

The Weald Weekly

Term 5, Friday 24 April



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We have had a busy first week back, with students settling well into term 5.

Firstly, congratulations go to Lottie and Catherine, part of our equestrian team, who represented Weald over the Easter holidays. Also, to the parent volunteers who manage the team – well done! Congratulations also to those students in Years 7 to 11 who received awards for their achievements – photographs of our award winners can be found in this edition of the Weald Weekly.

We are now well and truly into exam season, with our Year 10 and Year 12 students having now completed the first week of their end-of-year (EoY) assessments and which will continue throughout next week. We commend them for their focus and encourage them to maintain this momentum.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) students have been undertaking their GCSE speaking examinations throughout the week. These will also continue next week, and we wish all students the very best as they complete this important component of their exams.

On Tuesday, our Year 9 Sevenoaks students took part in an important First Aid practical lesson during their PSHE sessions, equipping them with valuable life skills. The same day, our Year 13 Music students performed as part of their A Level Music Component 1 assessment which was an excellent opportunity to showcase their hard work and talent.

We were also delighted to welcome Year 12 students and their families to our Higher Education Information Evening. This was an opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the UCAS application process as well as important timelines. Thank you to all who attended this important stage of planning for the future.

Thursday evening saw our Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening, which provided a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to discuss student progress. We appreciate your continued partnership and support. This evening, we look forward to our Year 9 Popcorn and PJ event in Tonbridge, which promises to be a fun evening.

Looking ahead, next Thursday 30 April we will celebrate our Year 11 Sevenoaks Prize Giving, recognising students' achievements and contributions. Friday 1 May will mark the final day in school for Year 11 students before they begin their study leave. We wish them every success as they prepare for their upcoming examinations.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to another productive week ahead.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - April/May 2026

Monday 27	Year 11 MFL Speaking exams, until Thursday 30 April Year 10 and Year 12 End of Year Assessments, until Friday 1 May
Wednesday 29	Year 13 Art Exams, until Friday 1 May Year 8 Maths Challenge (in lessons)
Thursday 30	Sevenoaks Year 11 Prize Giving, 14:00 - 15:30
Friday 01	Year 11 last day in school before Study Leave starts at 11:30, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks

[Website Calendar](#)

Summer Weather arrangements - Terms 5 and 6

From the start of Term 5, students will be not able to use their form rooms during lunchtime. This is to encourage students to benefit from fresh air and outdoor social time. Students may access their lockers for the first 5 minutes of lunch and the last 5 minutes of lunch. The remainder of lunchtime should be spent in the canteens, courtyards or school fields. In the event of wet weather, we will temporarily adjust arrangements and allow students to use their form rooms at lunchtime.

Staffing in English

We are pleased to welcome Mr Cooke to the English team; he will be covering the bulk of Ms Sales's English lessons in KS3 and 4 for the remainder of her maternity cover.

Football Registration

For those students who are already involved or interested in joining football club please visit the site below:

Weald of Kent Tonbridge venue:

<https://activities.classhoppa.com/book/weald-of-kent-ton-yr-7-9-football-11-14-yrs-thurs>

Weald of Kent Sevenoaks venue:

<https://activities.classhoppa.com/book/weald-of-kent-sev-yr-7-9-football-11-yrs-14-yrs-friday>

Sporting Success

Weald Equestrian Team

Well done to some of our equestrian team who represented Weald at Duckhurst during the Easter Holidays. Lottie came 2nd in the 70cm and 4th in the 80cm. Catherine came 5th in the 70cm and 11th in the 80cm. As always, a big thank you to our parent volunteers who are managing the team for us.



School Trip

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork: Investigating Quality of Life in Tonbridge Using GIS

Last week, our Year 12 A-Level Geography students completed human geography fieldwork in Tonbridge. The investigation focused on understanding how deprivation may influence quality of life in different neighbourhoods across the town.

During the fieldwork, students collected a range of primary data at several locations. This included questionnaires with members of the public, Environmental Quality Surveys (EQS), and photographic evidence of housing conditions, green spaces and public infrastructure. The aim was to measure social, economic and environmental aspects of quality of life and compare them between areas that vary in government-published levels of deprivation.

