

SCHOOL NEWS 23 OCTOBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted with the excellent start to the half term at Worthing High School. The Year 7 students have settled in exceptionally well and are already making a positive contribution to the school community. It has also been wonderful to see all other year groups demonstrating such commitment to their learning and engagement in school life.

As part of South Downs Education Trust, we are proud to support Worthing High School in providing the highest standards of education, care, and opportunity for every student. As we look ahead to the next half term, we would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of maintaining excellent attendance. Every day in school plays a vital role in supporting your child's academic progress and personal development.

We also encourage students to take some time over the break to read regularly, exploring a range of texts to strengthen their literacy, curiosity, and imagination, while aiming to limit screen time to ensure a healthy balance of activities and rest.

The forthcoming half term promises to be a busy and enriching one, with a variety of school events, parent/carer evenings, and enrichment opportunities planned. On behalf of South Downs Education Trust, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping every student achieve their full potential.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO - South Downs Education Trust

As we come to the end of the first half term, I wanted to thank parents, carers, students and staff for their invaluable contributions to the school. You will have seen that each week I have emphasised the importance of excellent attendance and I am extremely pleased to see that so many students have been rewarded for exceptional attendance, throughout the term. If you received a letter celebrating your child's attendance, please do congratulate them. If you have received a letter and we have highlighted concerns, we will be working with families to support improvement. If you require support helping your child attend better, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant pastoral leader.

This week, Year 10 students were informed that Mr Fenlon will no longer be their Pastoral Leader. This is, of course, very sad news for all the students he has supported and inspired during his time in the role. However, we are pleased to share that Mr Fenlon will be staying at Worthing High School and, after half term, will begin a new role as Alternative Provision Coordinator. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his outstanding work as Pastoral Leader and to wish him every success in his new position. In the meantime, Mrs Long (formerly Miss Haslam) will be supporting the Year 10 team. Mrs Long is our Safeguarding and Pastoral Manager and brings a wealth of experience in pastoral leadership. We will provide a further update for parents and carers once a permanent Pastoral Leader has been appointed.

I hope that all staff and students have a well-earned rest and our Year 11s use their time wisely as they prepare for their first set of mock examinations – these will start on Monday 10 November. We look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 3 November.

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

Condolences

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Denise Caruana, our much-loved and respected colleague, who served Worthing High School from November 2013 to December 2019 and our community with unwavering dedication. As SEN Teacher, Deputy SENDco, Denise worked tirelessly to support every child in the school and within the Inclusion Department, touching countless lives with her kindness, compassion, and strength. She will always be fondly remembered for her care and commitment to our pupils and to Worthing High school and the community in which she served. Our heartfelt thoughts and love go to her family during this very difficult and sad time.

Year 11 Parents

Your child would have received their mock exam timetable this week during tutor. Mocks start on November 10 and last for 2 weeks. Students have been informed of this and will have a mock assembly on November 3 to go through the logistics for this time period. If you have any concerns or your child is worried or nervous and need support, please contact Miss Rhodes or Mr Morris for further support.

Year 7 Art Competition, design a Christmas Card

Make your own A5 Christmas inspired work, entries can be drawn, painted, printed, collaged/ mixed media. No lettering inside needed just the artwork with your name clearly labelled on the back. Landscape format

- One winner from each School will feature on the double-sided card, (in a landscape format)
- One winner from each school, and 3 runners up will each receive a gold metal pin Art badge and a chocolate prize.

Deadline for the competition, by the end of Monday 17 November hand in to Mrs Hunt in F9.

NSEA Show Jumping Team

We are looking to potentially establish an NSEA Show Jumping Team to represent our school at local, regional, and national competitions. To help us get started, we'd like to hear from any students who currently compete in show jumping (either individually or with a riding club) and would be interested in representing the school as part of a team. If you currently compete, please can you contact Miss Field directly via email mfield@worthinghigh.net

Worthing High School Support Fund Voluntary Contribution

We have a School Support Fund to enable parents and carers to make voluntary contributions to the school to benefit our students. With school budgets under huge and unprecedented pressure, the Fund will help us to ensure that these constraints do not affect our ability to continue to provide the curriculum which shapes your child's experience at Worthing High School.

