be recorded.

Any student who has their card signed 3 times for lateness will receive an SLT detention.

We have built a 5-minute transition time between each lesson to enable students to have time to move to lessons in time and to use the toilet if there is an urgent need.

All students need to be in lessons by the times listed to support 'disruption-free classrooms' so that learning time is maximised to enable all students to achieve their personal best.

C2 protocol – changes for September

In order to support a positive learning environment in lessons, the procedure for C2 consequences is changing this year. If a student receives a C2 in lessons they will now have a 10-minute detention with their Progress Leader the following week. This will enable the progress leader to have a discussion with the student on how they can be supported to achieve their best in lessons. Students will receive 10 minutes for each C2

they receive to a maximum of one hour. This will be communicated with parent/carers each week.

Uniform expectations:

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations. Please see a reminder below of the following:

- Please ensure that skirts reach the knee and that skirts are not rolled.
- 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.
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this

Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

FOWHS

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

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

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.

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

Stikins

A reminder that you can 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 use the link below and quote ref number: 25970

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs will begin w/c 14 September. More information will follow shortly.

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
[Apprentice PE Technician](#)

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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