

The Weald Weekly

Term 6, Friday 3 July



Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into the penultimate week of term six, here are a few highlights from this week.

Twenty-six of our Year 13 students completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessed Expedition to the Lake District demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination. To quote of the main assessor, 'The groups were simply a credit to your school. Polite, personable and engaging. What more can be asked for!'

Meanwhile, our Year 12 Art and French students returned yesterday from a fantastic four-day residential visit to Paris, where they enjoyed a guided sightseeing tour of 'Paris Landmarks' including the Eiffel Tower and explored Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, Arc de Triomphe, the artists quarter and a river cruise down the Seine. Throughout the trip, the Art students have visited a number of museums whilst the MFL students attended French lessons at the Accord Language School. We look forward to hearing all about their trip.

Our musicians have been working hard in preparation for next week's Summer Concert, and orchestra rehearsals are sounding wonderful. We would be delighted if you could join us on Wednesday 8 July to celebrate the talents and dedication of our performers.

Our transition programme for the incoming Year 7 students has continued this week. On Monday and on Thursday all of our prospective Year 7s joined us for their transition day. These opportunities to visit Weald helps them to feel confident and excited about joining our school community in September.

Last night, staff joined our Year 11 students at their Celebration Evening at Salomons Estate, marking the end of their GCSE examinations and recognising their achievements during their time at Weald so far. This evening, we look forward to another special occasion as our Year 13 students gather for their Prom, also at Salomons Estate, to celebrate the end of their time with us and the beginning of their next chapter.

Today at lunchtime, we held our annual Pride Picnic. Thank you to the students who baked cakes and treats for the Bake Sale while celebrating inclusion, diversity and our shared commitment to ensuring everyone feels welcome and valued within our school community.

Looking ahead to next week, there is still much to enjoy before the end of term. Our whole-school Open Evening takes place on Tuesday 7 July, followed by the Summer Concert on Wednesday 8 July, before we round off the week with one of the highlights of the school calendar, Sports Day, on Friday 10 July.

The weather next week is expected to be warm with temperatures potentially peaking at 30°C to 32°C. All students are permitted to wear their PE kit from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July. We will keep you informed if we need to put in place any additional adjustments because of higher than usual temperatures.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events - July 2026

Monday 06	GLT Student Leadership trip (15 students from Years 7-10 and 12), Carshalton High School Art & DT Exhibition, Tonbridge, 16:30 - 18:30
Tuesday 07	Year 12 Geography trip to the University of Sussex Geography Conference School Open Evening, 16:00 - 19:00 at Sevenoaks, 17:00 - 20:00 at Tonbridge
Wednesday 08	Orchestra Rehearsal, Tonbridge, all day Schools Debating Competition for 6 students from Year 12, The Amelia Centre, Tunbridge Wells Summer Concert, Tonbridge, 19:00 - 21:00
Thursday 09	Tonbridge Year 7 Teambuilding, Tonbridge, 14:30 - 15:25
Friday 10	Whole School Sports Day, Tonbridge, all day
Saturday 11	Year 9 DofE Bronze Walking Practice, Tonbridge, until Sunday 12 July Website Calendar

Careers Newsletter

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

Gold Dof E

Last week 26 of our year 13 students travelled to Braithwaite in the Lake District to complete their expedition of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students handled sun, wind and rain within their stride, as well as extremely steep terrain. We look forward to the completion of their projects and hope to see many more students reach this stage of such an incredible pathway. Thank you to our students for demonstrating incredible resilience, empathy and determination throughout this week. They were a real credit to the school community and as the external provider said a real pleasure to be with for the week.



Congratulations on passing your Gold DofE assessed expedition. Finally thank you to Miss Warr, Miss Morriss and Niall for leading this trip, without your support we would not have been able to offer this brilliant opportunity for the students.

Sporting Success

Weald student becomes Football Champion

Rosa in Year 8 played in the ESF26 Grand National Finale football tournament which took place at St Georges Park, home to the England Football Team.

She and her team Chatham FC competed against teams from all across the country in a highly competitive league. Throughout the day, they showed great commitment, teamwork, and determination, giving their best efforts in every single match.

The girls played exceptionally well and finished at the top of the league whilst going unbeaten after facing all of their opponents.

Their outstanding performances earned them the opportunity to lift the tournament cup. Rosa was thrilled to celebrate this achievement with her teammates, and it was rewarding to see all of her hard work and dedication pay off.

It was a fantastic experience that has helped build her confidence and reinforced the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.



Tennis Regional Finals

Tamsin and Jessica in Year 8 played in the regional finals of the Play Your Way to Wimbledon National tournament last weekend. The Tennis took place at Park Langley tennis club on grass.

They did exceptionally well reaching the final only to lose to a highly ranked older team.

Congratulations on such a great achievement!

Weald U13 Hardball Cricket Team

On Tuesday 30th June, our U13 Hardball Cricket team travelled to Mote Park CC to compete in the Hardball Finals. Our first game was against Colfes, by where we lost by 1 run. Weald got 75-3, and Colfes got 76-7. Lots of positive bowling and fielding to get 7 wickets. The second game was against Eltham, where Phoebe, Robyn, Flo and Lottie all got wickets. Unfortunately, we lost against Eltham but a positive and strong performance from Weald, and for some students, the first time they have played Hardball Cricket. It has been a brilliant season for the U13 team, and we are super excited for what next season will bring.

