The Weald Weekly

Term 1, Friday 18 September

Weald of Kent Grammar School

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Co-Curricular Fairs have now taken place across both campuses and were a resounding success! It was wonderful to see so many of our new Year 7 students signing up for a variety of clubs and activities. This involvement is a fantastic way for them to develop new skills, make friends, and become part of the school community. The extra-curricular timetable is now on our website and can be found here.

We also held our Parent Information Evenings, for both Year 7 and Year 10. Parents were provided with key information including key dates, how they can best support their child as well as information around our academic and pastoral systems. Thank you to all who attended; your engagement and support are vital as we work together to ensure a smooth and successful transition into secondary school or into GCSE study.

Year 9 attended assemblies launching the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The DofE is a valuable opportunity for personal development and growth, and we are delighted to support students who wish to take on this exciting challenge. Further information will be shared with families in due course.

Next week, we have our Year 12 Information Evening on Tuesday 22 September 6-7pm and Year 13 Information Evening on Thursday 24 September 6-7pm online.

Finally, we would also like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA for all their hard work and dedication to the school. Their efforts have made a significant difference to our school community. As grateful as we are for their commitment, they still need your support to make the PTA as strong as ever. Please do consider getting involved - whether it is volunteering your time, offering ideas, or attending events, your participation makes all the difference.

This is our final call out to parent volunteers for the PTA Year 8 Discos on 25 September, Tonbridge and 2 October, Sevenoaks.

Many tickets have been sold, but we need a **minimum of 10 volunteer**s at each campus for these events to go ahead. Deadline to volunteer is Tuesday 22 September otherwise we need to cancel these events. Please volunteer here.

R V Booth
Headteacher

Upcoming Events – September 2026 – Week 2

Monday 21	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Launch week
	Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening, Tonbridge Main Hall, 18:00 – 19:00
Tuesday 22	Earlier finish for students 14:25
	Year 12 Information Evening Tonbridge Main Hall 18:00 – 19:00
Wednesday 23	St Cecilia Youth Orchestra Rehearsal, Main Hall/M1 Tonbridge, 16:30 – 18:00
Thursday 24	A-Level Languages Trip for 20 students, European Day of Languages Talk
	Year 13 Information Evening, online, 18:00 – 19:00
Friday 25	Year 10 Art trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
	PTA Year 8 Disco Tonbridge 19:30 – 21:00

Website Calendar

Arbor Assignments (Homework)

Homework is set according to the school's homework charter and staff log homework on our Arbor system so that this can be viewed at home by students and parents/carers via the Arbor portal or app. All parents/carers have been issued with an Arbor username and password, and new students have/will be shown how to log into Arbor. Should there be any issues with logging into Arbor accounts students should seek help in school via the IT technicians (found on the C floors on both campuses) and parents/carers can contact our IT Helpdesk on helpdesk@wealdgs.org.

Depending on the subject, teachers may ask students to submit work using Arbor or alternatively via another method, such as on paper, in their exercise books or via Microsoft Teams. Parents and carers should note that homework (referred to as 'Assignments' in Arbor) will sometimes show as overdue or unsubmitted in Arbor due to the way the system works. Homework that is showing as overdue or unsubmitted does **not** generate any automatic sanction or behaviour log in Arbor so students (and parents and carers) should **not** be concerned if work is showing as overdue or unsubmitted and they have completed it. Staff have been asked to select a setting in Arbor that allows students to tick their work off as submitted so students can manage this themselves.

We would encourage all students in Years 7-11 to use their issued planner to record their homework and to use this also to keep track of the work that is set and due in. Please rest assured that should there be an issue with your child not submitting homework, the class teacher will log this and a sanction will be set (which parents/carers will be notified of via Arbor and email). Any persistent issues will be picked up by Heads of Year/pastoral staff and parents/carers contacted as necessary.

