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Message from the Headteacher:

This must be the shortest half term ever! Just 5 weeks, but so much packed in, as always! Well done to all students who have sat assessments and exams in the past few weeks. As I said to students in our assembly last week, exams are a fact of life and we can't control them; however, we can control how we approach them - with rigorous preparation, extensive support from school and home, and most importantly proper self-care, we know our students can thrive under pressure. We hope they are proud of their achievements.

As we look ahead to the events coming up in the summer term, there's a lot to look forward to, as always. We'll be holding our first Weald Fest summer fair, following the tremendous success of the Christmas event. Our main aims are to bring the community together and to have fun, but we'll also be trying very hard to raise much-needed funds for a new minibus. With school funding being cut further, in real terms, our ability to deliver the 'opportunity' element of our ethos is under threat. We very much hope to purchase a new (or even second hand) minibus in the autumn term so that we can continue to take our students out to events beyond the school, which we know are vital for their all-round development. Please come and join us on the day if you can (Saturday 19 July) and do share our [Justgiving page](#) on your socials, too.

In the meantime, I hope your child has a restful break this week ahead of what will be a very busy last few weeks with ACE week, sports day, Gold Awards, the summer concert, the sponsored walk, the prom and grad, and last day celebrations for the House Cup winners!

Mrs Sarah Edwards
Headteacher

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Message from Chair of Governors

Thank you to all the parents and carers who recently completed a survey. We had a fairly low number of responses but recognise this may be due to our recent Ofsted inspection where parents and carers answered the same questions through the Ofsted Parent View. Your responses are currently being summarised (along with the pupil and staff surveys) ready to share with the senior leadership team. I will report on the key themes that emerged in the next edition of e-Weald.

Mrs N Waters
Chair of Governors

Greenpower Racing

The Weald School Greenpower Racing Team have had a great start to the 2025 season competing in 2 races at Goodwood, 1 at Mallory Park and a test for Greenpower at Thruxton.



The first F24 race on a very chilly Sunday in February allowed us to run three of our cars and give some new drivers a chance. We were very pleased with the results, our #2 and #3 cars, Purple Predator and Black Bullet completed a full race distance and gave us lots of data to work through while our #1 car Bluebird finished the race on the podium in second place.

We returned to Goodwood in late April with 2 cars running in the shorter F24+ format (for older drivers). Bluebird ran well finishing fifth while X was further back due to a limit with the gearing. Both cars ran again at Mallory Park finishing 'best of the rest' behind the three quick Renishaw Team cars.

Purple Predator ran again at Mallory Park but a slightly aggressive strategy didn't pay off as the batteries faded too soon and a podium place ran away from us.

Our next race is a return to the Lotus test track at Hethel in Norfolk with Bluebird and Purple Predator, both cars ran really well there in 2024 and we are looking forward to another good race.

During the Easter Holidays, we were invited to test the suitability of Thruxton circuit for Greenpower cars. We gave it a huge thumbs up and decided that we should have a race track all to ourselves more often!

Team Weald is a Greenpower Racing Team that runs as an afterschool club for the Weald Secondary School. There are two formulas that we race in, F24 for ages 11-16 and F24+ for ages 16-25. The aim of both is to see how far you can get your car to go on a single set of batteries (2 x 12V lead acid). F24 has pit stops and lasts for 1.5 hours, F24+ is a single driver for 1 hour.

The team is run by volunteers with a small budget and we are currently looking for sponsors to support us throughout the season as well as building a new workshop at the Weald to house our cars and support equipment. If you would be interested in learning more about this then please contact cevans@theweald.org.uk.

You can see Team Weald at www.teamweald.org.uk or on Instagram @teamweald. Thank you to all of our sponsors which now includes CEVAC, Forza Cloud and Universal Trailers.

Mr C Evans
Greenpower Coordinator



Year 13 Leavers' Day 2025

We said farewell to our Year 13 students on Thursday 15 May. It's always a bittersweet occasion - sad to see them go, but excited for what the future will hold for them. This year, as well as the usual array of creative and imaginary costumes - my favourites were Gru & Dru, the twins from the 'Despicable Me' films - there were giant inflatables including a full size human table football and ice-creams! The Year 13s had a great time and were a great example to our younger students who were able to watch the spectacle in their lunchtime.

