

The Weald Weekly

Term 1, Friday 25 September



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking all our parents and carers who attended their respective Information Evenings this term. As our senior students begin the process of completing their university applications, thank you also to all the Y13 parents and carers who attended our online UCAS evening.

In preparation for our Sixth Form Open Evening, Our Year 11 Information Evenings will be taking place next week (Tuesday 29 September at Tonbridge 6-7pm and Thursday 1 October at Sevenoaks 6-7pm). The aim is to guide students and parents through the admissions process for Sixth Form, our curriculum offer, preparation for Higher Education and more.

Our Y10 Art students attended the first trip of the year to Wingham Wildlife Park. The visit will allow students to complete observational drawings and take resource photographs of a range of animals to support their first project at GCSE. We will hear all about their trip in next week's edition of Weald Weekly.

Tonight is the PTA Year 8 Disco in Tonbridge. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to make sure the event could go ahead. Please do consider getting involved - whether it is volunteering your time, offering ideas, or attending events, your participation makes all the difference. Please volunteer here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wok/> Our PTA need you!

Reminder, the PTA are holding their first meeting of the year, including AGM, on Tuesday 29 September, Tonbridge at 7.30pm. All welcome, please come along.

Finally, we successfully carried out our fire drills at both campuses to ensure our students are familiar with emergency procedures. Students followed all safety procedures quickly and calmly, showing great awareness and responsibility.

Here are some of the events taking place in the weeks to come:

- Arabian Nights School Production, Tonbridge, 6pm - Wednesday 30 September
- Arabian Nights School Production, Tonbridge, 6pm - Thursday 1 October
- PTA Year 8 Disco, Sevenoaks, 7.30 - 9.00pm – Friday 2 October
- Y7 Meet the Tutor meetings, both campuses - Monday 5 – Wednesday 7 October
- Sixth Form Open Evening, Tonbridge, 5.30-7.30pm - Thursday 8 October
- EMD (English, Media, Drama) Week - Monday 12 – Friday 16 October
- Term one ends - Friday 16 October

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a restful weekend, and we look forward to sharing more updates in the next newsletter.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events – September/October 2026 – Week 1

Monday 28	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Launch Week Year 11 Food & Nutrition NEA1 Practical, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, until Friday 2 October Year 8 Work Shadow Day Year 13 Mock Interviews, Sevenoaks A Level Spanish Trip Parent Information Evening, Tonbridge Main Hall, 18:00 – 19:00
Tuesday 29	Arabian Nights Open Dress Rehearsal Tonbridge 13:25 – 15:30 Tonbridge Year 11 Information Evening for Sixth Form, Tonbridge Main Hall, 18:00 – 19:00 PTA AGM, Tonbridge 19:30 – 20:30
Wednesday 30	Arabian Nights School Production, Tonbridge Main Hall, performance at 18:00
Thursday 01	U16 Netball Tournament, Rainham School for Girls Neurodivergence Parent Coffee Morning, Tonbridge Sixth Form Café, 10:00 – 11:30 Arabian Nights School Production, Tonbridge Main Hall, performance at 18:00 Sevenoaks Year 11 Information Evening for Sixth Form, Sevenoaks Main Hall, 18:00 – 19:00
Friday 02	PTA Sevenoaks Year 8 Disco, 19:30 – 21:00

[Website Calendar](#)

Uniform expectations

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students wearing the correct school uniform during the first few weeks of the school year. However, please can we remind everyone of the following:

House Badges - all students should be wearing their house badge on the days they are in school uniform. Sixth formers should wear them on their lanyards. If your child has lost their house badge, replacements can be bought via ParentPay for £2 and collected from the school reception at each campus.

