

The Weald Weekly

Term 6, Friday 19 June



Dear Parents and Carers

As another busy week draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to share some of the outstanding achievements and experiences our students have enjoyed.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have now completed their GCSE and A Level examinations. We are incredibly proud of the commitment they have shown throughout the examination period. We wish them a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing the next steps they take in their educational journeys.

On Tuesday, our Year 7 students attended an inspiring STEM Roadshow hosted by BAE Systems and the Royal Air Force, giving them a fascinating insight into the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Our Year 12 Geography students have been in Margate for their 3-day residential NEA fieldwork trip. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for students to develop their independent research skills and gather essential data for their coursework.

A huge well done to all the students who participated in the Key Stage 3 Poetry and Art Celebration event in Sevenoaks on Wednesday evening. This year's theme was 'light' and the evening was an opportunity for Year 7, 8 and 9 students to perform their poems to an audience. Visitors also were able to see the amazing pieces of art that students have created to reflect the theme of 'light'. Overall, it was a fantastic evening of celebrating the creativity and confidence of our younger students.

On Thursday evening, we were delighted to see Year 8 students showcasing their artistic talents at the final of the InspiREd Art Competition in Tonbridge. Well done to all the finalists with the winning entries being put on display for the school community to see.

Today we have enjoyed our much anticipated Decades Day, where students and staff have dressed up in outfits from the 1950s through to the 1990s, to raise money for our chosen charities. The creativity on display has been exceptional, helping to create an enjoyable atmosphere across both campuses.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited for our Years 7, 8 and 9 Drama Production of *Arabian Nights*, taking place at 5pm on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June. Tickets are still available on ParentPay, and I encourage you to come along and support our talented performers.

A reminder to Year 11 students that the Sixth Form induction day takes place on Thursday 25 June, and on Friday 26 June we will be hosting our Sixth Form Open Morning at our Tonbridge campus for external students wishing to join the Sixth Form. All of Year 12 students will be supporting the event by welcoming and guiding potential joiners around the Tonbridge campus. We look forward to showcasing the excellent opportunities and experiences available within our Sixth Form.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and wish you all a wonderful weekend.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - June 2026

Monday 22	Year 10 English Speaking and Listening Assessments, until Friday 26 June Economics Olympiad Final (2 students), SOAS University of London
Tuesday 23	Year 12 Sociology trip, The Amelia Scott Museum, Tunbridge Wells "Arabian Nights" Dress Rehearsal, Tonbridge, 9:10 - 15:30
Wednesday 24	Public Exams Contingency Day Year 10 Rounders Primary Tournament, Tonbridge, 16:00 - 18:00
Thursday 25	Sixth Form Induction Day, Tonbridge ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition Grand Final (2 students), Shakespeare's Globe, London "Arabian Nights" production, Tonbridge, 17:00 - 19:00
Friday 26	Sixth Form Open Morning, Tonbridge Year 12 Business Challenge, 12:00 - 13:25 "Arabian Nights" production, Tonbridge, 17:00 - 19:00

[Website Calendar](#)

Careers Newsletter

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

Sporting Success

Gold Medal and Outstanding Achiever Award in Athletics

At the weekend, Kent School Athletics was a fantastic spectacle with young athletes competing for their schools and county.

Maya in year 9 representing Weald of Kent Grammar School (under the banner of Tonbridge schools) set a new personal best in the 100m final. Motivated by her strong performance earlier in the day, she went on to win the 1st place Gold medal in Junior Girls 300m.



In recognition for her successes on the track so far this season, she has also been awarded the Jack Petchey Outstanding Achiever Award. Congratulations Maya!



Football glory for Weald Student

Isla in Yr 9 recently travelled to Spain to compete in the Barcelona Girls Cup in the U14 category with Sittingbourne Youth FC. She played against an exceptionally high calibre of teams from across Europe and Scandinavia. Isla and her teammates rose to the challenge and leave the tournament as the 2026 Barcelona Girls Cup Champions!

