

The Weald Weekly

Term 4, Monday 30 March



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the final week of Term 4 and it appears that spring is on its way, I would like to take a moment to share some of the highlights from the past few days as well as some important upcoming dates.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for all their generous donations during our Donations Week. We were inundated with gifts which amounted to 116kg of essential hygiene products for our local families in need.

Today, we were delighted to host our Poet Laureate Breakfast at Sevenoaks. The Tonbridge Poet Laureate Breakfast will take place on Wednesday 1 April. These occasions are where we welcome our newly appointed Poet Laureates and extend our thanks to our outgoing Laureates for their creativity, dedication, and contributions over the past year. We look forward to continuing to celebrate student voice and talent through this initiative.

We have now completed Lockdown drills at both of our campuses. Both of these were carried out smoothly and successfully, demonstrating the readiness and cooperation of both students and staff. Everyone followed procedures calmly and efficiently, ensuring that classrooms were secured promptly and instructions were taken seriously. We are proud of how well our school community responded, and this practice helps us continue to maintain a safe and prepared environment for all.

A reminder that the school will close for the Easter break on Thursday 2 April at 12.30pm. This will be an own clothes day for students.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 20 April. On their return, our Year 10 and Year 12 students will begin their End of Year (EoY) Assessments, which will run until Friday 1 May. During this assessment period, we aim to keep trips and additional events to a minimum in order to support students in their studies.

Looking ahead to Term 5, please note the following key dates:

- Wednesday 22 April: Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening at Tonbridge, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 23 April: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud, 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- Friday 24 April: PTA Year 9 Popcorn and Pyjamas event, 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - March/April 2026

Monday 30

Poet Laureate Breakfast, Sevenoaks Library, 8:30 - 9:05
Year 12 Group Visit to the Amelia Scott, Tunbridge Wells
Year 12 French Speaking EOY Assessments
Year 13 A-Level Drama Component 3 Examination

Wednesday 01

Poet Laureate Breakfast, Tonbridge Library, 8:30 - 9:05
Year 12 Geography NEA Trip to Canning Town
Tonbridge Year 11 Prize-Giving Ceremony, 14:00 - 15:30

Thursday 02

Whole School End of Term, own clothes day, school finishes at 12:30

[Website Calendar](#)

Essential Equipment for Learning

We would like to remind parents to update their child's pencil case over the Easter break. At this point of the year, pens, pencils and other equipment have gone missing and it delays learning when teachers have to give out equipment. We would like to emphasise the necessity of scissors and glue so worksheets can be stuck into books in order to prevent them from getting lost. The list below applies to all students. Many thanks in advance for your support.

CORE EQUIPMENT – required each day

Sturdy school bag
Water bottle (N.B. glass water bottles are not permitted in school for health and safety reasons)
Planner – provided by school in September. Replacements cost £5
Padlock 38mm with key (rather than combination code) for locker

Blue, black, red and green writing pens
Whiteboard pen
Pencils, set of colouring pencils and pencil sharpener
Eraser
Ruler 30cm
School safety scissors
Glue stick
Highlighters
Geometry/math set (protractor, pair of compasses and set square)
Scientific calculator (Casio FX83 or FX85 model)

Sporting Success

Blackbelts in Kickboxing



A huge congratulations to the following students who have successfully reached their Black Belt in American Kickboxing:

Imogen in 10K

Meghan in 11J

Carmen in 12E

Holly in 12F

Isobel in 13B

Grace in 11E

The girls have all worked hard over the last year getting ready for their black belt grade and really pulled out everything they had on the day.

Their coach Paula is incredibly proud of how much they have progressed through their American Kickboxing journey.

A fantastic achievement, a big well done to you all.

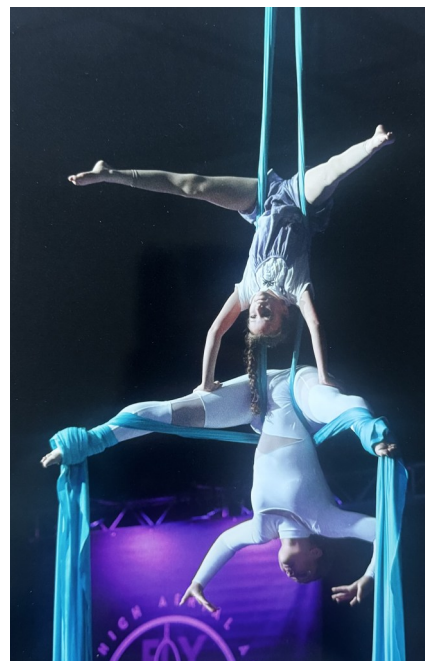


Aerial and Acro Competition

Evie in 7C travelled to Barnsley and competed at the Flyhigh Aerial and Acro Competition in the Advanced Doubles category. Both Evie and her partner performed beautifully and won 3rd place in a tough category.

