



SCHOOL NEWS 04 DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the class of 2025 back to school this evening for their awards evening. We are all keen to see them and can't wait to hear about their latest adventures. We are also excited to welcome former Worthing High School student Will Carleysmith as our guest speaker. Will is currently the Chief Design and Engineering Officer for Brompton bikes and will be here to present some of our awards and give a speech to our award winners, their families and staff. We are very much looking forward to hearing about his amazing journey.

Establishing a network of former students is important to us and we are keen to further grow our alumni so they are able to continue sharing their stories with our students and staff. We would love to hear from you if you or somebody you know once attended Worthing High School and has gone on to have experiences or careers that might inspire our students. Please contact office@worthinghigh.net if this is something you could support with. There are a number of ways you can get involved and our students always appreciate it.

As we get closer to the end of term, and we get further into cold and flu season, I wanted to remind parents and carers of the importance of good attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times your child might be too ill to attend school, it is vital they attend at all over times. Please visit the NHS website by clicking this [link](#), if you require more information. We would ask that you do not make assumptions about when to keep your child off. The information provided makes it clear that with many illnesses, as long as they feel well enough, it is acceptable for them to come in.

Finally, as we move into the penultimate week of term, we are looking forward to our Christmas showcase which is taking place next Thursday. I would like to thank all students and staff, as they prepare for this performance. Their energy and talent is truly appreciated by everyone who watches. Also, next week on Wednesday 10th December we will have our Christmas lunch. Please see details below for more information.

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

Road Safety

Our roads to and from school are becoming busier and busier, and we have been working hard with West Sussex County Council and our local MPs to help support the community with a zebra crossing in St Lawrence Avenue.

We are now at the point where West Sussex County Council are conducting a final consultation, and we are very optimistic that this will lead to a crossing in late spring/summer 2026.

Please could I ask you to fill out the consultation when you have a spare moment. It is so important to improve road safety for our pupils, staff, parents and carers, and also the local community.

Huge thanks to Mrs Gannaway and Mr Beasley and everyone at Worthing High, West Sussex County Council and our local MP Tom Rutland for their tireless work on this issue to get us to this point.

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/st-lawrence-avenue-crossing>

Kind regards

Pan Panayiotou

CEO South Downs Education Trust

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Bookings for the Winter holidays will open on are now open. Please see the attached letter and flyer for more information

Christmas Treat Collection for Broadwater Support Hub

This year we are once again collecting Christmas Treat Bags for local families in need, which will be distributed by the Broadwater Support Hub. They have asked us to collect all the little treats that can make Christmas feel special. Last year we delivered over 100 bags and we'd love to match that again this year. Here are some ideas of the items we are collecting:

- Selection box/boxes
- Christmas pudding
- Mince pies
- Christmas cake
- Biscuits
- Savoury treats
- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Edible tree decorations
- Christmas crackers
- Christmas napkins

Students should bring their donations into school and give to their tutor by **Monday 8 December**.

Christmas Lunch

The canteen traditional Christmas lunch will be available in school on Wednesday 10 December.

The cost of this roast turkey 2 course meal or vegetarian alternative will be £3.75 please see the attached menu. The canteen will only be open at lunchtime on this day for those students who are having Christmas lunch. Breaktime will be as normal with all 3 areas open.

There is no requirement to book. Payment will be taken at the tills as normal on the day. If your child is planning on having Christmas Lunch, please ensure they don't use up their daily allowance in the morning or at break. The daily FSM allowance will cover the cost of the Christmas lunch.

Snack 14 at the Millennium Hall and the Catering Pod in the North Playground will be open at lunch time for all those students who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch.

FOWHS

🎁 Winter Raffle is LIVE!

Tickets can be purchased through [FOWHS Winter Raffle](#)

Follow Us

We have lots of exciting fundraisers in the pipeline. More details will be shared soon, so make sure you're following us on Instagram: [@friendsofworthingschool](#)

Can you help FOWHS?

How you can support FOWHS:

- **Volunteer at events** – Lend a hand at fundraising events to help make them a success.
- **Give some of your time** – Even small commitments such as helping with setup, tidying, or planning can make a big difference.
- **Provide match funding or sponsor an event** – If your employer offers match funding, or if you or your business can sponsor part of an event, it greatly boosts our fundraising efforts.
- **Assist with donations** – Contribute raffle prizes, supplies, or financial support to help fund activities and resources for the school.

Every contribution makes a difference. Please do get in touch at fowhs@worthingschool.net

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 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.

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:

Instagram

Whole School: [worthingschool](#)

IT: [worthingschool_it](#)

PE: [worthingschool_pe](#)

FOWHS: [friendsofworthingschool](#)

Twitter

Whole School: [@WorthingHigh](#)

Headteacher: [@WorthingHigh_ht](#)

South Downs Education Trust: [@sdetrust](#)

Trips: [@worthingschoolout](#)

Worthing High Careers and Employability Service: [@WorthingHighCar](#)

Lettings: [@HighLettings](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Presentation Evening – Class of 2025	04/12/2025
Christmas Lunch	10/12/2025
Christmas Performance	11/12/2025
Flu Vaccinations	15/12/2025
SRE -Year 11 (13:30pm Finish)	18/12/2025
(bookings open at 9am on the 2 December)	
Christmas Jumper Day	19/12/2025
Last Day of Term (12:30pm finish)	19/12/2025
INSET Day	05/01/2026
Return to School	06/01/2026

INSET Days for Academic Year 2025 - 26

The school will be closed to students on these days:

Monday, 5 January 2026

Friday, 19 June 2026

Wednesday, 22 July 2026