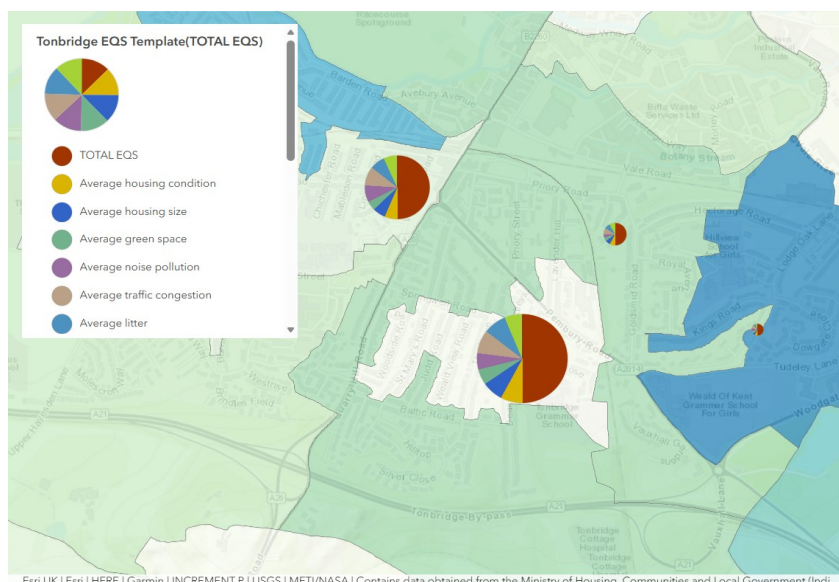
Once the data had been collected, students used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to map and analyse their results. GIS is a digital technology used to capture, store, analyse and visualise spatial data. In simple terms, it allows geographers to place information onto a map and identify patterns, relationships and trends that might not be visible in spreadsheets or written notes alone.

GIS is an important tool within modern geography because it allows researchers and planners to analyse complex spatial problems. For example, local authorities use GIS to plan new housing developments, manage transport networks, identify flood risk areas, and monitor environmental change. By learning how to use GIS, students are better-prepared to analyse their NEA data later in the year and have developed practical digital skills that are widely used in careers such as urban planning, environmental management, disaster response, logistics, and data analysis.

We look forward to seeing how the Year 12 geographers use GIS in their upcoming NEA analysis.

A particular well done to Adonai who created my favourite GIS map of the day, please see on the right.

Miss Richardson - Head of Geography



Spring Term Cup Winners, March 2026



At the end of the Spring Term, we were delighted to come together once again to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students through our Spring Term Cup presentations. These events provided an opportunity to recognise the continued dedication, resilience and positive contributions shown across the school community during a busy and productive term.

Students were nominated by subject teachers in recognition of their sustained effort, academic progress and enthusiasm for learning. In addition, Form Tutors selected students who consistently demonstrated our core values in action, showing integrity, kindness and a strong sense of responsibility in their daily school life.

The highlight of the celebrations was the presentation of the School Values Cups. Awarded to students in each year group across both campuses, these honours recognise individuals who embody the qualities of compassion, curiosity and courage in a truly exceptional way. These students serve as role models to their peers, demonstrating how our values can be lived out both in and beyond the classroom.

The Spring Term Cup presentations are an important moment in the school year, allowing us to pause and acknowledge the many successes - both big and small - that contribute to our vibrant community.

Our Spring Term School Values Cup Winners:

Compassion Cup	Francesca (7E), Ella (7I), Erika (8D), Maya (8H), Blythe (9G), Tallulah (9J), Zahra (10D), Arwen (12E)
Curiosity Cup	Izzy (7D), Florence (7H), Anaaya (8D), Catherine (8H), Chetna (9A), Ella (9I), Hannah (10E), Lara (10C), Polly (12F)
Courage Cup	Evie (7F), Zeena (7H), Eloise (8C), Charlotte (8I), Evie (9A), Georgia (9H), Sadie (10E), Cleo (12H)



Tonbridge Year 11 Prize Giving Ceremony

On Wednesday 1st April, we held our prize giving for Year 11 at the Tonbridge campus. This is the third year we have held this event, marking the considerable efforts and achievements that Year 11 students have made in this important school year. As well as awards for every subject, we presented cups in 'special awards', including the Head of year Cup (most house points), Arts Cup, Sports Cup, Headteachers Award (for displaying school values), Trustee Cup (for community contributions) and a GCSE Cup for highest attainment in recent school pre-public exams. We were treated to music from Anna and Miranda both from 11F, as well as poetry readings from Artemis and Clarissa, also from 11F.



Our guest speaker was Hope Simpson. Hope was a student at Weald, leaving in 2009. She loved sciences, languages, and art, and represented the school in netball and athletics. She went on to study Biological Sciences at the University of Oxford, followed by a Master's degree in Control of Infectious Diseases. She is now an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Senior Research Fellow at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. She talked to the Year 11 students about her work in infectious tropical diseases and gave some great words of wisdom as the students approach their public examinations and make choices about their post-16 studies. As ever, it was a super event that displayed the very best of Weald – achievements in all areas of school life, and enthusiastic cheering from the whole year group!