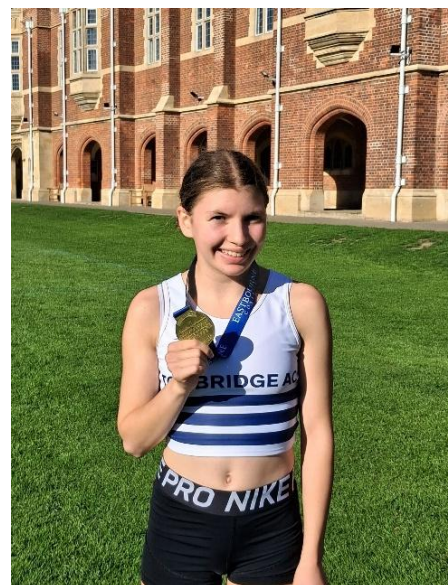
PE Kit - is only to be worn on the days that students have PE lessons. We have seen a growing number of students wearing baggy, parachute-style tracksuit bottoms, particularly the "iets frans" brand. These are not suitable for sport and pose a health and safety risk. Students must not wear them as part of their PE kit. Our PE kit list also includes a navy sweatshirt for PE. Please note that students are not allowed to wear hoodies for PE (in line with the guidance set out by various sports governing bodies). This includes the now phased-out Weald hoodies.

Sporting Success

First in Biathlon Qualifier

Congratulations to Flavia who represented the school at the Eastbourne College Regional Schools Biathlon Qualifier, competing in a 100m swim and 1500m run and finished an impressive first in the Year 10 category.

This event forms part of the qualifying process for the Nationals in March for which we wish her all the best success.



Weald Student selected for Chelsea Academy

After being signed with Brighton & Hove Albion last season, Mia in Year 7 has been scouted by Chelsea Academy for this football season. We are extremely proud of her for this fantastic achievement, and we look forward to hearing about her future success with the academy, including their upcoming tournament in Mallorca next month.



Bronze Medal winner in Cross Country

Congratulations to Cora in year 8 who competed in the U14 Kent Athletics County Championships last weekend. She participated in the 800m event and was placed third overall winning a bronze medal. Well done Cora.

School Trip

Operation Wallacea Mexico Trip July 2026



At the beginning of the summer holidays, 26 Year 12s, one Year 13 and 3 intrepid members of staff set off for two weeks of scientific research and exploration in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

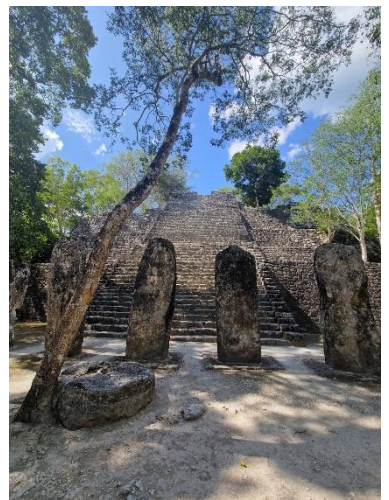
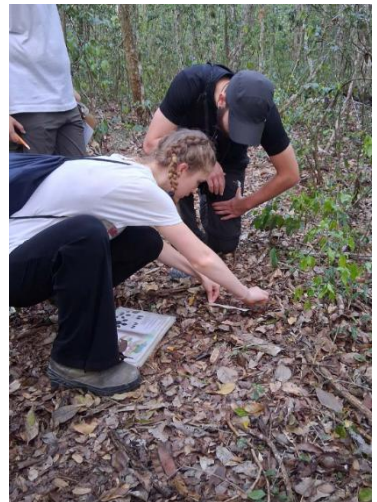
We spent the first week in the remote jungle of the Calakmul Biosphere, sleeping in tents with basic facilities and no internet access! There were early mornings and late nights out walking and surveying the amazing wildlife and learning about real life scientific research from the specialist biologists working there. We also had the opportunity to visit the second largest Mayan pyramids in Mexico – after an epic climb to the top, we were treated to a stunning view of forests below us as far as the eye could see; we could even see as far as Guatemala.

After a wildlife filled week in the jungle, we travelled 8 hours to the coastal area of Akalmul where students took part in snorkelling, diving and completed their PADI course. We surveyed the health of the coral reef and learnt about the conservation of the turtles and the seagrass they depend on in the bay. We finished the week with a snorkel in a mangrove lagoon.

It was such a great opportunity to learn from scientists working in the field and contribute to their research projects that will then hopefully have an impact on conservation of biodiversity.

"My favourite part of the 2 weeks was being able to scuba dive with turtles, rays, and nurse sharks. Being able to see the animals up close was incredible!"

