

The Weald Weekly

Term 1, Friday 11 September



Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report that our students have settled back into school life extremely well after the summer break. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy once again, and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

We are especially pleased with how our new Year 7 students are settling in. They have already begun exploring the many opportunities available to them. As part of their introduction to our school community, we are hosting a Co-curricular Fair at both campuses to encourage them to join various clubs and activities. These clubs and activities are a fantastic way for students to meet new friends, discover new interests, and engage fully in school life beyond the classroom. We hope they will take advantage of these opportunities!

Our key school priority for this year is "to ensure that Weald of Kent Grammar School is a truly inclusive school with a strong culture of resilience, where all students feel a strong sense of identity, community and belonging." We have already begun talking about this important priority with students through assemblies, and it will remain a key focus throughout the academic year. We look forward to continuing to explore what this means for our whole school community and to working together to ensure that all students feel a strong sense of identity, community and belonging.

Our series of Information Evenings for parents has begun, with Year 7 and Year 10. The following week, we will be hosting evenings for Year 12 and Year 13. These events provide a valuable opportunity for you to learn about the year ahead for your child, particularly those students following public examinations, what our expectations are and how you can best support your child. We encourage all parents and carers to attend these evenings.

On alternate Wednesday afternoons, from 23 September, the Sixth Formers will start their Sixth Form Sports programme with a wide range of sports and physical activities for students to take part in. It is a great opportunity for them to step away from the classroom and to enjoy one another's company. We will also start our lecture programme for Year 12 students, which will take place on the week that they do not have Sixth Form Sport.

Next week is our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Launch Week for students followed by the parent information evening on Monday 21 September 18:00 - 19:00 in Tonbridge Main Hall.

Other key dates for this coming term:

- PTA Year 8 Disco - Friday 25 September, Tonbridge Main Hall 19:30 - 21:00
- PTA Year 8 Disco - Friday 2 October, Sevenoaks Main Hall 19:30 - 21:00
- Arabian Nights School Production - 30 September and 1 October at Tonbridge Main Hall 18:30 - 20:00
- Year 7 Girls Night In Friday 2 October, Tonbridge Main Hall 18:30 - 21:30
- Sevenoaks Year 7 Girls Night In is on Friday 6 November from 18:30 - 21:30
- Year 7 Meet the Tutors - w/c 5 October, both campuses

Thank you for your support cheering on the Weald staff at the Dragon Boat Race on Sunday. Although we did not make the final, we improved on our overall position in the leader table as well as avoiding capsizing!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic term together.

R V Booth

Headteacher

Upcoming Events Week 1 - September 2026

Monday 14	Co-Curricular Fair, Tonbridge Main Hall, 12:55 - 13:20
Tuesday 15	Tonbridge Year 7 Information Evening, Tonbridge Main Hall 18:00 -19:00
Thursday 17	Year 10 Information Evening, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks Main Halls 18:00 -19:00
Friday 18	Years 11, 12 and 13 Tonbridge Photographs 9:00 - 11.50 Year 11 Sevenoaks Photographs 11:00 - 11.30
Saturday 19 - Sunday 20	Y10 DofE Bronze Assessed (completion from Y9) Group 1

[Website Calendar](#)

Message from the School Nurse

Health Bulletin

Students are allowed to carry a dose of paracetamol, ibuprofen or antihistamines with them to self-administer throughout the school day. If they require regular doses in school or any prescribed medication, please send in a box and a completed medication permissions form which you can find on the website under Student Support.

We also have a microwave in student support for students to heat their wheat packs if they have period cramps during the day.

Everyone has lovely, shiny new shoes! However, they are causing blisters and sore heels, so please can you ensure students have their own plasters and blister plasters with them.

With new school bags and pencil cases, inhalers and other emergency medication is often forgotten. Please can you always make sure students have their inhalers and x2 adrenaline auto injectors with them during the school day. We are happy to store emergency spares in student support.

Lastly, a reminder that there is a 48 hour rule for episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, so students must stay off school until they are 48 hours free of symptoms.

