

The Weald Weekly

Term 4, Thursday 2 April



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of Term 4, I would like to share the highlights from this week and key dates on our return after the Easter break.

It was a pleasure to host our Poet Laureate breakfasts on Monday (Sevenoaks) and Wednesday (Tonbridge). We welcomed our newly appointed Poet Laureates and extended our thanks to our outgoing Laureates for their creativity, dedication, and contributions over the past year.

On Monday, our Year 12 History and Media Studies students had the opportunity to visit the Amelia Scott Museum. The Amelia Scott is currently working with Duncan Lustig-Prean to document the experiences of his mother, who escaped persecution during the Holocaust by fleeing Germany on the Kindertransport to the UK. She was one of a number of girls that stayed at the Beacon in Tunbridge Wells. The students were invited to attend a talk given by Duncan in February and the opportunity arose for students to be involved in document handling and filming as part of the efforts to digitise Duncan's mother's collection at the Amelia.

Meanwhile, yesterday afternoon we celebrated the achievements of our Year 11 students at the Prize Giving Ceremony in Tonbridge. Thank you to the many parents who attended and well done to all students who received awards - we are very proud of you.

In this week's edition of the Weald Weekly, I wanted to bring your attention to:

- Our PE Clubs taking place at both campuses - no need to sign up, students just turn up on the day!
- Our Year 8 students studying Climate Change in Geography and cross-curricular with English and Art have written poems with incredible accompanying artwork.

Looking ahead in Term 5, I would like to highlight some important dates:

- Sevenoaks Year 11 Prize Giving Ceremony will be on Thursday 30 April from 2.00pm
- Year 11 Final Day in school, before study leave commences, is Friday 1 May
- Year 13 Prize Giving Ceremony on Tuesday 5 May from 2.00pm
- Year 13 Final Day in school, before study leave commences, is Wednesday 6 May

Reminder, to Year 9 parents the "Popcorn and PJ's" evening scheduled for Friday 24 April has sold 40 tickets and needs an additional 40 tickets to be sold for the event to go ahead. Unfortunately, if we do not sell enough tickets we will have to cancel.

Following parent feedback, we will be returning to sending The Weald Weekly on a Friday afternoon from Term 5. Thank you for the feedback we have received confirming parents prefer to read the Weald Weekly over the weekend and share with their children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 20 April.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - April 2026

Monday 20

Term Five commences

Years 10 and 12 End of Year Assessments, until Friday 1 May

Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams, until Thursday 30 April

Tuesday 21

Year 13 Eduqas GCE Music Component 1 Performing

Year 9 First Aid PSHE Practical, Sevenoaks

Wednesday 22

Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening, Tonbridge,
17:30 - 18:30

Thursday 23

Year 7 Consultation Evening, Online on School Cloud, 16:00 - 19:00

Friday 24

PTA Year 9 Popcorn and PJs Event, Tonbridge, 18:30 - 21:00

[Website Calendar](#)

Sixth Form Prefects

Our Year 13 Senior Prefects are now handing over to our newly appointed Year 12 team. We wanted to say a huge thank you for all of their hard work and dedication to their roles. We wish Jess, Abi, Tanishka, Amelia, Ellen, Hadia and Sophie the very best as they pass down their knowledge to our new extended team. They have been incredibly successful with charity events, school council, 6th form entertainment and Big Sisters as well as lots of behind the scenes work. We would like to welcome Grace, Cerys, Lauren, Izzy, Evelyn, Julia, Ava, Katie, Hannah, Lateefat, Jennifer and Ellie, who I have no doubt will carry on their legacy, as well as establishing their own.



Sporting Success

Sports Leaders at the Primary Gymnastics Competition

A big well done to our Sports Leaders who supported all day at the Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition held at the Tonbridge Angel Centre. This competition was run by the Schools Sports Partnership and Extension Gymnastics Club.

The leaders had to score and judge the different events which required a lot of focus and concentration throughout the day. The Sports Leaders were so kind and supportive to the young gymnasts. We have received some wonderful comments from the staff and parents about how well our students officiated. They are ambassadors for our school and we couldn't be more proud of them.



School Trip

Senior National Reading Champions Quiz

On Thursday 26th March, 2 teams of Weald super readers set off to Harris Academy, Chafford Hundred in Essex to compete in the regional heat for the Senior National Reading Champions Quiz, accompanied by Mrs Quinnell and Mrs Shorten from the library. They faced 8 rounds of tough questioning all about books for children and young people and were up against 22 other teams from the Thames Gateway region.

Both teams had a brilliant time and performed extremely well in a very closely fought competition. The Tonbridge team of Talulah, Penny, Olivia and Maddie finished in joint 4th place with a score of 57 points, and the Sevenoaks team of Bea, Tilly, Harriet and Eliza came in at 8th place with 53 points. We are extremely proud of them all and already looking forward to having another go at the quiz next year. Here is Talulah speaking about the event:

"I really enjoyed doing the quiz! It was really fun to participate with the rest of the team in such a friendly competition against all the other schools".