"I loved seeing all the amazing wildlife up close – from anteaters to howler monkeys and bats in Week 1, and from stingrays, moray eels to giant Loggerhead turtles in Week 2, it was an experience I will never forget."



Year 12 Co-Curricular Lecture Programme

We are seeking guest speakers for our Year 12 Co-Curricular Lecture Programme, which runs every Wednesday afternoon at Tonbridge. The purpose is for students to engage in learning beyond their A Level studies, and to learn about topics not studied. Examples range from "Fast Fashion" to "What is Democracy?" and many more. It might be linked to your own career, which our student will find interesting and enriching. If you are able to support this, please contact Mrs Swaffer directly at bswaffer@wealdgs.org for more information and dates. Thank you.

Careers Newsletter

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

Interhouse Challenge – Bottle Towers!

Thank you to everybody who brought in plastic bottles, we had hundreds!

Students were tasked with building the tallest freestanding tower in just 12 minutes. We had a few crashes, but overall winners in Tonbridge were Metis, and in Sevenoaks it was a draw between Bia and Gaia.

A big well done and thank you to everyone who got involved, it was lovely to see students from different year groups working together.



The European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages is celebrated annually across Europe on the 26th of September, and we will be also celebrating it at Weald this week. Students can take part in different ways:

- A level European Languages Day trip to London
- Poster competition
- Inter-house quiz
- Language Passport Challenge

Students can get a printed copy of the Language Passport Challenge from their Languages Teacher.

Thank you very much for your support in helping us celebrate the diversity of languages and cultures across Europe.

Trampolining Club

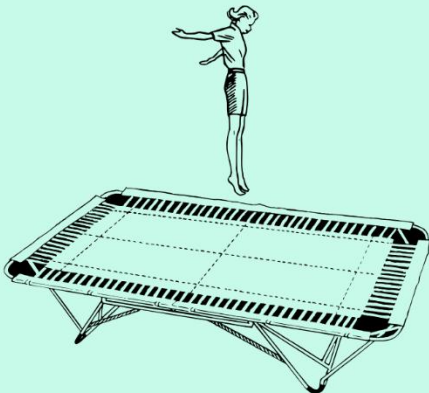
A reminder that Trampolining Club will be taking place at Sevenoaks after school on Thursdays. Students do not need to sign up, please just turn up on the allotted week for the year group.



Sevenoaks Trampolining Club Session Updates

Thursdays after school
3:40pm - 4:40pm

WEEK 1 - Year 7
WEEK 2 - Years 8 - 11



Message from Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust

Workshops

Please view the posters for the workshops that are being delivered by the Emotional Wellbeing and Support Team for Terms 1 and 2.

Please click on the posters to register for these workshops.

**Kent and Medway
Mental Health**
NHS Trust

Workshop
**Understanding the Amazing
Teenage Brain**
29/09/2026 18:00pm—20:00pm

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Parents/carers and young people are invited to a workshop **Understanding Your Teenage Brain**. It will help you to understand **your amazing brains and the changes that come with adolescence**. We will also discuss **strategies that you can use** to improve communication and understanding between you and to regulate emotions.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click link below** or by entering the **Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Understanding the amazing teenage brain | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions, please speak with your school. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: kmmh.ewtandestenquiries@nhs.net

We look forward to meeting you





Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

**Kent and Medway
Mental Health**
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Workshop
Less Stress Guide to Exams
11/11/2026 17:00pm—18:00pm

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Are you currently experiencing **difficulties with exam stress**? Would you like to learn more about **what anxiety is** and **how to best to prepare for exams**?

You are invited to a workshop **exam stress**. It will help you to understand **what causes anxiety**. We will also discuss **techniques that you can use** to overcome anxiety for exams and coursework.

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Co-regulation in Conversations and Conflict
25/11/2026 17:30pm—19:30pm

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Parents/carers are invited to a workshop, **Co-regulation in Conversations and Conflict**. It covers topics such as, **difficult conversations, compassion, tolerating distress and curiosity**. We aim to help develop understanding in these areas and to explore possible **strategies that you can use**.

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