We are asking for contributions to help cover some costs for example DT resources, contributions towards food classes, sports fixture transport and printing costs for materials used in class. This will mean you will not receive a separate contribution letter for DT resources and Food resources in addition to this as this fund now replaces those annual voluntary contributions.

If you would like to support the Worthing High School Support Fund, we suggest a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per term or £30.00 per year. Payments can be made easily through Wisepay.

If you already pay into the fund, you may wish to cancel your standing order/Direct debit and pay the remainder through Wisepay.

Thank you for your continued support!

Post 16 Options Event 2025 - Year 10 & 11

We are delighted to confirm that we will once again be hosting our popular Post 16 Options evening on **Thursday 6 November 2025 from 5.00 -7.30pm.**

The evening will provide WHS Students, their Parents and Carers with an opportunity to meet and speak face to face with a large number of local Colleges, Sixth Forms, Apprenticeship providers, Businesses and Armed Service representatives about what each of their Centres has to offer our students as they move on from WHS.

This event will be invaluable for both year groups, assisting Year 11 students in making their final decisions for their Post 16 pathway and providing Year 10 students with the opportunity to begin the process of considering their options in advance in readiness for the transition to Year 11 when final Post 16 decisions and applications will need to be made in the 2026 Autumn Term.

This event will be held in the Sports Hall and entry will be via the doors next to the Millennium Hall.

Space Design Competition

The competition is open to all. Submissions are entered in two categories:

- **Single submissions:** one piece of 3D artwork, created by one person.
- **Group submissions:** one piece or collection of pieces of 3D artwork, created by a group of people
- Please bring labelled item(s) to school by 7 November. Label must include NAME(s), TUTOR GROUP, WHAT IT IS, and CRAFT METHOD (e.g. crochet).

FOR MORE DETAILS SPEAK TO YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER.

The top three of each category will get win a prize.

We look forward to seeing your entries



FOWHS AGM

You are warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Friends of Worthing High School (FOWHS).

This is a fantastic opportunity to join us, hear all about the vital work our PTA does for the school community and celebrate the successes of the past year. As a parent or carer, you are automatically invited to be member of the FOWHS, and we would love to see you there!

This is your chance to hear about our progress, support the association and elect (or be elected to) the PTA committee.

Mark Your Calendar!

-  Date: Thursday 13 November 2025
-  Time: 4:30 PM

Want to Get More Involved?

We're always looking for new members and fresh ideas! The AGM is when we elect our committee for the year ahead. We invite nominations for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or an Ordinary Committee Member.

- How to Nominate: Please email your nomination to office@worthinghigh.net
- Deadline: Wednesday 5 November 2025
- If you would like any further information about joining the committee, or if you are unable to attend but would still like to get involved, please speak to Mrs Thomson or email office@worthinghigh.net

We look forward to seeing you there and continuing our great work for the students!

Preloved uniform Donations

FOWHS are continuing to ask for good condition uniform. If your child has already grown out of their uniform and you are able to donate this back to the school, please drop these items into the main reception.

All proceeds from our pre-loved sales are used to further enhance our school facilities.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Physical Education and Dance Clubs

Please click the link to the [Autumn Term 1 Clubs 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.

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

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

COVER SUPERVISOR (Fixed Term)

PASTORAL LEADER

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

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

INSET Day	24/10/25
October Half Term	27/10/25 – 31/10/25
Post 16 Pathway Evening	06/11/2025

INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 - 26

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Friday, 24 October 2025

Friday, 28 November 2025

Monday, 1 December 2025

Monday, 5 January 2026

Friday, 19 June 2026

Wednesday, 22 July 2026