

The Weald Weekly

Term 6, Friday 26 June



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for the way they have responded to the recent period of exceptionally hot weather. We responded to the Red Heat Alert by making a number of adjustments to the school day and routines, and I am grateful for the flexibility and resilience shown by everyone. The wellbeing of our school community remains our priority, and I appreciate the support of parents and carers as we navigated these challenging conditions.

Despite the heat, we have a lot to report back on this week, starting with our Year 12 students representing the school at the Economics Olympiad Final at the University of London and Year 12 Sociology students attending the Unlocking Collections Inquiry Day at The Amelia.

We also hosted our annual Rounders Primary Tournament, attended by local primary schools with our Year 10 Sports Leaders supporting. Two talented Year 9 students, Rebecca and Alice, attended the ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition – we look forward to hearing how they got on.

We were also delighted to welcome a small group of incoming Year 7 students to both campuses for a transition morning, organised by our SENCo team. These visits provide an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and begin building confidence ahead of September.

Our current Year 11 students attended our Sixth Form Induction on Thursday, giving them a taste of life in the Sixth Form and helping them prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. On Friday morning, we hosted external Year 11 students at our Sixth Form Open Morning and showcased the opportunities available within our thriving Sixth Form community.

Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather conditions, we had to postpone our Year 7, 8 and 9 production of *Arabian Nights*. We know how much work and enthusiasm students and staff have invested in the production, and we look forward to sharing their talents with you when the performance is rescheduled for September. We will confirm the new date as soon as possible.

With GCSE and A Level examinations now concluded, our attention turns to the many exciting events still to come this term. Here are just a few of them we are looking forward to celebrating; Year 11 and Year 13 students at their Proms, our Summer Concert, Sports Day, and culminating the year with Enrichment Week!

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a relaxing weekend.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - June/July 2026

Monday 29	Year 13 DofE Gold Assessed, until Tuesday 30 June Year 12 Art and French trip to Paris until Thursday 2 July Year 10 RE Trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Tuesday 30	Year 10 DT NEA, Tonbridge Orchestra Rehearsal Day, Tonbridge, 8:45 - 15:30 Parent Focus Group, Tonbridge, 18:30 - 19:30
Wednesday 01	ISSP trip to Port Lympne Sevenoaks Year 9 Vaccinations, Td/IPV MenACWY Year 10 DT NEA, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks
Thursday 02	Orchestra Rehearsal, Tonbridge, 16:30 - 18:30 Year 12 Drama/English Literature/Media Studies trip to New Views Festival, National Theatre, London Year 11 Celebration Event, Salomons Estate, 18:00 - 23:30
Friday 03	Student Librarians Trip to the Charles Dickens Museum and British Library 15 Year 10 students visiting Bishop Chavasse Primary School Annual Pride Picnic, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks Year 13 Prom, Salomons Estate, 18:00 - 23:30

[Website Calendar](#)

Careers Newsletter

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

Message from the PE Department

Now that the weather is warming up, please remember the following:

- Only Weald PE T-shirts/skorts/shorts to be worn – no others are acceptable.
- Make sure you are wearing your PE T-shirt under your jumper so that you can take your jumper off if you get hot.
- Bring your water bottle out to all lessons – make sure it has water in it BEFORE the lesson!
- Wear sun cream and a hat.



Sporting Success

Weald Student becomes XTERRA triathlon European Vice Champion

Congratulations to Flavia on an outstanding achievement at her first international XTERRA race in Molveno, Italy, where she was crowned XTERRA European Vice-Champion. XTERRA is the world's leading off-road triathlon series, combining open-water swimming, mountain biking and trail running in challenging natural environments. Athletes compete on demanding courses that test both endurance and technical skill. Competing in the 2026 XTERRA European Championship in Trentino, Italy, Flavia delivered a remarkable performance, finishing just 21 seconds behind the winner. Impressively, she also crossed the line ahead of the reigning World Champion, underlining the quality of her race. She also had to contend with racing in temperatures exceeding 30°C. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and look forward to following her future successes on the international stage.



Year 7&8 Rounders WOK off

A big well done to our Year 7 and 8 teams who played each other at Weald Sevenoaks on Tuesday 16th June.

All teams played brilliantly well, especially in the heat! Weald Tonbridge won both games, however the Year 7 match was exceptionally close with Tonbridge only winning by half a rounder. The PE department are very proud of all the girls.



