

The Weald Weekly

Term 5, Friday 1 May



Dear Parents and Carers

Examination season is now in full swing and as we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to say well done to our Year 10 and Year 12 students, who have now completed their EoY assessments. This week as well, our Year 11 GCSE Modern Foreign Languages students successfully completed their speaking examinations, and our Year 13 Art A Level students have been working hard in their 15-hour exam!

Yesterday afternoon, we had the pleasure of celebrating with the Sevenoaks Year 11 students at their Prize-Giving - an occasion that truly highlighted their commitment and success. Our guest speaker, Flo Simpson, herself a former Weald student, was there to present the prizes and offer some very sage advice to our students as to how to make the most of their futures.

Today marks an important milestone for all Year 11 students, as they have their final day in school before beginning study leave, starting with a Leavers Assembly and finishing with free ice cream, courtesy of our wonderful PTA. We wish them every success as they prepare for and undertake their GCSE examinations.

We also send our very best wishes to Eloise in Year 8 who has been selected as a finalist in the National Poetry Competition to find a Regional Poet Laureate for the South Region. Eloise will be attending a masterclass with published poets and other student finalists. This is a fantastic achievement, and we hope Eloise has a wonderful time.

We warmly invite you to join us tomorrow evening, at 7pm, for Weald Voices presents Stabat Mater at The Chapel of St Augustine, Tonbridge School. Tickets can still be purchased via the poster in this edition of Weald Weekly or on the door tomorrow evening. Our students and staff have dedicated many weeks of hard work and practice to prepare for this performance, and it would mean a great deal to them to have your support. We wish them every success and hope to see you there for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Looking ahead to next week, please note that Monday is the Bank Holiday. On our return, Year 11 Art exams will continue, alongside Year 13 PE moderation and the start of Year 10 Languages EoY speaking assessments. On Tuesday 5 May at 2pm, we look forward to celebrating with our Year 13 students at their Prize-Giving Ceremony. This will be followed by the start of their study leave on Wednesday 6 May, after what promises to be a morning of well-deserved celebration and fun.

Future of the PTA is in your hands! For the final PTA meeting this year on Tuesday 9 June, we need as many parents to attend as possible to determine if we have enough people to continue next year. Please contact wok-chair@outlook.com for Teams invitation.

The PTA also need parent helpers for our Sports Day on Friday 10 July. Sign up is here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wok/>.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you and your families enjoy a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - May 2026

Saturday 2	Weald Voices presents "Stabat Mater", The Chapel of St. Augustine, Tonbridge School, 19:00
Monday 4	Bank Holiday, school closed
Tuesday 5	Year 11 Art Exams, until Wednesday 6 May A-Level PE Moderation, Tonbridge Year 12 Physics and Maths trip to Mechanical Workshop, Thorpe Park Year 13 Prize Giving Ceremony, Tonbridge, 14:00 - 14:30
Wednesday 6	Year 10 Languages End of Year Speaking Assessments, until Thursday 7 May Year 13 last day of school before Study Leave starts at 11:40 Theatre trip to "Hercules", Theatre Royal Drury Lane, 15:45 gathering in main hall of both campuses
Thursday 7	Start of Public Examinations Year 9 TdIPV & MenACWY Vaccinations, Tonbridge
Friday 8	Year 12 Geography NEA trip to Hastings

[Website Calendar](#)

Catering for specific dietary requirements

Please be aware that Accent, our caterers, stock a range of products geared around known dietary restrictions within our school community. This is based on current demand. Where students and staff feel current options are too limited or do not meet particular needs, please do speak directly to the campus chefs to let them know which specific items would be helpful and when you would like them available. The Accent catering team is keen to listen and, where possible, accommodate individual needs.

Tonbridge Chef: Keith Martin



Sevenoaks Chef: Anthony Davis



Sporting Success

Weald Student plays for England Hockey

Congratulations to Allegra who represented England during the Hockey 6 Nations

Competition. The England squad beat France 3-1, beat Netherlands 2-0, lost against Scotland 1-3 and beat Belgium 5-0. It was a brilliant experience and the team finished 3rd place at the tournament. Well done for your continued hard work and dedication to Hockey!



