

6 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back.

It was lovely to be able to host our traditional sports day on Friday and to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at the event. Thank you for your support in lateral flow testing in advance to enable this to happen. I would also like to thank Tom Tugendhat MP who attended and awarded the cups, both for sports day and the house cup.

This morning, all students have been taking lateral flow tests before heading off to the first lessons of the new academic year.

School tours and meet the tutor

As you know, we are really keen to see you in person again, Covid permitting, and with this in mind please see below the timetable for parent and carer invitations to the school for a tour with your child. Form tutors will be available at the end of your tour (until 4pm) in the dining room. We will email to each group a link to book tickets for this event via Eventbrite. On the day, please attend the school dining room to check in.

TONBRIDGE	Form groups		SEVENOAKS	Form groups
15 September	8A + 8B		14 September	8H
16 September	8C + 8D + 12A		15 September	8I
22 September	8E + 8F + 12B		16 September	8J
23 September	8G + 7A + 12C		22 September	7H
29 September	7B + 7C + 12D		23 September	7I
30 September	7D + 7E + 12E		29 September	7J
6 October	7F + 7G + 12F			
7 October	12G + 12H			
Half term break				
9 November	10A + 10B		9 November	10G
10 November	10C + 10D		10 November	10H
11 November	10E + 10F		11 November	10I
16 November	11A + 11B		16 November	10J
17 November	11C + 11D		17 November	11G
18 November	11E + 11F		18 November	11H
24 November	9A + 9B		24 November	11I
25 November	9C + 9D		25 November	11J
1 December	9E + 9F + 13A		1 December	9G
2 December	13B+ 13C		2 December	9H
8 December	13D+ 13E		8 December	9I
9 December	13F + 13G		9 December	9J

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Head of Year Information

We will email you soon with a link to a presentation from your child's Head of Year, together with a presentation in response to the Ofsted review of sexual harassment in schools.

Clubs

We will soon be sharing with students the clubs and societies available this term, and are looking forward to working with them outside the classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wehrle our extra-curricular co-ordinator by email at awehrle@wealdgs.org.

Parent and carer consultation evenings

The dates for parents and carers' consultations evenings, which will now be held online using the school cloud system are listed below. We will be sharing information with parents and carers on the use of the new system in the new academic year, in advance of the first consultation date.

Year 7:	25 January 2022
Year 8:	28 September 2021
Year 9:	11 January 2022
Year 10:	23 November 2021
Year 11:	21 September 2021 and 1 March 2022
Year 12:	30 November 2021
Year 13:	14 September 2021 and 8 February 2022

A message from the Chair of Trustees

Mrs Rubin, our Chair of Trustees, has asked me to share the following message with you on behalf of our full trustee board.

A warm welcome back to parents, carers and students from the trustees. We hope you all enjoyed the summer and are ready for a busy year. Welcome to our new faces in years 7 and 12 - we hope you are settling in well. It was lovely seeing so many of you attending sports day on Friday and finally being able to have an event with parents and carers attending and students mixing across year groups. It was an impressive spectacle seeing all staff, students and so many family members together at the Tonbridge site. I really enjoyed watching the impressive races (and was impressed with the two students wearing dinosaur costumes all day!) We hope that normality remains this year and that all the activities that have been missed during the pandemic will be enjoyed again across the school year.

I will be chairing (in person!) the first parent forum for KS5 (years 12 and 13) on Wednesday 15 September and further details will be sent out to those year groups. If you are not able to attend, you can send in your questions and an update will be sent to KS5 parents afterwards as well. There will also be KS3 and KS4 forums before half term. These forums are to provide parents with an opportunity through the year to discuss anything they wish to raise with Senior Leadership and the Trustee Board, and it is lovely meeting so many parents at these events.

The trustees were all impressed with the high level of achievement of our GCSE and A-Level students that secured outstanding results even following a very difficult 18 months. Our huge congratulations to all students. External applications for sixth form were incredibly high this year, evidencing the strength of KS5 provision. This is something we are very proud of, and as a Board will be working on even further this year ensuring an equal provision in Sevenoaks next September when the sixth form opens there.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Any finally, I would like to introduce you all to the newest member of the team at Weald, Ada.



She is a trained therapy dog and will be working with students and staff who would benefit from her support. If your child is allergic to dogs or indeed, if you do not want your child to interact with Ada, please let us know by emailing the school at school@wealdgs.org.

I would like to share Mrs Rubin's thanks for your support in advance of what looks set to be an exciting year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E Bone'.

Mrs E Bone
Headteacher