

The Weald Weekly

Term 5, Friday 15 May



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the final week before half-term, the public examinations are now in full swing, both in terms of GCSEs and A Level. Best of luck to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students over the coming months.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Sevenoaks Prefect Team, who will officially take up their positions alongside our Tonbridge Senior Prefect Team from September 2026. We look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make to school life and the leadership they will provide throughout the coming year.

We also recognised Mental Health Awareness Week, culminating today in our Comfy Clothes Day, where students and staff came together to raise awareness and promote positive wellbeing across the school community by wearing 'comfy clothes'. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed – we raised £716.00!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Chapel of St Augustine to hear Weald Voices present *Stabat Mater*. Congratulations to our students and staff for a truly wonderful evening. Your dedication, and countless hours of preparation were evident throughout the performance. We are immensely proud of what you achieved. Thank you all for making it such a memorable event.

It has been a very successful week for sport at the school. In this edition of the Weald Weekly we have stand out sporting successes – Amalie has been selected for Team GB in swimming at the Commonwealth Games and Maya won the gold medal and crowned 300m Kent Indoor Athletics Champion.

On Monday, our U13 and U15 cricketers represented the school in the Chance to Compete competition and on Tuesday our Year 7 and 8 rounders team played Walthamstow Hall. Congratulations to all students involved, we are very proud of you. More information inside this edition.

Well done to our Year 7 students on the Tonbridge & Malling U12 district football team – what a great achievement, winning the District Final.

Our Year 12 Drama students enjoyed a visit to Trinity Theatre for an A Level Technical Workshop, where they were able to work practically on technical design elements and gain access to industry professionals.

Finally, all the best to our athletics students who are competing in Round 1 of the English Schools Athletics (ESA) Track and Field Schools Cup at Tonbridge School today. We are awaiting the results. More next week!

A reminder that next Friday, 22 May, marks the end of Term 5. Students will return for our final term, Term 6, on Monday 1 June 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - May 2026

Monday 18	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition, until Thursday 21 May U13 and U15 Outdoor 8 Cricket Tournament, Sidcup, departing and returning to Tonbridge, 7:45 - 17:30 Year 9 Symposium Public Speaking Competition - Regional Heat, Tonbridge, 13:00 - 17:00
Tuesday 19	Year 12 UCAS Talk with Jane Marshall, Tonbridge, 9:10 - 10:10 Parent Focus Group 4, Sevenoaks, 18:30 - 19:30
Wednesday 20	Sevenoaks Years 7 and 8 "Booknic" Gold and Platinum Reading Challenge, Sevenoaks, 12:45 - 13:25 ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition Round 3, Bede's Prep School, Eastbourne, 13:25 - 19:30
Friday 22	Tonbridge Years 7 and 8 "Booknic" Gold and Platinum Reading Challenge, Tonbridge, 12:45 - 13:25 Term Five ends

[Website Calendar](#)

Message from the School Nurse

Allergies and emergency medication

If your child has been prescribed an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) please can you make sure they are always carrying **x2 EpiPens** with them. We can hold spares for them in student support in the event theirs misfires/expires but they should have them on their persons for travel to and from school. A reminder also that these should not be stored in lockers.

If students do not present their EpiPens or inhalers when going on a school trip they will **not** be able to attend for safety reasons – this is as per school policy.

As the weather is warming up PE lessons are moving outside. Please can you make sure students have their asthma inhalers with them for PE lessons. Should you require spares, which we can store in student support please contact your GP for a new prescription.

Please can I also kindly remind you that whilst we cannot guarantee we are a nut free school, we strongly discourage students from bringing in products containing nuts, due to the high volume of students and staff we have with nut allergies.



Sporting Success

Weald Student to represent Team GB in Swimming

Congratulations to Amalie in Year 12 who has been selected to represent Team GB in swimming at the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. This is an extraordinary opportunity and follows Amalie's outstanding performances at the Aquatics Great British Swimming championship held in April.