Weald Tennis Teams

The Weald Tennis teams have started the season with some big wins. Last week our Year7/8 team beat Colfe's in their LTA Division 1 group match. The team, Tamsin, Elysia, Jasmin and Erin, sweep all the singles and doubles matches in an impressive performance - well done girls!

Our Year 9/10 team started off their season strong by winning against Wally Hall 5-1 sets, including taking both the doubles matches.

They also played Kings Canterbury and edged out a 4-2 sets win in a closely contested game.

Congratulations to Imogen, Isabella, Amelia and Emily!



Hockey Gold for Weald Student

Following their success in the Kent Cup U12 girls hockey, Charlotte (7J) and her Knole Park Hockey Club team, played in the South East Regional tournament on Sunday 26th April and won gold again!

Charlotte and the team have now qualified to compete in the National U12 Hockey Finals later this month. They will represent the South East region playing against the other best teams in England.

Best of luck to Charlotte and the Knole Park Hockey Club U12 girls!

Football Club at Tonbridge and Sevenoaks

Our external football club, **Love the Game UK**, will continue into the summer terms and there are still spaces available across both sites.

For existing players and perspective students please find more information here;

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

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Message from the School Nurse

Asthma

Please ensure that all students with Asthma have their inhaler **and** spacer with them for the school day. If you would like to store a spare for your child in student support, please send one in and complete the medication permission form online [here](#). Please also make sure you have the correct sized spacer for your child:



Infant Mask 0-24 months



***Child Mask 2-6 years**



***Adult Mask 6 yrs plus**



Adult 6yrs

Hayfever

Hayfever season is in full swing! Please can you make sure students are taking their antihistamines prior to coming to school.

Paracetamol/Ibuprofen

Students are allowed to carry a dose of over-the-counter analgesia to self-administer throughout the school day for pain relief.

Trips

Please make sure all students attending trips and external events have their medication with them. This includes asthma inhalers and Adrenaline auto injectors (x2 EpiPens are needed). If students do not present their emergency medication to the trip leader prior to leaving, they will not be able to attend.

Healthcare plans

Please make sure you update your child's healthcare plans yearly; it is your responsibility to do so. If there are also any changes in their care or needs, please ensure the school nurse is made aware so we can inform staff of any changes in their condition.

Messages from the Careers Team

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

Year 11 and Year 12 Work Experience

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A reminder that this summer both Years 11 and 12 have the opportunity to go out on Work Experience.

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy in the future and helps them develop their CV. It can be a transformational experience.

Dates are:

Year 11 – any time from 29 June – 17 July

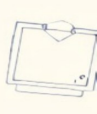
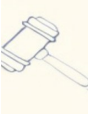
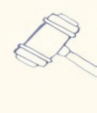
Year 12 – last week of the summer term 13-17 July

Please get your WEX placements finalised as soon as possible and upload the details onto the Unifrog Placement Tool.

You have until the beginning of June to add the details to Unifrog. The deadline is fast approaching!



Maidstone Combined Court Centre Open Day





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Saturday 9th May 2026

Doors open: 10:00 | Last entry: 14:30
Free entry – All welcome

Activities:

Take part in a mock trial
Act as a juror

Tour the cells
See a prison van
Cafe facilities available

Opportunities to meet and hear about barristers, solicitors, the Crown Prosecution Service, judges, magistrates, police, prison officers and probation officers.

The Law Courts, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8EQ

Disclaimer: Unfortunately, the cells are inaccessible to those who are unable to climb stairs unaided.

Weald Voices presents Stabat Mater

Saturday 2nd May at 7pm

An evening of breathtaking choral music awaits...

At the heart of our upcoming concert is *Stabat Mater* by Kim André Arnesen – a work of extraordinary emotional depth and shimmering beauty, brought to life in this special performance.