Eleanor, 8B



Mayra, 8B

Geography Cross-Curricular Work on Climate Change

Year 8 have been working hard studying Climate Change in Geography. We have primarily taught this topic through the medium of poetry. Students have explored the evidence for climate change as well as the causes and effects. We have also looked at various responses to the Climate Change issue. This topic is fun and interactive and is cross curricular with English and Art. As part of their homework task, the year 8 students wrote their own poem on Climate Change and submitted it to their teacher alongside an accompanying artwork. Shown here are some brilliant examples from Mrs Arch's classes, 8A and 8B. Their creativity is very impressive and these now have pride of places in Mrs Arch's classroom, apart from the biscuits which were enjoyed with a hot cup of tea!



Imogen, 8A



Florence, 8B



Ellie, 8B

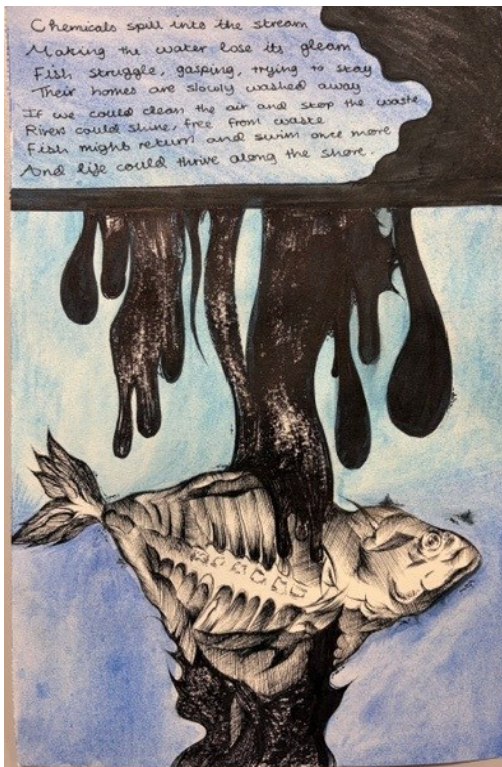


Jessica, 8B



Hannah, 8B

Artwork from Geography Climate Change continued



Ellie, 8A



Jasmine, 8B



Darcy, 8A



Imogen, 8B



Tamsin, 8A



Hannah, 8A



Darcie, 8A



Rosie, 8B

Weald donation to the Sevenoaks Larder



Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

Thank you so much for supporting Sevenoaks Larder through your recent Donations Week.

We weigh all food donations we receive and your contribution to Sevenoaks Larder came in at an incredible 69.3kg.



Sadly, the need for food support in our community is still very high, and more people are registering with us all the time. The latest Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2026) UK Poverty 2026 report highlighted that around 20% of people in the UK live in poverty, that's 1 in 5. In 2025, 3.2 million households had to cut back on food or went hungry.

We exist to support people suffering from poverty. We provide people with a weekly bag of 'dry goods' as well as a selection of fresh protein, fruit & vegetables, all chosen by them. We also distribute surplus stock from supermarkets. Our principles are simple:
Fresh Food, Choice, given with Kindness & Compassion.

Your donation will help us to continue providing that service to those families who need it, and I know that they would want us to pass on their sincere thanks to you, with our own.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more or need support. Our details can be found at sevenoakslarder.co.uk

With best wishes,

Gordon, Nicci, Goretti, Andrea, Dave and Hannah
Trustees of Sevenoaks Larder

Sports Clubs

Please see below the PE clubs on offer at Tonbridge and Sevenoaks.

There is no need to sign up in advance, just turn up on the day (except the pre-booked clubs which are indicated on the timetable).



Tonbridge Extracurricular PE Clubs



Day	Before School (7.30-8.30am)	Lunch time (12:50-1:20pm)	After school (3:35 –4:35pm)
Monday	All Years Gymnastics Gymspire <i>(External Coach - prebooked)</i>	Year 7 & 8 Rounders EES/RN Dance (all Years- in dance studio-external instructor)	All Years Kickboxing <i>(External Coach – prebooked)</i>
Tuesday		Year 9 &10 Rounders EES	All Years Kickboxing <i>(External Coach – prebooked)</i> Yr 7/8 Rounders fixtures EES <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i> All Years Tennis MM
Wednesday		Athletics (all years) AF KH AW	Athletics Club or Fixtures AF + PE staff
Thursday		Cricket (all Years) KH	Cricket Fixtures TBC Yr 9/10 Rounders fixtures AF <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i> Football Club <i>(External Coach – prebooked)</i>



Sevenoaks Extracurricular PE Clubs



Day	Before School (7.30-8.30am)	Lunch time (1-1.25pm)	After school (3.35 –4.35pm)
Monday		Year 7 & 8 Rounders (wk 1 NW) (wk 2 AW & KH)	
Tuesday		All Years Cricket (recreational) NW	Rounders Fixtures Yr 7 & 8 4-5.30pm <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i>
Wednesday		Dance –all years (external)	All Years Kickboxing <i>(External Coach – prebooked)</i> Athletics Fixtures
Thursday		All Years Tennis (Wk 2 only RN) Rounders Year 9 & 10	Rounders fixtures Yr 9 & 10 4:-5:30pm AW/RN/NW <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i> Athletics club – All Years RN
Friday			



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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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£285

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available for siblings

May 26th - 28th

9:00am - 3:00pm

Years 7-9

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