Sporting Success

Black Belt First Class Pass

Congratulations to Indiana in Year 11 for achieving her black belt at the end of July. She did such a great job she got a first class pass, which is rare on a black belt! She immediately gets a JCK embroidered belt, which again is not often given out. Well done Indiana!



Weald Equestrian Team

In August, the Weald Equestrian team competed at Hickstead International Showground for the NSEA National Show Jumping Finals. The team of 6 riders (Lucy, Zoe, Naevia, Lottie, Erin and Catherine) qualified over the last year and competed across different classes over two days. The classes all had huge competitor numbers, the days were long, the courses were technical and fences well up to height!

The girls all rose to the occasion with super riding by everyone, they should all be proud of their achievements. Special mention to Lottie and Ted for being placed 6th in the 70cm class and of course all the parents for the help and support!! If your child is interested in representing Weald in the equestrian team, please email Mrs Northcote for more information.

We would also like to thank the PTA for purchasing some new saddle pads which we will be lending out to riders who are representing us.



School Activities

Bottle Challenge Event

Our interhouse competition kicks off this year with the Bottle Challenge. Please see details below.

Bottle Challenge: Event Details



- **Tonbridge:** Thursday 17th September
- **Sevenoaks:** Friday 18th September
- Select two students from each form group to take part.
- On the day of your event, please come to the **Sports Hall** with the bottles your form have collected.
- You need to arrive **by 12.50pm**– it is suggested that you bring a packed lunch that day so you can eat it quickly first! You will lose out on building time if you are late.
- You will be given instructions on arrival as to what you are building.
- You will be working with other members of your House from other year groups.
- You will only have lunchtime to complete the challenge.
- Other students and staff are welcome to join at 1.15pm to see the final outcome!



Careers Newsletter

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

PE Club Timetables

Please see below information about the PE clubs on offer at Tonbridge and Sevenoaks. There is no need to sign up in advance just turn up on the day (*except for the pre-booked clubs which are indicated on the timetable).

Students will need to get changed into PE kit at school for their club if they don't have PE that day.

  Tonbridge Extracurricular PE Clubs  			
Day	Before School (7:30-8:30am)	Lunch time (12:45-1:15pm)	After school (3:45 –4:45pm)
Monday	All Years Gymnastics (External Coach - prebooked)	Year 7 & 8 Netball EES All Years Football - MM/6th Form students Dance (all years in studio- prebooked-ask PE for details) Year 7 Trampolining AW	KS3 Rugby (External coach) All Years Kickboxing (External Coach – prebooked) Trampolining Squad Training (invite only)
Tuesday		Year 9, 10 and 11 Netball EES Year 10 & 11 Trampolining RN Badminton Yr 9/10/11 KH	All Years Kickboxing (External Coach – prebooked) Yr 7 & 8 Netball fixtures 4-5:15pm Week 1 only <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i>
Wednesday		GCSE coursework clinic RN	All Years Hockey MM2
Thursday		Badminton Yr 7/8 KH	Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 Netball fixtures 4:00-5:15pm <i>See fixture list and team sheets</i> KS3 Football (External coach-prebooked) starting after Oct. Half term
Friday	GCSE Trampolining Masterclass AW	Cheerleading (KS3- external coach pre-booked) Year 8 & 9 Trampolining AW	

  Sevenoaks Extracurricular PE Clubs  			
Day	Before School (7:30-8:30am)	Lunch time (12:45-1:15pm)	After school (3:45 –4:45pm)
Monday		All Years Dance SE	
Tuesday		Year 7&8 Netball AW	4-5.30pm: Yr. 7 & Yr. 8 Netball fixtures AW week 1 <i>See fixture list and team sheets.</i>
Wednesday	GCSE Trampolining AW	Badminton All-Years NW week 1	All Years Kickboxing (External Coach – prebooked) Hockey all Years (PTA funded-external coach) Cheerleading (Dance studio External Coach – prebooked)
Thursday		Year 9 & 10 Netball NW AW	Yr. 9 & Yr. 10 Netball fixtures 4-5:15pm All years Trampolining AW
Friday			KS3 Football (External coach-prebooked) <i>Starting after Oct. half term</i>

External PE Clubs

Please see information below on some of our external PE clubs happening across both campuses.