It is a great privilege to see so many of our students reach the end of a seven year journey with us. The relationships between the students and staff at The Weald is one of the key reasons that so many students stay in the Sixth Form and go on to be successful in Higher & Further Education and employment. We wish them luck as they continue their exams and look forward to celebrating their results with them in August.

Ms Z Sorrell
Deputy Headteacher



Parent Voice Partnership

The next meeting is 5.00pm Thursday 17 June and all are welcome. Items can be raised for discussion via parents@theweald.org.uk. All previous meeting minutes can be found [here on our website](#).

Sparx Maths

Well done to the following students for getting to the top of the Monthly Sparx Maths leaderboards! Sparx Champions will receive a certificate from their Maths teacher.



March 2025				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Heidi B Maisie P Dakota O Isaac E Hugo W	Rose B Chloe C Freya W Flynn N Jayne K	Dylan P Beau H Amy M Danielle J Dominic D	Amber N Tilly S Oliver F Ariyo N Ollie B	James G Greta M Charlie A Stella C Anabelle T

April 2025				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Hugo W Cipi L Oskar F Irmak K Isaac E	Mikela M Julia M Lucas S Ava C Freya W	Beau H Billy C Alex B Nancie-Dan W Leo J	Daniella K Liv H Lucy R Ryan A Jessie N	Cody V James G Stella C Bethany H Greta M


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Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires

Our KS3 students continue to make excellent progress with the Accelerated Reader Programme this year. Since September, Year 7 & 8 students have read a fantastic 41,145,521 words!

We are delighted to announce that we now have twelve 'Word Millionaires' - five more than we had in the Spring Term: Sophia S. (1,586,369 words), Grace P. (1,067,432 words), Martha L. (1,067,194 words), Darcy B. (1,063,468 words), and Cherry B. (1,004,401 words). Sienna B., our first 'Word Multi-Millionaire' this year, has been joined by Harriet J. (2,185,822 words). This is a great achievement.

All these students will receive the prestigious 'Word Millionaire' badge and will be invited to a celebratory event with the other 'Word Millionaires' later in the summer. Well done!



Recommended Reads

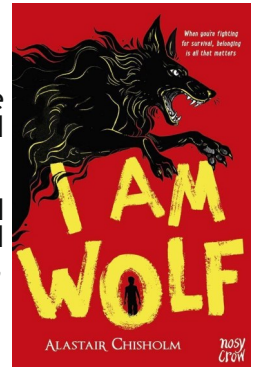
It's been a short half term, our Year 7 and 8's have enjoyed reading during their library lessons. We have launched a new Year 9 and 10 Young Adult Book Club on a Wednesday after school in the LRC, biscuits are available! As we enter exam season, a great way to relax and avoid screen time is to sit down with a book, even just half an hour a day will help the mind relax from revision and the stresses of life. Researchers at the University of Sussex found that reading for just 6 minutes a day can reduce stress levels by 68%.

KS3 I am Wolf by Alistair Chisholm AR level 4.2

Coll is Wolf.

He lives with his clan on a Construct, a huge technological "creature" driven by the clan's combined willpower. Together they roam their world, fighting other clans and absorbing them into their own.

When a new and dangerous Construct attacks them, Coll is thrown clear from Wolf and left behind. Now he must survive life on ground and get back to his clan. He is helped by Rieka, a "Tock" who makes the Constructs work. She promises Coll a way to return, but can she be trusted? And what is she really trying to do...?



KS4 The Immortal Games by Annaliese Avery

Every Lunar Eclipse signifies the beginning of The Immortal Games: an epic set of games played by the Gods of Olympus, with randomly-selected humans as their Tokens. The stakes are high; the Gods covet entertainment and glory above all else, for the Tokens, it's about survival.