She is thrilled with her achievement.

She also got through to the finals for London Aerial Championships so will now be competing again in April and May. We wish Evie all the best for her upcoming competitions.



U13 Cricket Team

On Monday 23rd March, our U13 Chance 2 Compete Cricket team headed to the finals after securing their place through the group stages earlier in the year.

We started off against Eltham Hill School. Sofia bowled the first over and got a wicket in her second ball, with Esther following the same trajectory and gaining a wicket in her last ball. Charlotte also took two consecutive wickets in her over, and we kept them to 43-5. The team were also brilliant in the batting and managed to score 61-0. In our second game, we played Highworth Grammar, where we opted to field first. Esther, Sofia and Lottie bowled wickets in their overs, and with some brilliant fielding from the rest of the team. During the batting innings, the students were bold and brave in their attack, but unfortunately lost the final by 8 runs. Therefore, the team finished in second place. Well done to all students involved, this is a fantastic achievement.



Year 7 Netball

Congratulations to our Year 7 Netball Team who played incredibly well at the County Netball tournament. They sailed through the morning matches, beating Fort Pitt 8-6, Colfes 8-3 and drawing to Sydenham 6-6. This placed them joint first in our morning pool. In the afternoon pool, they were undefeated, beating Blackheath 12-3, Sutton Valence 12-4, Benenden 16-2 and Highworth 7-5. This put them through to the quarter finals, where we were up against Fort Pitt again.

It was a very close game but Fort Pitt took the win 9-7 and progressed to the semi-finals. We are incredibly proud of how well the team played together and can't wait to see what's in store for them in the future! Very well done girls.

Rowing Silver

Congratulations to Florence (8H), Madison (9J), Tabitha (9G) for their rowing success. The girls raced in a quad at The Scullery's Junior Sculling Head. This event is the premiere head racing event in the UK for sculling crews, held at the Olympic venue, Eton Dorney. The event is a time trial over 3.6km with almost 600 crews participating from across the country. The girls, who race for Bewl Bridge Rowing Club put on an impressive display, coming in 2nd place in the women's J14 category and winning the Silver medal.



Page Turners - A glorious celebration of books and reading!



Last Thursday Weald hosted the 20th anniversary Gala evening for the much loved Page Turners Book Awards at the Tonbridge campus, led by our library team Mrs Quinnell, Ms Suttill and Mrs Shorten.

Since September around 300 students from 15 local secondary schools, guided by their librarians, have taken part in book clubs reading a shortlist of 12 books on the theme of 'Adventure Through the Pages'.

Four authors, Busayo Matuluko, Jasbinder Bilan, Marisa Linton and Megan Hopkins, were guests of honour for the evening, discussing the theme, signing books and taking part in a panel Q&A. Students dazzled in fancy dress and creative response competitions and the sheer enthusiasm of students at the event was awe-inspiring.

Megan Hopkins, winner of the 2026 Page Turners Book Award for her debut 'Starminster', said of the gala: "What a stunning and wonderful night. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it - a complete pleasure from start to finish, and the feeling of being in a room of book loving young people was absolutely beautiful."

Fellow author Marisa Linton commented "What an absolutely fantastic event! And the best part of all was to see and hear from all those youngsters, who were clearly loving the evening, enthused by it, and loving books. A lifelong gift to them."

Every student attending the event received a special book token to redeem at the event bookstall run by Sevenoaks Bookshop, meaning everyone went home with a new book of their choice. These book tokens are funded by the generosity of our brilliant sponsors, Berry & Lamberts Solicitors and Zuri IT Ltd.

More than 70 Weald students attended the Gala, and it was simply wonderful to see such excitement and enthusiasm about books and authors. We are so proud of our reading community here at Weald and love hosting this annual celebration.

For more information about the Page Turners Book Awards please have a look at the website: <https://pageturnersbookaward.co.uk/>



Student Accomplishments

Weald Student Shortlisted for Southeast Young Poet Laureate

We're incredibly proud to share that Eloise in 8C has been shortlisted for the Southeast Young Poet Laureate with her poem "NERD".