Alongside this, the programme features the haunting *Quatre Motets pour un temps de pénitence* by Francis Poulenc, plus powerful and atmospheric works by Bob Chilcott, Richard Lloyd, Olivier Messiaen, and Ēriks Ešenvalds.

Set in the stunning Chapel of St Augustine at Tonbridge School, this promises to be an unforgettable evening of reflection, intensity and inspiration, performed by exceptional local musicians and guest artists.

Tickets available via the Weald of Kent Box Office (click on the poster for the ticket page).

Don't miss this moving journey through contemporary and 20th-century sacred music.

STABAT MATER

Featuring Music by Kim André Arnesen, Bob Chilcott,
Francis Poulenc & Ēriks Ešenvalds



Saturday 2nd May | 7pm

The Chapel of St. Augustine,
Tonbridge School

Scan or click
for Tickets

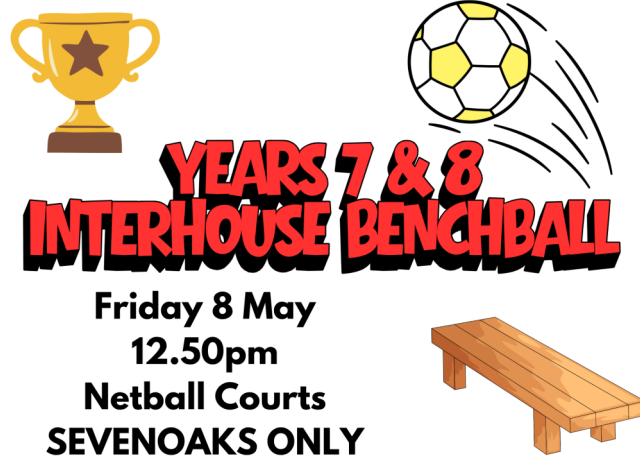


WEALD VOICES
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ST. CECILIA WIND SYMPHONY

Alice Privett soprano
Christopher Cox organ
Jonathan Crowhurst conductor



Sevenoaks Years 7 and 8 Interhouse Benchball



WoK Drama presents: Arabian Nights



Listen...

When King Sharayar discovers his wife has not been faithful, he vows to never trust women again. But he still needs a queen. So each day he marries a new woman from his kingdom, and then has her put to death the next day for him to marry someone new.

This cycle of bloodshed has to be stopped. And Shaharzad has had enough. She comes up with a plan to use her powerful storytelling to change the king's heart. Will she be successful, or will she suffer the same fate as the other women?

WoK Drama presents 'Arabian Nights', a retelling of the original Persian text, by Dominic Cooke. Come and join us for this simple yet powerful production that puts women's narrative at the heart of the story and how the simple acting of hearing a story can change the world.

Performance Dates: 25th and 26th June, 5pm

Tickets are available via ParentPay at £5 each.



COMFY CLOTHES DAY



West Kent

FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Let's get comfortable, support mental wellbeing and end the stigma.



FRIDAY
MAY 15TH



YOU CAN WEAR:



PAJAMA SETS



PAJAMA
BOTTOMS



JOGGERS



T SHIRTS



HOODIES



LONG SLEEVE
TOPS



Being comfortable helps us feel good,
so we can be kind to our minds.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



YOU CAN'T WEAR:



SHORTS



VEST TOPS



Let's choose comfort
and compassion!



West Kent



Thank you for supporting
West Kent Mind and
mental health for all!



Small actions
can make a
big difference.

Find out more about West Kent Mind:
www.westkentmind.org.uk

8billionideas Leadership Conference

The Leadership Accelerator

An immersive three-day experience where students discover their unique leadership profile, establish their first planetary government, build a constitution and lead their planet through real-world challenges.

Venue: Tonbridge School

Dates: 26 - 28 May 2026

Year Groups: Years 7 - 9

Click on the poster for more details:



YOUNG LEADERS

WANTED

**THIS MAY HALF TERM AT TONBRIDGE SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**



**3 days for
£285**

10% discount
available for siblings

May 26th – 28th

9:00am – 3:00pm

Years 7–9

[Click here
to find out more](#)