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Dear Parents and Carers,

Critical Humanities Programme 2021

We are pleased to announce the launch of our Critical Humanities Programme 2021, in collaboration with the University of Kent.

It has been an unusual year for our A Level students and this has reduced the usual visits and enrichment opportunities available for our current Year 12s, many of whom are keen to build their A Level experience with super curricular opportunities which can be celebrated on their UCAS Personal Statements and at university interviews.

With this in mind, the Sociology & Politics Team are launching a 5-week super-curricular programme aiming to provide rigour, challenge and enrichment for Year 12 students. There are 12 student places available on this high-profile programme. Places are allocated on an application basis. The programme is open to all students of A Level Politics and Sociology, and will provide an excellent experience of university skills building, and a rich base of experiences to draw on during the UCAS application process, during an academic year which has made such opportunities more difficult to seek.

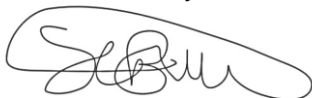
The programme will take place after school from 3.50-5.30pm throughout Term 6. Students will meet with me face to face and will interact with academics from the University of Kent via Microsoft Teams on screen, facing a range of socio-political challenges on the theme of “risk and control”.

Working closely with the University of Kent, the programme will focus on developing oracy, collaborative problem solving and deep consideration of social justice, socio-political themes and contemporary debates based on a range of university academics current research. The fifth session will culminate in a presentation from each student, to a panel of Weald staff and University of Kent academics who will offer challenging questions and constructive feedback, as well as celebrating the work of the participants during the 5-week programme.

If your child would like to apply for this excellent opportunity, they must submit a statement of application including their name, tutor group, and a maximum of 400 words outlining why they feel they would be an excellent fit for this programme, and why they have an interest in social justice. Applications close on Friday 23 April at 4pm. Successful applicants will receive further details and a parental permission slip regarding online communications and exact dates and timings. Applications should be emailed to me at sbutler@wealdgs.org.

If you have any specific questions please do feel free to contact me on the email address above.

Yours sincerely,



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