At Tonbridge we will have Rugby Club on Mondays after school, Dance Club taking place on Mondays lunchtime and Cheerleading Club on Friday lunchtimes.

At Sevenoaks campus, we will have Cheerleading Club on Wednesdays after school.



**MONDAY
AFTER SCHOOL
RUGBY CLUB**

15:45-16:45

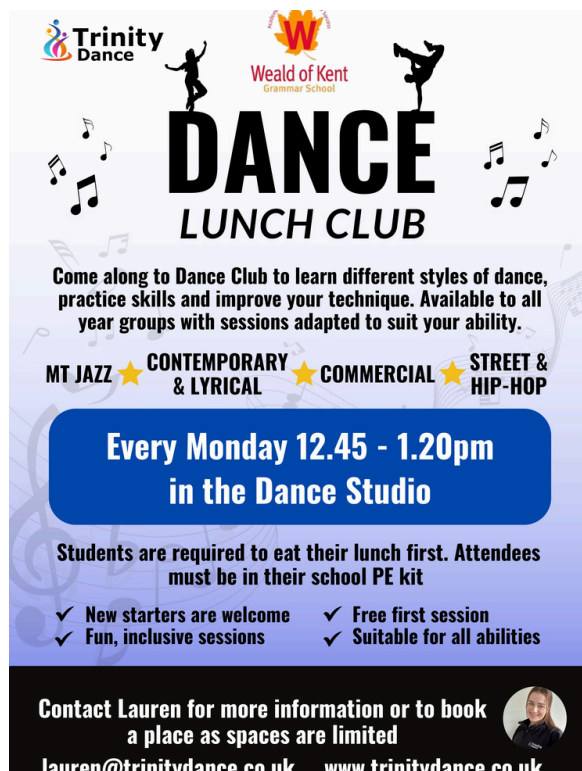
LOCATION:
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**DANCE
LUNCH CLUB**

Come along to Dance Club to learn different styles of dance, practice skills and improve your technique. Available to all year groups with sessions adapted to suit your ability.

MT JAZZ ★ CONTEMPORARY & LYRICAL ★ COMMERCIAL ★ STREET & HIP-HOP

**Every Monday 12.45 - 1.20pm
in the Dance Studio**

Students are required to eat their lunch first. Attendees must be in their school PE kit

- ✓ New starters are welcome
- ✓ Free first session
- ✓ Fun, inclusive sessions
- ✓ Suitable for all abilities

Contact Lauren for more information or to book a place as spaces are limited
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**CHEERLEADING
CLASSES
COMING TO WEALD**

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CLASSES for Years 7-9

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**CHEERLEADING
LUNCH CLUB**

An exciting opportunity to learn and have a go at the four elements of cheerleading. Available to all students in Years 7-10!

STUNTS ★ TUMBLING ★ MOTIONS ★ JUMPS

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in the Sports Hall**

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Messages from National Highways

A21 Embankment Works

We'll soon be carrying out stabilisation works to the embankment on the A21 at Boarzell, near Hurst Green.

Work will be carried out in two phases and includes, vegetation clearance, planting of willow poles which will grow into trees and the installation of safety barriers.

To undertake these works safely, there will be two-way temporary traffic lights from the B2099 junction at Swiftsden heading north up the A21 for approximately 300 metres, 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday only.

Phase one vegetation clearance:

Two-way traffic lights:

- 15 September to 9 November 2026

We will be returning in January 2027 for phase two to plant the Willow poles

A21 Tree Removal Works

Shortly we will be undertaking the removal of diseased trees along the A21.

To undertake these works safely, we'll need to close the A21 southbound carriageway from Sevenoaks Bypass to Morleys roundabout.

Please note: Access for emergency services will be maintained during this overnight closure, please approach the closure point to be escorted through the closure.

We'll carry out this work from Tuesday 15 September for one night between 9pm and 6am.

There will be a signed diversion in place.