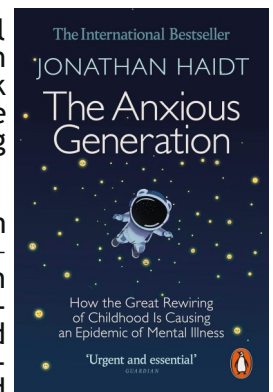
17-year-old Ara wants revenge. Revenge on the Gods for allowing her older sister to die in the Games. She's determined to be selected as a Token and find a weapon powerful enough to kill a God. But when she's plucked from the clutches of death by Hades, God of the Underworld, the odds are stacked against her. Hades is the outcast of the Gods, and the only one who has never won the games. But he soon realises that Ara does not fear death, just as she does not fear him, and when a wager with Zeus and Poseidon puts both their futures at stake, the games take on a new meaning.



KS5 and Adult The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt

From 2010, as teens traded in their flip phones for smartphones packed with social media apps, unsupervised time online soared while face-to-face conversations with friends and family plummeted, and so did mental health. This profound shift took place against a backdrop of diminishing childhood freedom and over-supervision in the real world, depriving children of the experiences they most need to become strong and self-governing adults.

The Anxious Generation delves into the latest research to show how this shift from free-play to smartphones disrupts development - from sleep deprivation to addiction - and lays the foundations of isolation and fear that define society today. Grounded in ancient wisdom and packed full of cutting-edge science and practical advice, this eye-opening book is a life-raft for anyone who wants to understand how the most rapid rewiring of human relationships and consciousness in human history has made it harder for all of us to think, focus, forget ourselves enough to care about others and build close relationships.



Mrs A Robertson
LRC Manager



Sporting Success



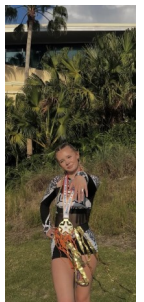
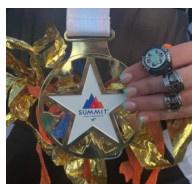
Date	Fixture	Result and info
14/3/2025	U16 Girls Football	Won 3-2 against Lewes Priory. To progress to the County Shield quarter finals
2/4/2025	U16 Girls Football	Won 9-0 against Ark Alexandra. To progress to the County Shield Semi-final
14/05/2025	Mid Sussex Athletics K2 in Crawley	All students performed exceptionally. Highlights included Ava taking first place for the shot putt and Freddie winning the Triple jump along with many other placings
14/05/2025	Year 11 Boys football	Congratulations to Year 11 boys who have progressed to the County Shield final.
14/05/2025	Year 7 Boys Cricket	A fantastic start by the Weald Boys Year 7 cricket team: Beating Tanbridge in their first game, winning an area Street cricket competition, and beating Downlands in the district cup. Probably the best performance was against a very strong Seaford College team who narrowly beat us by 6 runs in an excellent County Cup match.

The Summit Cheerleading—Orlando

India and her teammates from Top Gun Allstars UK Mint once again showcased their talent on the world stage at *The Summit* cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida.

After months of dedicated training, the team competed over two days, finishing Day One in first place and securing a spot in the finals. Their hard work paid off as they went on to **win the U16 Level 1 division**, making them **back-to-back Summit Champions**—a remarkable feat after also taking home the title last year.

In addition to their divisional win, the team placed **3rd overall** out of **more than a thousand teams** competing over the four-day event. This extraordinary result highlights their talent, determination, and team spirit—an incredible achievement on one of the biggest stages in cheerleading.



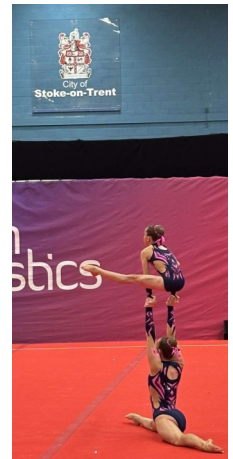
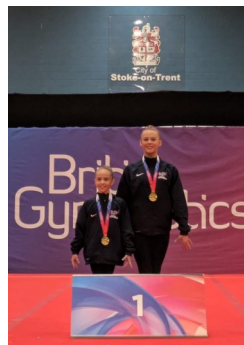
British Gymnastic success

In an extraordinary display of talent and dedication, Weald School student Izzy and her gymnastics partner Esme achieved national glory in the IDP1 Women's Pair category at the British Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships.