Weald U15 Hardball Cricket Team become HARDBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

On Tuesday 30th June, our U15 Hardball Cricket team travelled to Mote Park CC to compete in the Hardball Finals. Our first game was against Wally Hall, where we were out to bat first. Kaitlyn and Lucie put in brilliant batting performances, and both retired on 21 runs, with Ella scoring 15 runs and Alice gaining 10. We were able to score a total of 92-1 so were feeling confident and competitive heading into the fielding innings. After a brilliant fielding innings, and 5 wickets collected by the team, we managed to keep Wally Hall to 61-5. Our second game was against Kent College, where we elected to bat first again. After another outstanding batting performance from Lucie who retired on 21 runs, Josie securing 18 runs and some intense runs in between the wickets, we managed to total a score of 97-2. After another fantastic fielding performance from the team, and getting 7 wickets, we were able to keep Kent College to 78-7. Therefore, this makes the team County Champions for Hardball Cricket. This is another outstanding achievement for the team. Two county wins within a week is beyond amazing, and the PE department are super proud of them.



School Activities

Maths Masterclass at the University of Kent

This year, we had the opportunity to attend the Mathematics Masterclasses at the University of Kent, where we explored a range of fascinating topics beyond the school curriculum.

During the sessions, we learnt about game theory and how mathematical strategies can be used to make decisions in competitive situations. We also investigated fractals, including constructing the Sierpiński Triangle and diving deep into the infamous Mandelbrot Set, revealing how simple mathematical rules can create infinitely complex patterns. In our topology session, we examined problems involving underground channels and applied Euler's Formula to investigate networks and solve real-world challenges.

Through the various problem solving sessions, I've pushed the creative boundaries of my thinking and seen mathematics as a completely fresh and captivating concept. Overall, it deepened my appreciation for the beauty and versatility of mathematics.

Sannie, Year 9

Junior Maths Kangaroo

Well done to the students who got through to the second round of the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Cerys, Ellie, Georgie, Amelia and Rebecca all took the UK Junior Maths Kangaroo Challenge. Rebecca went on to pick up a bronze certificate for her work this national challenge of exceptional mathematicians.



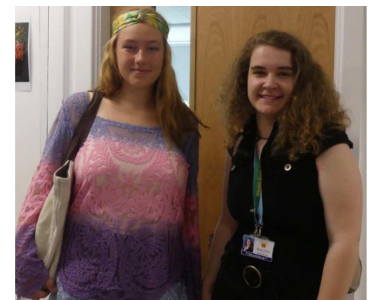
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Decades Day 2026



Thank you for the huge amounts of effort that everybody made!



Music News

Miss Hart at the Proms

This year the Year 7s have been learning Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' in music lessons which is part of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Miss Hart will be singing in a performance of this symphony at The Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 20 July, 2026. This might be a fun opportunity to see this fantastic piece live, or even to become a 'Prommer' to get cheap tickets!

Here's the link to the Prom Concert

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/e2gz3d>

...and the guide to 'Promming'

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/about-the-hall/news/how-to-prom>



Music exams

Well done to the following students for passing their music exams:

Singing:

Elicia (7D) – Grade 2 with Merit

Cicely (10C) – Grade 7 with Distinction

Alto Saxophone:

Darcie (8A) – Grade 1

Izzy (7D) – Grade 2

Flute:

Imogen (8A) – Grade 1 with Merit

Violin:

Missy (10A) – Grade 3

Elisabetta (10A) – Grade 5

Piano:

Isabelle (10K) – Grade 5

Eve (11D) - Grade 4 with Merit

Johannah (9B) – Grade 4 with Merit

Anaaya (8D) – Grade 2 with Distinction

Azariah (8D) – Grade 7 exam to be taken tomorrow – good luck!

The Summer Art and Design Technology Exhibition 2026

Everyone is invited to attend the Art and Design Technology Exhibition taking place on Monday 6th July at the Tonbridge Campus from 16:30 - 18:30.



Summer Concert

The Music department's Summer Concert will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 7 pm in the Sports Hall, Tonbridge. There will be performances from the orchestra, choirs, string quartet, flute trio, various rock bands, and soloists. We are also looking forward to a combined orchestra and choir piece that will involve around 100 students singing and playing together! There is no charge for the event and no need to reserve a ticket - just come to the Sports Hall in good time for 7 pm.



Library Highlights

Library Spotlight



Since September 1st, over 10,000 books have been borrowed at Weald
This is 46% more than were borrowed in 2024/25!

We have added 700 new copies of books to the library this year!

The libraries hold 10,500 different books

The forms that have borrowed the most books are 7D & 8D in Tonbridge and 7G and 9H in Sevenoaks.

Nearly 1400 reservations have been placed by students since September 1st.

Thank you for making our libraries a busy and lively place to be!
Make sure you visit before the holidays to pick up some new summer reading.

Library Highlights



Events and happenings which brought us joy this year!



Page Turners Gala



National Reading Champions Quiz in Essex



Blind Date with a Book



Reading Breakfast



The Book Fairies visited...



Staff "love Reading" posters

Also featuring this year:

- Big celebrations for our year 7 and 8 Reading Challenge winners: the winter Jolabokafloð and the summer Booknic.
- 30 of our Student Librarians have a reward trip to the British Library and the Charles Dickens house to say thank you for their hard work and commitment.
- The Carnegies book club was well attended, with great enthusiasm for double award winner "Wolf Siren" by Beth O'Brien.
- Reading Breakfasts, book swaps and scavenger hunts!
- Every week hundreds of students come through the library doors - seeing so many people enjoying the space is something the library team really love!