She has also been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Swimming Championships in August in Paris. Both of these selections are for senior teams. As well as these, she has also been selected to swim in Munich as part of the junior GB team to compete at European Junior Swimming Championships. We wish Amalie all the best for these upcoming international championships.

NSEA Show Jumping

There was a great turn out at Hadlow College for the NSEA Show Jumping last weekend with some tough competition with schools attending from across the counties. Weald had competitors in most classes and achieved some excellent results qualifying them onto the next rounds. Very well done to all of you.

- 50cm Class - 1st place Lucy riding Freddie (see picture on the right)
- 60cm Class - 3rd place Zoe riding Penpont Miss Dynamite
- 70cm Class - 2nd place Lottie riding Kialala Tom Tom
- 80cm Class - 3rd place Lottie riding Kialala Tom Tom
- 80cm Class - 4th Place Catherine riding Scarlet O'Hara
- 90cm Class - 3rd place Catherine riding Scarlet O'Hara



Athletics Gold for Weald Student

Athletics track season is underway and Maya (9I) is off to a great start.

A few weeks ago she was crowned 300m Kent Indoor Champion U15 winning the gold medal.

Last weekend at the Kent Outdoor Championships she posted PBs in the U16 300m and 200m getting a silver medal and bronze medal in the respective events. Congratulations Maya!

We wish her all the best for the rest of the season.



Years 7 and 8 Rounders

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 Rounders Teams who played Walthamstow Hall away last Tuesday.

For our Year 7 team this was their very first match together. They played very well on an unfamiliar pitch, showing a lot of skill for such a new team.

Our Year 8 team were exceptional both in fielding and batting. Both teams won their games with a significant score difference. Congratulations girls!



U13 and U15 Cricket

On Monday 11th May, our U13 and U15 Chance 2 Compete Cricket teams played in the opening round of the C2C competition at Sidcup CC. In extremely cold conditions both teams did very well to keep morale high and demonstrated some good Cricket. Highlights include Charlotte being fielder of the day, by committing herself to stopping the balls from reaching the boundary. Our other Charlotte bowling a maiden over, and Esther claiming a few run outs. The U15 team saw Amy and Harrie put in a strong batting performance together, and Pranshi and Neve bowling a wicket. We would like to thank all of our students who participated for demonstrating excellent teamwork and compassion to the opposition.

U12 District Football Final Win

Congratulations to several of our year 7 girls who play on the Tonbridge & Malling U12 district football team - the team won their District Final on Sunday 10th May at the Gallagher Stadium, home of Maidstone United.

Winning the trophy is just reward for all the hard work they've put in this season and shows what can be achieved when you keep going and never give up.

Well done to Emi (7D), Jessica (7E), Maddie (7H), Lottie (7I), Roisin (7G) and Charlotte (7J).



Sevenoaks Prefect Team

We are delighted to introduce our new Sevenoaks Prefect Team for the coming academic year at our Sevenoaks Campus. Alongside our Deputy Head Girl; Mia (10I) and our student Prefects, we are also proud to announce our new Subject Prefects and Big Sisters - a group of dedicated Year 10 students moving into Year 11 who will help support younger students across the school community. These roles recognise students who demonstrate responsibility, kindness, leadership and a commitment to our school values. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make throughout the year.

Mrs Smith; Head of Year 10 and 11, Sevenoaks



The Sevenoaks Prefect Team

Deputy Head girl: Mia (10I)

Charity Prefects: Maisie (10I) and Eva (10J)

Community Prefects: Pranshi (10J) and Kei-Hannah (10J)

Inclusion Prefects: Scarlett (10I) and Elvie (10I)

Transition Prefects: Keira (10K) and Amelie (10J)

Curriculum Prefects: Amelia (10K) and Eva (10K)



The Sevenoaks Big Sisters

Eliza (10J),

Daniella (10K),

Lola (10K)

Jess (10I),

Emily (10I),

Martha (10I)

Hannah (10I),

Chloe (10I)

Ellie (10K)

Eleanor (10I)

Lexie (10I)

