

11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8, 9 and 10 Welcome Evening - Thursday 24 September 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to say what an excellent start students have made this term. Students have settled in well: arriving at school punctually and in excellent uniform, well prepared for lessons and ready to learn. This is an excellent foundation on which to build and we thank you for your continued support in their positive, focused approach to school.

To build on this positive start we would like to extend a warm invitation to our Welcome Evening on Thursday 24 September. The focus of this event is to start the year by equipping you with the information, resources and channels of communication you need to work with us in supporting your child to achieve their best this year. **We will seek to outline what ‘working well’ at The Weald looks like and how we can work together to ensure your child achieves this.** There will be a particular focus on the cycles of revision and review, assessment and reporting, alongside other aspects of the curriculum (including enrichment) and student wellbeing.

There are two parts to this evening; a Head of Year presentation and the information stands.

Head of Year presentations

Year 8:	5.30pm	School Hall	Mrs H Gardener
Year 9:	6.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr B Francis
Year 10:	6.30pm	School Hall	Mrs K Nicholls

Please attend the presentation time that is relevant to your child's year group/s. For the Year 10 talk we recommend that if you wish to visit the stands in the E-Canteen, that you do so before the talk as the event finishes at the end of the Year 10 talk.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please indicate your attendance [by completing this quick Google Form.](#)

As year 9 have just started their GCSE courses the presentation will also feature some key information on how to support your child through a three year GCSE course.

We are aware that some families may have students in multiple year groups on the same evening. If you are not able to attend more than one talk, please be reassured that much of the content is similar and we will email a link to all resources (including the hand-outs detailed below) that can be found on the website afterwards, so dates and details specific to a year group can be found there.

Information Stands

Between 5.30 and 7pm there will be information stands and hand-outs available in the LRC. Please drop in and take a look whenever it suits you. These stands will cover a wide range of aspects of school life, including IT systems, homework, extra curricular clubs, Inclusion, assessment and tracking. There will also be the opportunity to attend a presentation on the new draft Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy in A7 with Mr Everest. It is not possible to meet your child's teachers individually on this occasion, but you will be able to do this later in the year at your child's parents and carers evening.

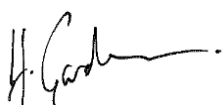
Parking

Please be aware that parking on the school site is limited, so if you are local and it is possible to walk, both the front and Sixth Form entrances will be open. There will also be extended parking on the school fields (weather permitting) with the entrance via the bus lanes. A number of disabled parking spaces are available at the front of the school. If you have any special access requirements, please advise your child's form tutor. There are a very limited number of spaces available in the main car park. Please ensure you only park in the white parking bays (which are the school bays). The blue ones are for use by the Leisure Centre only. There will be 6th form students who will direct you to the field parking entrance. The "What3Words" reference is: arise.meanings.encroach.

Safeguarding

Our priority is to ensure your child feels safe and happy. It is important they know who they can talk to should they not feel that way. We have a Pastoral Team who will always put the voice of the child first and this includes their Form Tutor and Head of House/Sixth Form team. In addition, your child can talk to our designated safeguarding team who are Mr Catt, Miss McInerney and Ms Sorrell. Students are made aware of the support available to them but we always appreciate your help in reminding them about who they can turn to should they need help.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs H Gardener
Head of Year 8



Mr B Francis
Head of Year 9



Mrs K Nicholls
Head of Year 10