After clinching the regional title in March, the duo advanced to the national finals held in Stoke-on-Trent. On Friday 10 May, they travelled to the venue, ready to showcase their skills. The following day, Saturday 11 May, they performed their balance routine at 1.40pm, earning an impressive score of 26.380, which placed them in first position. Later that evening, they executed their dynamic routine, scoring 25.540 and maintaining their lead against competitors from 12 regions across Great Britain.

The weekend was filled with nerves, tension, and excitement, but all the hard work and long training hours paid off. Their outstanding performances secured the gold medal, making them the Champions of Great Britain in the id1p women's pair category.

Congratulations to Izzy and Esme on this remarkable achievement. Your dedication and excellence are a true inspiration to the Weald School community.



Coco's Club - Introduction to Hairdressing

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Following their success, and the demand, at our last two Careers Fairs Coco's have decided to offer students the opportunity to gain a deeper, more engaging industry insight with the introduction of 'Coco's Club'. This will be open to current Y9 and Y10 students (Y10 & Y11 students for academic year 2025/26)

Students and their parents will be invited to an Open Event in August, date TBC, where they will be able to speak to Sharon, Jane and their colleagues to find out more about this exciting opportunity. Students should expect to be interviewed for a place as these will be limited, and parental consent will be required.

Students will need to complete the google form to register their interest. Further information will be sent out before the end of term regarding the Open Event. Students who are interested are encouraged to attend.



Successful students will then be invited to the salon's academy on a Monday afternoon from 4.00pm - 6.00pm (term time only) starting from mid-September 2025 and running through until March 2026. Students will have the opportunity to work alongside the team at the Billingshurst salon to learn some of the skills of the industry and gain a deeper insight. Some of the tasks and skills students will learn are listed below:

- Hair Up
- Applying colour (to mannequin heads)
- Using foils and other techniques
- Cleansing and massage at the basin
- Customer service
- Blow dry
- Curling, etc, etc

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Style

If you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please do feel free to contact me on kobrien@theweald.org.uk

Year 10 Work Experience

Students will be undertaking work experience during ACE Week, week commencing 30 June - 4 July 2025 and are responsible for sourcing and securing their own placements.

We have around 300 Year 10 students hoping to secure a placement with employers in the local community and slightly further afield, with other local secondary schools competing for placements during the same week. It is important students are reaching out to employers to ask for placements and avoid leaving it until the last minute.

For this reason, we are always looking for employers who are happy to offer our young people the opportunity to join them on placement. If you would like to, or are able to, support our work experience programme then please do feel free to email me kobrien@theweald.org.uk to discuss further.

Y10 College Open Days and Events

The Weald Sixth Form - Wednesday 18 June 2025

Chichester College - TBC - Keep an eye on their website for more information

Brinsbury College- TBC - Keep an eye on their website for more information

Crawley College- TBC - Keep an eye on their website for more information

Worthing College- TBC - Keep an eye on their website for more information

Collyer's - Thursday 10 July 2025

Godalming College - Wednesday 9 July 2025

Y12 Career Interviews

Year 12 students have all been offered a Career Interview with one of our qualified, and CDI-registered, careers guidance practitioners. Students will be supported in their careers

interview to explore their aspirations, plan their future study pathways, and research their employment options.

After their careers interview, each student will receive a careers action plan with personalised targets to complete and aim towards; this is uploaded to their Unifrog profile.



Unifrog

All students have a Unifrog account which they supported and encouraged to access during RHPD, subjects and in their own time.

[Unifrog](#), an online destinations platform The Weald uses with students across our careers programme to support them with researching their study and employment interests.

Students can progressively add to their accounts and this can provide students with regular opportunities to reflect on their achievements inside and outside of school, and collect a body of evidence to demonstrate the employability skills they have developed over time. This can, in turn, be used by students to support their next steps after Year 11 and Year 13, including applying for apprenticeships, employment, and further and higher education studies.