Selected as 1 of just 20 students across the region from an exceptionally strong field, this is an outstanding achievement. Eloise will now move on to the next stage, including a London masterclass and performance, with the chance to become a regional ambassador for poetry.

As part of this success, her work will also be published in a celebratory anthology – an amazing milestone. Good luck, Eloise – we're all cheering you on!

NERD

Nerd - a person who is enthusiastic in their particular subject.

Who is different beyond their control

Who requires repetitive routines throughout their day

Who misses tiny actions and becomes instantly weird

Who aches, wishes, longs for the courage to be themselves

Who wonders endlessly about how others see them

Who longs to escape the anxiety

Who feels the constant watch of authority

Who is safe with no-one else of their age

Who is a constant inhabitant of the library

Nerd - who is me...



School Events

Weald Poetry Competition

Weald Poetry Competition 2026

Poems of any style are invited on the theme: **“light”**

- Open to everyone
- Deadline: Friday 1st May
- Judge: writer & poet Nathalie Abi-Ezzi
- Performance poetry and poems in translation encouraged
- Poems must be student-made original work

- Entries to be submitted to competition post boxes (outside English Office in Tonbridge & in the library in Sevenoaks).
- Please write full name and form on the BACK of your poem.



ISSP *One World* Project

Year 7 and 8 students from Weald of Kent Grammar School, Skinners' School, Skinners' Kent Academy, Kent College, and Oakley School have been participating in the Independent and State Schools Partnership (ISSP) *One World* project this academic year. In November, students attended a presentation by the charity Asylum Speakers at Skinners' School in which Meseret Bereket, an Eritrean who arrived in the UK as an unaccompanied asylum seeker at the age of 13, spoke about his experiences. This term, students from the four schools worked together to create collages celebrating the many cultures that contribute to the British Isles. During the workshop, students communicated positively with a variety of students from different types of schools to share their experiences and create the artwork that is displayed on these boards. Here are what a couple of our students said about the event:

"It was nice to work with other schools and I enjoyed the craft and creative part of the project"

"I really enjoyed meeting students from other schools and working together"

Atom Learning - Free GCSE revision support

We're pleased to share that our school is working with Atom Learning, the UK's leading online GCSE learning platform, to provide free access to [Atom GCSE Pro](https://www.atomlearning.com/gcse) for pupils in Years 9–11 who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Atom GCSE Pro gives students clear, structured revision tailored to their subjects and exam boards. It includes:

- **Exam-board-specific practice:** GCSE-style questions, past papers and predictive papers tailored to their exam board.
- **Instant, examiner-style feedback:** AI marking based on real GCSE mark schemes.
- **Progress tracking:** Predicted grades and topic-by-topic insights showing what's going well and what to revise next.
- **Structured revision:** Courses broken into simple steps to make studying more manageable.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please complete the form below to activate their free account:

[Access free GCSE revision](https://www.atomlearning.com/gcse)

A limited free version is also available for all other families:

<https://www.atomlearning.com/gcse>

Free GCSE preparation support

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Thank you

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The pupils and staff of
Weald of Kent Grammar School

For collecting 116kg of essential hygiene products for
The Hygiene Bank West Kent.

March 2026

Lizzy Hall, Founder

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Message from SGN

A267 Argos Hill Road Closure

Our engineering work on the A267 continues to progress ahead of schedule. All new pipework that required the closure of the A267 has now been successfully installed, with the exception of a section that will cross the road near the junction with the B2100 (Bicycle Arms Road). We will also be completing the decommissioning of approximately 250 metres of old metal pipework at the Yew Tree Lane end of the project.

These activities will take place throughout next week, alongside reinstatement of the open-cut trenching and all remaining excavations. Thanks to the positive progress made on site, we now expect to reopen the A267 on **Monday 30 March**—around two weeks earlier than originally planned.

Once the A267 has reopened, we will need to complete one final connection to link the new pipework to our gas governor installation at the junction with the B2100 Bicycle Arms Road. To carry out this work safely, the entrance to the B2100 will need to be closed for two weeks from **Monday 30 March**. This closure has been planned in consultation with East Sussex Highways and key stakeholders and scheduled during the school Easter holidays to help minimise disruption to school transport services.

The **Stagecoach Route 51 service** will be affected, and passengers are advised to check with the operator for updated information on route changes and temporary bus stop locations.

We will continue to work closely with East Sussex County Council and key stakeholders as we complete this final stage of our work.