Sporting Success continued

Weald Softball Cricket Teams

U13

On Tuesday 23rd June, our U13 Outdoor 8 Softball Cricket team travelled to Mote Park CC for the softball finals. Our first game was against St Edmunds, where we were the team to field first. All six students bowled amazingly with lots of dot balls, and Robyn bowled the only wicket of the innings. In the batting innings, Esther secured a total of 10 runs for the team, and Phoebe secured a total of 18 runs. St Edmunds only took 1 wicket too, so it all came down to the final 2 balls in the final over. Unfortunately, St Edmunds took the win by 2 runs. Therefore, we went into the 3rd place play offs against Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar. After another outstanding batting performance from Phoebe who retired on 20 runs, and Robyn scoring 16 runs, we were able to score a total of 67-0. This gave us a solid start to our fielding innings, where the students showed more fantastic bowling and fielding. Lottie bowled a wicket, as well as Phoebe who also made a brilliant catch in the field, to keep their total to 29-3. Therefore, the U13's were able to secure a 3rd place victory with only 6 players in their team. They showed determination, support and high levels of motivation throughout the day. The PE department are very proud of them.



U15 - COUNTY CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday 23rd June, our U15 Outdoor 8 Softball Cricket team travelled to Mote Park CC for the softball finals. It was a local derby against Wally Hall in the final, so all students were feeling extra competitive. We won the toss and elected to field first, where the students all bowled phenomenally. Alice got the first wicket of the day, with an outstanding one handed catch in the field. The three other wickets from the game were made by our player of the day, and wicket keeper, Ella. The students managed to keep Wally to only 43-4. During our batting innings, the students showed an incredible amount of support for each other, and made some fantastic runs. Lucie managed to retire on 20 runs after hitting multiple boundaries. After our strong batting performance, we were able to secure the win by the 6th over. This means that we are Kent County Champions for Softball!!! This is a brilliant achievement, and we are extremely proud of this team.



School Trips

Year 12 Biology Trip to Flatford Mills

For the whole week starting Monday the 8th of June, the biology department visited Flatford Mill which is recognised for housing the famous artist John Constable and its vast biodiversity with ponds, forests and fields. Throughout the trip, we explored a variety of habitats and carried out practical investigations to deepen our understanding of ecology.



One of our main activities involved studying ponds and lakes, where we identified and compared a wide range of aquatic species. It was fascinating to discover and capture organisms that many of us had never encountered before and to learn how they contribute to their ecosystems.

We also conducted research in forest habitats, investigating plant life and measuring species abundance. These activities helped us understand how biodiversity can vary within an ecosystem and the factors that influence it. This also allowed us to plan and conduct our own experiment later in the trip.

A particular highlight was our visit to a salt marsh. Despite being caught in a storm, it was a memorable experience that allowed us to observe a unique habitat and the specialised halophytes that live there. The challenging weather certainly made the trip more adventurous!



There was plenty of laughs shared as we navigated the rain in oversized waterproofs and wellies, creating memories that will last long after the trip and photos that definitely won't be forgotten!

Overall, the field trip was both educational and exciting. It provided valuable hands-on experience, strengthened our understanding of ecology which will benefit our studies into year 13, and gave us the opportunity to appreciate the incredible diversity of life in different environments around us.

Rosie and Millie, Year 12 Biologists



Geography A Level Trip to Margate

From Tuesday 16th of June to Thursday 18th of June, all geography A-Level students went on a trip to Margate for our NEA investigations. Over these three days all students were split up into groups across these locations based on their overall questions: Herne Bay, Whitstable, Margate, Ramsgate, and Swalecliffe. At each of these locations we had a variety of students who investigated either human or physical topics such as deprivation, changes in sediment size, beach profiles, or regeneration. In the evenings after collecting our data, we were allowed to explore the local area of Margate and get dinner, followed by a tour of Margate to deepen our knowledge of the key A-level case study. On Wednesday night, we all headed back to the hotel early to watch and support the England team's world cup match against Croatia. After the trip all the students have come back with lots of primary data, ready to be used in our NEAs. Overall, it was a great trip which allowed us to learn about geography outside of a school environment and most importantly collect valuable data to answer our investigation questions.

Chloe and Alice - Geography Prefects



Year 12 Sociology Trip: Unlocking Collections at the Amelia Scott Museum

On Tuesday 23rd June, our 50 Year 12 Sociology students travelled to the Amelia Scott Museum in Tunbridge Wells for a day of rich historical, political and sociological exploration. Students were immersed in local history resources, stories and artefacts through a series of workshops and debates. They had the opportunity to discuss not only the history of democracy and the suffrage movement, but also its relevance today, exploring voting, local councils, and the future of democratic participation - hearing directly from the elections team about the immense task of organising local and general elections.



A particular highlight was learning about two suffragettes and suffragists who campaigned tirelessly for women's right to vote: local figures Amelia Scott and Olive Walton, whose courage and determination helped shape the rights we have today.