Our Tonbridge Year 11 Award Winners:

Art	Phoebe (11A)
Biology	Ava (11E)
Business Studies	Rashidatu (11E)
Chemistry	Annabel (11B)
Computer Science	Erin (11D)
Design Technology	Sasha (11E)
Drama	Anastasia (11B)
English	Language: Deborah (11E) Joint Literature: Hannah (11G) and April (11G)
Food & Nutrition	Sophia (11B)
French	Isabella (11A)
Geography	Beth (11E)
German	Josephine (11D)
History	Klara (11F)
Mathematics	Mandalay (11E)
Music	Anna (11F)
Physical Education	Annabel (11B)

Physics	Rashidatu (11E)
Religious Studies	Grace (11G)
Spanish	Bella (11G)
Sports Award (for contribution to school sports)	Isabel (11G)
Arts Award (for contribution to the cultural life of the school)	Artemis (11F)
GCSE Award (for the highest attainment in Year 11)	Erin (11D)
Head of Year Award (for achieving the most house points)	Rose (11C)
Headteacher Award (for embodying the school's values of curiosity, compassion and courage)	Tanya (11G)
Trustee's Community Award (for contribution to the school community)	Jaylah (11G)

Musical Achievement

Congratulations to Iris and Emilia in Year 9 for their achievements in graded music examinations. Iris passed her grade 2 saxophone exam and Emilia passed her grade 3 clarinet exam with merit. Well done to both of you!



Careers Newsletter

Please see [here](#) for this week's Careers Newsletter which contains weekly opportunities and information for students.

Talking Futures

[Talking Futures](#) is a website to help parents have informed and constructive career conversations with their children about their professional and academic future.



Talking makes it easier

Only a lucky few of us know from a young age the type of work we want to do when we grow up. Most of us need time to figure it out, and plenty of us stumble into our jobs and careers without too much thought.

That's why it's good to have conversations about jobs and careers with your child early – and to have them regularly, on an ongoing basis. This will hopefully make big decisions about education, training, and careers more manageable as you and your child will be used to having these types of conversations.

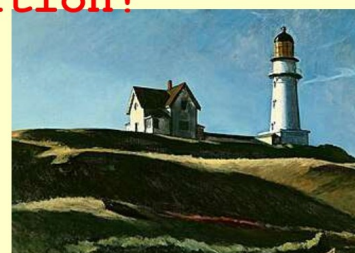
[DISCOVER CONVERSATION TIPS >](#)

With useful information and resources about the different pathways students can take and how to support them during exam season.

Art Competition

- The Art department are working with English department in creating artwork in support for this year's poetry theme of 'Light'.
- The competition is being judged by writer and poet Nathalie Abi-Ezzi.
- This will be introduced in your art lessons.
- Artwork must be your own work, no AI.
- **The deadline is Monday 11th May 2026.**
- A4 size in the medium of your choice – paint, colouring pencil, pastel, collage, mixed media etc.
- Students must remember to put their full name and form on the back of their entry.
- You can title your artwork.
- Please return entries to your Art teacher in Tonbridge and Sevenoaks.
- All finalists will be invited to an event in June and winning poetry and artwork will be published.
- Any queries, speak to the Art department in Tonbridge and Sevenoaks.

Calling all artists for art competition!
Light



Lighthouse Hill Edward Hopper



Messages from the Kent & Medway Mental Health Teams

Upcoming workshops being delivered by the Emotional Wellbeing and Support Team.



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Workshop

Less Stress Guide to Exams

07/05/2026 17:00—18:00pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing **difficulties with exam stress**? Would you like to learn more about **what anxiety is** and **how to best to prepare for exams**?

You are invited to a workshop **exam stress**. It will help you to understand **what causes anxiety**. We will also discuss **techniques that you can use** to overcome anxiety for exams and coursework.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Less Stress Guide to Exams | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions, please speak with your school. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you




Please call for more information 0300 300 1955



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Workshop

Understanding the Amazing Teenage Brain

18/05/2026 18:00—20:00pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Parents/carers and young people are invited to a workshop **Understanding Your Teenage Brain**. It will help you to understand **your amazing brains and the changes that come with adolescence**. We will also discuss **strategies that you can use** to improve communication and understanding between you and to regulate emotions.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Understanding The Amazing Teenage Brain | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Workshop

Co-regulation in Conversations and Conflict

15/06/2026 17:00—19:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Parents/carers are invited to a workshop, **Co-regulation in Conversations and Conflict**. It covers topics such as, **difficult conversations, compassion, tolerating distress and curiosity**. We aim to help develop understanding in these areas and to explore possible **strategies that you can use**.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Co-Regulation in Conversations and Conflict | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions, please speak with your school. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

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Workshop

Understanding Neurodiversity

29/06/2026 17:30—19:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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WEBINAR SCHEDULE

**How to Support Your Child
During Exam Season**
Wednesday 29th April
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Find out how to support your child through exam-related stress and burnout, learn effective revision strategies and explore ways to create a positive, supportive environment.



If you're unable to join live, you can still register to receive the webinar recording after the session.

How to Find Work Experience
Wednesday 13th May, 6PM (BST)



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**Everything You Need to Know
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Wednesday 10th June, 6PM (BST)



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