

SCHOOL NEWS 18 DECEMBER 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform 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

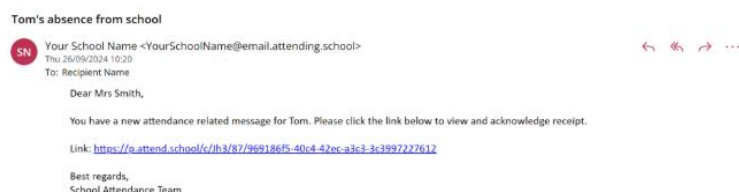
Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by sharing the incredible news that Worthing High School has been selected to serve as a DfE Behaviour and Attendance Hub Lead School. This is recognition of the incredible staff and students that play such a huge part in ensuring that the culture, ethos and values in the school are so positive. As a Lead Hub we will be supporting other schools in the South East. In light of this, it seems fitting to give you the first term consequence card count, which stands at close to 6000. That's 18,000 occasions where a member of staff has observed and recognised a positive act by a student. This is an incredible achievement and highlights the amazing school community I have the privilege of leading.

Keeping with the theme of celebration, it was a real highlight of my term getting to share a cream tea and present very special certificates to some of our students. This reward was introduced to acknowledge a number of students from Year 7 to 11 who have stood out as being exceptional and consistently embodying our core values. This is something we will do at the end of each term, congratulations and thank you to our first set of winners for their positive contributions! You will be able to see photos from this and other school highlights on our social media platforms.

Last week, I mentioned how successful our Christmas raffle was. This was largely due to the hard work of our Friends of Worthing High School (FOWHS) group and also the generous donations from the following businesses: Bowes & Wilkins, The Beauty Island, Just Race – Simulator, Efes, PS Catering, Worthing FC, Richard John Hairdressers, South Lodge, HotPod Yoga Worthing, Mia Tui, Flowers4Worthing, Fire Sea Salt, Sussex County Cricket, Worthing Rugby Club, Worthing Theatres, Fishers Farm, Bird & Blend, National Trust – Nymans, Out of Bounds, LaserZone, West Worthing Tennis, Pulborough Brooks, Factory Live, South Downs Leisure, WWT, Kendricks, Harry Batten, Sharp Fitness, Worthing Gin and Mindworks - Escape Rooms. Thank you so much for your support, you have helped us raise an incredible amount of money and thank you to our FOWHS group!

The end of a term is an excellent reflection point and I would like to finish by reminding parents and carers that School attendance has become a national concern. At Worthing High School, we firmly believe that regular school attendance is vital for your child's growth, not just academically, but also socially and emotionally. It's in the classroom where friendships are forged, ideas are exchanged, and lifelong skills are honed. Every day missed represents a missed opportunity for your child to engage with their peers, teachers, and the diverse learning experiences we offer. I'd like to remind parents and carers that through our school system 'Attend', we will be monitoring attendance closely and communicate attendance news regularly. Messages from Attend will appear separately from our main school communication system so please do look out for these text and emails and acknowledge their receipt. An example is one below:



I will finish by thanking staff and students for their positivity, energy and hard work across the term. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support. I hope that you and your family have an incredible Christmas break and have a happy new year. I look forward to seeing students again on 6 January 2026!

Adrian Cook
Headteacher

As another term draws to a close, what a jammed packed term it has been. I wanted to thank you all, as parents and carers, for your constant support, and how excellent your child has been in accessing all of their lessons and opportunities at Worthing High School.

Mr Cook has already mentioned our excellent news of how Worthing High School has been reaccredited as a new DfE Lead Attendance and Behaviour Hub. This is similar to the DfE Behaviour Hub work we were involved with before, but now also focussing on Attendance in addition to Behaviour. We are only one of four Secondaries across the whole of the South East to be a Lead School. This is a huge achievement and recognition of the excellent work that occurs daily at Worthing High School. The DfE recognises this, and values Worthing High School sharing our expertise with other schools across the South East.

We are thrilled that Sussex World has shared an article from this current edition of Thrive. The article in question was about Alumni Will Carleysmith, now Chief Design & Engineering Officer at the world-renowned Brompton Bikes, who returned to Worthing High School on the 4 December to be the Guest Speaker at our Presentation Evening. To read the Sussex World Article, click [here](#).

Finally on behalf of myself, Governors, Trustees of South Downs Education Trust and all of the staff across our schools, have a safe, healthy and restful Christmas break and a Happy New Year when you all get there.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Pan Panayiotou
CEO SDET

Uniform expectations

Many thanks to all of our parent/carers who have ensured that their child has met our uniform expectations this term. I have attached the current uniform policy for reference but wanted to remind parents who may be planning on purchasing uniform to note the following:

- Please ensure that skirts reach the knee and that skirts are not rolled.
- Parent/carers should only purchase approved branded Worthing High School PE kit from SWI. Trainers and boots may be purchased from any retailer.
- Students should be able to remove any piercings when they return from the 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 when students return in January.
- Shoes must be formal with a distinct heel

Many thanks for your support with this
Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

Year 9 parents: The Tempest Workshops in school

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th January, West End in Schools will be coming to Worthing High to kick-start year 9's study of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Students will attend a one-hour interactive workshop where they will explore *The Tempest* from an actor's perspective and learn to use techniques that an actor would use in a rehearsal room today.

The cost of this workshop is £5.80 per child, which can be paid on WisePay by the 8th January 2026. Although payment is voluntary the event may not be able to take place without sufficient funding. Full details are on WisePay.

Food Department Plea

It is Christmas! and so if you and your family are eating containers of chocolates (e.g. Celebration's, Hero's etc), please consider donating them to the Food department at WHS. We use this for students to take home cakes and baked goods.

If you eat GU dessert pots (or similar treats) we would also really appreciate donations of the glass ramekin or souffle style mini containers. We use these in our GCSE practical lessons and exams when making panna cotta, chocolate mousse and mini cheesecakes.

Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair – 23 to 30 January 2026

After a very successful Fair in 2024, we are excited to announce that the Book Fair will be returning to Worthing High at the end of January. There will be a wide range of titles available, from classics to current bestsellers, with prices starting from just £2.99, so save a bit of Christmas money for a new book – or three

Reminder: Non-Uniform Day – Tomorrow (Friday 19 December)

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on tomorrow prior to the Christmas holidays. Please see the attached letter sent last week.

FOWHS

Winter Raffle

Winners have until **Friday 19th December at 12:30pm** to collect their prize. Any prizes not collected by this time will be donated to a local cause.


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](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofworthingschool)

SPONSORS WANTED

We are looking for amazing sponsors to support our fundraising events throughout the year!

If you or your business would like to sponsor us — or know someone who might — please send us a message – fowhs@worthingschool.net A member of FOWHS will be in touch with more details.

Your support makes a real difference. Thank you! 

Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at: [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

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 [Spring Term 1 Clubs and Fixtures Timetable](#).

Clubs will start back Tuesday 6 January.

Early notice no clubs will run on the below dates due to staff meetings/events

- Wednesday 14 January
- Thursday 22 January
- Monday 9 February

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](#)

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