Alongside this achievement, Isla has spent the past two years playing for the Charlton Athletic Girls Academy and before travelling to Barcelona, her team were crowned champions of the U15 Junior Premier League Premier Division!

To top off an incredible few months, Isla has now signed for London City Lionesses and will join the club for the 2026/27 season. Congratulations Isla on all of your amazing football accomplishments!



Sporting Success continued

Weald Sisters achieve Kickboxing Black Belt

Congratulations to Maisie in year 10 and Rosie in year 13 on getting their Black Belts in Kickboxing. This is a great accomplishment and their instructor is very proud of their performances!

ESAA English Schools' Track & Field Cup 2026

Congratulations to the athletes who represented Weald at the Regional 'A' Final of the ESAA Schools Cup, which was held at Medway Park, Gillingham on Wednesday 17th June.

The Junior Girls team finished in a very respectable 7th place with 315 points behind some of the nation's top performing schools. Croydon High School took the overall win with 478 points, with Guildford High School 2nd and St Catherines School in 3rd. Our top points scorers came from the middle-distance trio Cora earning a huge 26 points running 2.34 and Aria recording a personal best time of 2.41 coming away with 24 points in the 800m. Rosie gained 23 points in the 1500m, posting a new lifetime best of 5.40. A huge congratulations to Georgie who set a very impressive personal best in the shot recording a huge throw of 7.87m for 20 points. Florence led the way for the sprints team with an impressive 29.2 points for the 200m. The relay team came home in second place with a fantastic display of teamwork from Martha, Jasmine, Georgie, and Elysia.

Congratulation to the whole Junior team who showed dedication, excellent sportsmanship, positive attitudes and served as excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done!



School Events

Poetry and Art Celebration Event 2026

The Weald of Kent Poet Laureates, Maxine, Isla and Lara (year 10) from Tonbridge and Leia and Lexie (Year 9) and Pranshi (Year 10) from Sevenoaks led a wonderful Poetry and Art Celebration evening at the Sevenoaks campus on Wednesday evening. The event highlighted the incredible poetry written and performed by Weald students this year. In addition, poems and artwork produced by students for our competition on the theme of 'Light' was showcased during the evening. Selected poems and art will appear in an Anthology, a copy of which will be given to each of the featured poets and artists.

The evening began with some beautiful music performed by Sevenoaks students on the grand piano while parents, students and teachers mingled and enjoyed the art exhibition. The Poet Laureates then introduced the evening and invited poets to perform their work, whilst related art pieces were displayed.

In addition to poems from the competition, students performed poems that they had written for a national competition led by Poet Laureate Simon Armitage to locate regional poets in KS2 and KS3 from across the country. Caitlin's poem was Commended in that competition and Eloise's poem 'Nerd' was a finalist. Two Year 10 students also performed published poems, 'When We Two Parted' and 'Remains' which they had entered for the National Poetry By Heart Competition.

Finally, there was an awards ceremony for poems judged by published author and poet Nathalie Abi-Ezzi and artwork judged by the Weald Art Department. The standard of art and poetry was stunning and demonstrates the talents of Weald students.

A handful of poems and art work is displayed on the following pages.





Poetry and Art Celebration Event 2026

A Perfect Dawn

It begins before I notice it,
not extravagant,
but in a soft trespass
along the edge of the room.

light – delicate as porcelain –
tries on the shape of things
falling onto the most intricate of details
the lip of a cup,
a thread of dust on the piano,
the glistening varnish smoothed across the table.

Nothing holds it exactly
It gathers, loosens, gathers again,
learning the language of matter,
by speaking it imperfectly

I follow it without meaning to.

Not with my feet –
but with that quiet tilt of attention
as I watch it pool in and
drape the room in fragments of a world beyond.

Because light does not arrive empty.