Year 12 Personal Statements

Whether you are considering University, Apprenticeships, Gap Year or Employment at Post 18 it is still super beneficial and highly recommended that you complete your draft personal statement on Unifrog. You will look at this in greater depth during Tutor Time and RHPD sessions but ideally you will need to have started this by early May, continuing through the summer ready for the start of Year 13.

The Sixth Form Team and Miss O'Brien are on hand to support and encourage students with this.

Coming Up...

ACE Week - 30 June - 4 July - Y12 Future Choices

During ACE Week Y12 can look forward to a range of Future Choices events to help them research, explore and plan for their P18 Intentions. There will be Alumni Talks, Apprenticeship Panels, visit to University of Chichester alongside a variety of taster lectures as well as Personal Statement Workshops and creating UCAS accounts.

Y9 Speed Networking - Thursday 10 July 2025

Careers Speed Networking - Thursday 10 July 2025

The Weald Community School and Sixth Form in Billingshurst, West Sussex is looking for volunteers to support the delivery of our Careers Speed Networking event on Thursday 10 July 2025

What is 'Careers Speed Networking'?

Year 9 students, organised into small groups in quick-fire rounds, will ask you questions about your career history, including what your current job involves, what you enjoy about it, and the qualification(s) required.

For this reason, the event offers a fun, engaging, and unique opportunity for you to provide young people with an insight into your work and inspire them to consider a job in your industry! Feel free to bring props and examples of your work, alongside information about future vacancies and other work opportunities!

What time(s) is the event being held?

We are holding two sessions across the day on Thursday 10 July 2025: **09:10-10:50** and **11:10-12:50**. You are welcome to sign up for one or both sessions, depending on your availability and how much time you would like to commit.

Sounds great! How do I sign up?

Please click the below link to complete a form about your availability by **Friday 20 June 2025**

[Y9 Careers Speed Networking 2025](#)

Miss K O'Brien
Careers Manager



Weald Fest 2025: A Celebration of Community

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 19 July 2025, as The Weald School proudly presents its inaugural summer fair—Weald Fest! From 11.00AM to 5.00PM, our school grounds in Billingshurst will transform into a vibrant hub of family fun, entertainment, and community spirit, all in support of The Weald School Charitable Trust.

Event Highlights

Weald Fest promises a day filled with excitement for all ages:

- **Live Performances:** Enjoy a lineup of talented local artists and performers.
- **Dog Show:** Witness the charm of our canine companions in various categories, including Cutest Puppy, Best Rescue, and Best in Show.
- **Bird of Prey Display:** Be captivated by the majesty of these magnificent birds.
- **Funfair & Inflatables:** Thrills and laughter await with rides and attractions.
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Join Us!

We invite all students, families, and community members to partake in this joyous occasion. Whether you're volunteering, participating in events, or simply enjoying the festivities, your presence will make Weald Fest 2025 truly special.

For more details and updates, visit our official website: www.wealdfest.co.uk or follow us on our [facebook page](#)

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<https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/>

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Get advice and report online abuse issues via the CEOP website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre>

Well-Being at The Weald

The well-being team at The Weald have put together a comprehensive set of resources and links which can be found at this website.

<https://sites.google.com/theweald.org.uk/well-being-the-weald/home>

CALM HARM

Provides tasks that can help you resist the temptation to self-harm.

<https://calmharm.co.uk/>

Mindshift

Mindshift aims to help you learn how to relax and develop new ways of thinking in order to help your anxiety.

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/>

Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT
2 June	First day of term (Week A)
19 June	Inset day
24 June	Y6 Welcome Day
27 June	Prom & Grad Dinner
30 June- 4 July	ACE Week
9 July	Sponsored Walk
10 July	Gold Awards
15 July	Sports Day
22 July	End of term (early finish)

If you are interested in the Parent Voice Partnership, please email parents@theweald.org.uk

To suggest content for the next issue of e-Weald, please email kferrone@theweald.org.uk



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