The Sevenoaks Subject Prefects

Modern Foreign Languages: Daniella (10K)

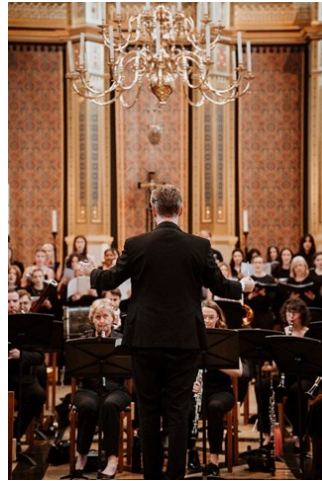
Humanities: Amelia (10K)

Science: Taya (10J)

English/Arts: Imogen (10K)

Maths: Keira (10K)





Weald Voices Performance at the Chapel of St Augustine

The Chapel of St. Augustine at Tonbridge School hosted a wonderful concert on Saturday 2 May, bringing together an inspiring collaboration between Weald Voices, St Cecilia Wind Symphony and the newly formed St Cecilia Voices. The evening celebrated both musical excellence and new beginnings.

The programme opened with vibrant and expressive works by Bob Chilcott, Ēriks Ešņvalds, and Stephen Paulus performed by St Cecilia Voices on debut - the ensemble featuring a number of Weald students and staff, past and present.

The centrepiece of the evening, Kim André Arnesen's *Stabat Mater*, provided a deeply moving conclusion. Specially arranged for the concert and conducted by Head of Music, Jonathan Crowhurst, the performance combined the choral forces of Weald Voices and St Cecilia Voices with outstanding accompaniment by St Cecilia Wind Symphony and our friend, organist Christopher Cox. Alongside soprano soloist Alice Privett, all performers delivered a fantastic performance which was warmly received by an appreciative audience.

The concert was not only a showcase of outstanding musicianship, but also a celebration of collaboration and artistic growth with many singers experiencing such an occasion for the very first time. The concert marked an important milestone for all three ensembles, leaving a strong sense of anticipation for what lies ahead. Thank you, well done and congratulations to everyone.

Thank you to Nicola Dawson for the wonderful photos and to St Cecilia Music for their brilliant musicianship and collaborative spirit. Please do follow them on social media - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Instagram

[@nicoladawsonphotography](https://www.instagram.com/nicoladawsonphotography)

[@stceciliamusicuk](https://www.instagram.com/stceciliamusicuk)



Careers Newsletter

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



 **The Summer Event of the Year – Final Tickets Remaining + New Update with Google, EY, Visa, Unilever, HSBC and more!**
YP Work Experience Day in London
Saturday 18th July, 9am - 1pm or 2pm - 6pm

FAO Careers, Y11, 12 and 13 Students and Parents

If you want to meet top employers, hear from inspiring industry leaders and gain the skills to stand out from the crowd, don't wait, secure your spot today.

Please note there is a booking fee (£25 in the morning and £26 in the afternoon) to help cover venue hire, AV and tech, goodie bags, downloadable resources and the amazing speakers coming to the event.

Morning booking link:

<https://buy.stripe.com/8x2eVe8Rl6kFgMQa3m53O0k>

Afternoon booking link:

<https://buy.stripe.com/8x28wQc3x10lfMgrK53O0l>

Supporting students through exams

Public exams are now underway at Weald and we are incredibly proud of how our year 11 and 13 students are rising to the challenge. Exam season can be a pressured time for many students. While encouraging students to work hard is important, it's equally vital that they feel supported throughout the process.

The NHS has put together a [helpful guide for parents](#) on supporting their children during exams, with practical advice on building healthy routines, spotting signs of stress and creating a positive environment at home.

WoK Drama presents: Arabian Nights

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

Tickets are available via ParentPay at £5 each.



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.



Y7 and Y8 Parents wanted for Research on the effects of parental electronic monitoring

If you are interested in taking part in this study, being run by researchers at the University of Bath, please read [here](#). The study will take approximately 10 minutes of your time and 10 minutes of your child's time.