It carries distances within it
it's seen history too far to admit
and brightens a world too large to imagine
so, as it flows through the window
and I feel the warmth hit my hand
for a moment –
everything aligns.
Not changed.
Not unrecognisable.

Shadows sit where they belong
and objects morph into their shapes
and I stand, breathtaken.
By a simple room made beautiful
by a perfect dawn...

Rebecca S, Year 9
2026 Weald Poetry Competition Winner
Artwork by Milly R, Year 9



Poetry and Art Celebration Event 2026

The Lighthouse

A furious sea crashes spite against the shore,
Gulls streak the sky, dodging lightning as they soar.

The cruel wind cackles, powerful currents on her breath,
And a sailboat fights the tide, careening closer to its death.

Rain hammers down through the veil of the night,
And jagged rocks approach, in the darkness, out of sight.

Thunder claps above her, provoking what may come,
And the sailor begs for mercy, believing she is done.

Suddenly, a beam of light, and a danger is revealed,
The sailor swerves to escape the rocks, that are no longer concealed.

Like a mystical spell, all seemed still but the pounding in her chest,
She steered a course right back to the shore, putting an end to her quest.

A humble red striped lighthouse, a beacon in the night, saved the sailor from a tragic end;
For all she needed, was a light.

Poppy G, Year 8

2026 Weald Poetry Competition Runner-up

Artwork by Willow L, year 7



WoK Drama presents: Arabian Nights - 25th and 26th June



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 Shaharзад 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: Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June, 5pm

Location: Tonbridge Main Hall

Tickets are available via ParentPay at £5 each

Pride Picnic and Bakesale Tonbridge and Sevenoaks - Friday 3 July

There will also be multiple competitions to win house points and **edible prizes (3 winners per campus!)** and a raffle to win a **£20 one4all gift card**. You will be able to spend that at lots of restaurants and shops including Nandos, Wagamamas, the Odeon, Primark, Pandora and more!

We would be massively grateful for any contributions towards the bake sale, be it cookies, cakes, biscuits or whatever can be baked at home, or just by coming along to buy! Please hand in your baked goods on the morning of the 3rd July, to Miss Firestone in the canteen at Sevenoaks or to Reception at Tonbridge.



Call for Volunteers: Criminology Panel Judges - 13-15 July 2026

We are excited to share that our annual Year 9 Criminology Challenge will be taking place on **Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, and Wednesday 15th July**, and we are currently looking for **volunteers from the legal, social work or policing professions** to act as panel judges for this event.

As part of the day, students will take on the task of designing a **Women's Prison**, following a morning of criminology workshops and a criminology lecture. At **2.30-3.30pm** each afternoon, finalist student teams will present their prison designs to the panel and a student audience. The panel will have the opportunity to pose questions and select which teams will be awarded prizes.

We warmly welcome volunteers for **any one or more of the three dates**, and your professional insight would offer invaluable challenge and perspective to the students' ideas. The last two years our panels have made a powerful impression, helping students reflect more deeply on the role of prisons and the wider implications of criminal justice decisions in society.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact sbutler@wealdgs.org by June 26th. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to another thought-provoking event.

Sarah Butler
Head of Sociology



OUTFIT Design

YOUR HOUSE.
YOUR DECADE.
YOUR STYLE!

COMPETITION!

DESIGN AN OUTFIT INSPIRED BY
THE DECADE YOUR HOUSE IS!

Bia:
1950s



Gaia:
1960s



Themis:
1970s



Aletheia:
1980s



Metis:
1990s



UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY!



BE CREATIVE:
Think outside the box
& express yourself!



REPRESENT YOUR HOUSE:
Let your decade shine
through!



EXCITING PRIZES:
Get noticed & earn
amazing rewards!

PLEASE EMAIL OR HAND MRS NORTHCOTE ANY ENTRIES!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

26TH JUNE

Let your creativity
take center stage!

★ ONE DECADE.

ONE DESIGN.

GOOD LUCK! ★