A fantastic day was had by all, and we extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful team at the Amelia Scott Museum and to the Unlocking Collections project, now in its second successful year, for hosting our students.

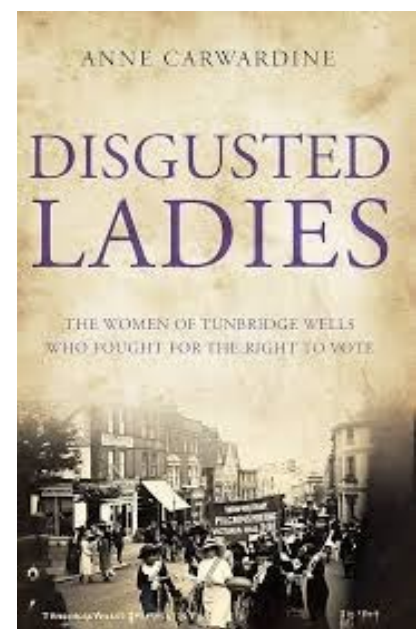
This visit will be followed by a parliamentary-style debating competition on Wednesday 8th July, with a team of our Year 12 students going head-to-head against Mascalls School on a debate motion yet to be revealed. Watch this space!

If any parents would like to come along as part of the audience for the Schools Debating Competition, at 5pm on Wednesday July 8th at the Amelia Scott, please email sbutler@wealdgs.org to book a place.

Anyone interested in learning more about the local history mentioned here, may like to read the book displayed below.

Well done to our Year 12 Sociologists who, despite the heatwave, engaged brilliantly and showed academic curiosity, courage and compassion as they got stuck into the events of the day.

Ms Butler
Head of Sociology



Weald Students in the Economics Olympiad Final

Earlier in the year, many of our A Level Economics students took part in the first two rounds of the Economics Olympiad, achieving some very high scores. Two of our students secured a place in the Finals, putting them amongst the top 3.5% of over 4,000 students nationwide. This was a great achievement and they should be incredibly proud of their performance and the dedication, knowledge and critical thinking that brought them to this stage.



On Monday, the finalists sat a challenging assessment at SOAS, University of London and were then provided with the opportunity to hear from leading economists and commentators, including Professor Linda Yueh, Dr Yannis Dafermos, Soumaya Keynes and Professor Ha-Joon Chang. It was a fascinating day covering topics such as AI and sustainability, trade wars and financial crashes. Whilst we missed out on a top 10 place, the day was a superb celebration of our young economists and a brilliant opportunity to think more deeply about a number of current economic issues.

"Competing in the final of the economics Olympiad was an exciting and informative opportunity. The experience was challenging but I learnt a lot from taking part and the guest speaker lectures throughout the day were very engaging and thoughtful." Amelia, Year 12

Music Exams

Congratulations to the following singers for passing their singing exams this academic year!

Eva in Year 7 – Grade 2 with Merit

Hana in Year 8 – Grade 2 with Merit

Talulah in Year 8 – Grade 2

Aarna in Year 8 – Grade 2 with Merit

Olivia in Year 8 – Grade 3 with Distinction

Jessica in Year 8 – Grade 2 with Merit

Gracie in Year 9 – Grade 2 with Merit

Ella in Year 9 – Grade 3 with Merit

Missy in Year 10 – Grade 5 with Merit

Emilia in Year 11 – Grade 6 with Merit

Lilia in Year 12 – Grade 6 with Merit



Lilia in Year 12, Ella in Year 9, Gracie in Year 9 and Eva in Year 9

Year 12 Maths Support to Bishop Chavassee Primary School

This year, a group of Year 12 students had the opportunity to support the local Bishop Chavassee primary school. Through this experience, we assisted younger ages with maths as well as a variety of other subjects, helping them develop their understanding and mainly confidence in the classroom. While explaining maths concepts to our peers often feels straightforward as we are working at a similar level, teaching younger children was a completely different experience. It challenged us to adapt the way we communicated, breaking down concepts into simple, manageable steps and finding new, innovative ways to explain problems such as using blocks to visualise numerical operations so that they were easier to understand. Throughout this day, we learnt to develop our communication skills and the importance of patience and encouragement when working with different age groups. The Year 12 students appreciated the opportunity to help the younger students and understand how to give clear mathematical explanations.

Rakshana, Year 12 Maths and Further Maths student

Atom Learning

As we approach the end of the school year, we wanted to remind you about a resource available to many of our families - one that can support your children's learning over the summer and make for a more confident September.



Free Atom Home accounts for pupil premium families

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Requesting a free account

It only takes a few minutes to set up - simply complete the form below, and Atom will take care of the rest. If you're not sure whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, please ask.

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