Parking on Seal Road, Sevenoaks

Please be considerate when parking on Seal Hollow Road at the end of the school day. We have had reports of cars blocking driveways.
Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sporting Success

Cricket Champions

On 18 August, Lucie, Josie, both in Year 11 and Daisy and Milly, both in Year 12 represented Tunbridge Wells Cricket Club (TWCC) at the Vitality Girls U19 T20 National Finals. TWCC qualified as the top U19 girls' team in the South East after winning four matches against teams from Kent, Surrey and Middlesex.

At the finals in Leicester, TWCC defeated Sessay CC in the semi-final, dismissing them for 102 thanks to excellent bowling and fielding. Josie claimed three wickets, while Milly and Lucie took one apiece, before TWCC comfortably chased down the target to reach the final. Against Astwood Bank CC, Lucie took two wickets as TWCC restricted their opponents to 148 for 4. TWCC mounted a spirited chase but fell just nine runs short, finishing as national runners-up on 139 for 9.

The 2026 season also saw TWCC Women's 1st XI crowned Kent Women's Premiership Champions. Daisy, Milly, Josie and Lucie all contributed to a remarkable campaign in which the side won 14 of 16 matches and finished 36 points clear of the runners-up.
Finishing second in the country at U19 level and winning the Kent Women's Premiership represents an outstanding achievement for a young squad.

Weald Student selected for Kent Netball

Congratulations to Maisie in Year 8 who has been selected for the Kent Netball U13 Player Development Programme for the 2026-27 season after highly competitive trials. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish her all the best.

School Activities

Super-Curricular Opportunities for Year 7

We are so impressed with how our new year 7 students have settled into life at Weald and already begun to make a positive contribution to their school community. The Co-Curricular fairs presented the opportunity to sign up to a wide range of available clubs and we have already had our first inter-house competition this week. We are delighted that a further range of super-curricular activities are upcoming in the near future including: celebrations of Black History Month; the opportunity to watch the school production of Arabian Nights; online baseline quizzes to support our in-school teaching and learning; Girls Night In at each campus; and the annual EMD week activities including a talk with a published author.

The timetable for our Clubs and Societies is available to view on our website here:
Clubs and Societies

School Trip

Canterbury Cathedral

In July our Year 10 (now Year 11) RE students visited Canterbury Cathedral where we immersed ourselves in knowledge about Christian worship. We did tours of the Cathedral and looked at the intricate architecture, learnt about Thomas Becket and explored the many rooms. Many of us were flabbergasted by the grandeur of the structure and the vastness of the space built by human hands hundreds of years ago in honour of the divine.

Though we didn't quite experience the choral splendour usually associated with cathedrals, we did get a behind-the-scenes look at organ tuning and we would recommend you have your lunch outside when they tune up. We couldn't exit without visiting the giftshop where we cooled down and got a haul of ice lollies and fridge magnets. Finally we made our way to the train station like weary pilgrims of old with tired legs and heavier bags. Overall an enjoyable day out thanks to our angelic teachers Mrs Patience, Mr Blinkhorn, Mr Halland Mrs Maddox.

Careers Newsletter

Please see here for this week's Careers Newsletter which contains weekly opportunities and information for students.

Year 8 Work Shadow - Monday 28th September

A reminder that Year 8 students have an opportunity to experience the workplace in the form of a work shadow day on Monday 28th September. The workplace visits should be with a parent or carer, a family member or close family friend. We expect all students to take up this opportunity, where possible.

Please ensure the below Microsoft Form is completed by parents and carers detailing the work shadow placement:

YEAR 8 WORK SHADOW Monday 28 September 2026 – Fill in form

This will need to be completed no later than **Monday 21 September 2026**.
Any student not taking part in this day of work shadow will be expected to be in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Manager sswanton@wealdgs.org if you require any further information.

SEND Coffee Mornings

Understanding My Brain for Ages 12 - 16

Understanding My Brain is an 8 session course for neurodivergent young people who want to understand themselves better.
From Monday 28 September 2026 to Monday 23 November 2026

Please see information and booking link here.