

Dear parents and carers

As a school community, we have completed a full school term with no confirmed COVID cases. I would like to thank all of those members of the school community who have self-isolated as necessary to protect us all.

I had the very great pleasure this week of interviewing eleven sixth formers who have applied to be our head student. I would like to recognise the amazing young people who presented to us, each of them was astonishing in their application to the role and their ability to confidently present themselves at interview. I would like to take a moment to say how proud I, Mrs Clark, Mrs Ricks and Mrs Paddington are of Coco, Rachel, Anna, Ruth, Phoebe, Sarah, Alexandra, Maisie, Hannah, Zoe and Jessica. You made the task of shortlisting the six students who will present to the whole school after half-term impossibly difficult. We are very lucky to have such strength and depth in our student body and I have no doubt you will all have the opportunity to use the leadership skills you demonstrated moving forwards.

Today has been EMD day here at Weald. It is one of our favourite days of the year, and an opportunity to remember the fun side of life here at Weald of Kent. You can see a few of my favourite images from the day by clicking [here](#). I hope this gallery gives you an insight into the varied and various characters we have seen in lessons today!

After half-term we will be having building works going on across the two campus locations, so expect to see scaffolding going up! At Tonbridge we have our long-awaited window replacement project, which will remove and replace the old crittal windows in the main building with much more energy efficient double glazing. At Sevenoaks the works are beginning to create the additional spaces we will need as we grow, and to accommodate all of our needs (aside from sport) as an entirely separate entity from the boys' annex.

What this will mean is some classes being moved to alternative locations whilst works are completed. This has been planned to ensure our bubbles are maintained, and to create minimal impact on learning.

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On the theme of building works, please click [here](#) for a gallery of images I promised to share of the new changing rooms, Student Services space and the (almost completed) science block at our Tonbridge campus. I would like to thank Mrs Barker-Platt, our C.O.O, for leading on these building and refurbishment projects which are improving the facilities for the students at the school.

I would like to end by wishing you all a restful and relaxing half-term break. We look forward to seeing the students back after the holiday. As a reminder, please check the advice from the Government poster attached to this message. It will help you make an informed choice in relation to your child's attendance.

Best wishes

**Mrs Bone**

Headteacher