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Message from the Headteacher:

As we reach the end of our first half term, it's hard to believe that seven weeks have already flown by! Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled in brilliantly, and across the school and college, students have embraced the opportunities on offer with their usual Team Weald enthusiasm. From Open Evenings to charity events, sporting fixtures, trips and extracurricular activities, it's been a busy and rewarding start to the year. Alongside all of this, of course, has been the important business of learning, and it's been wonderful to see students settling into positive routines and working hard in their lessons.

One area where we do need your continued support, however, is attendance. Last year, our whole-school attendance finished at 90.6%, and this term we are currently at just 91.4%. Whilst this represents a small improvement, it is still far below where we want and need to be - the national average is 92.4%. Put simply, students cannot benefit fully from the excellent teaching and wider opportunities we provide if they are not in school. Every day matters, and even relatively small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on learning, progress and a young person's sense of belonging. We know that genuine illness and difficult circumstances are sometimes unavoidable, and we will always work with families who need additional support. However, we ask all parents and carers to make school attendance an absolute priority, ensuring that students are in school every day that they are well enough to attend.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership. I hope all our students, families and colleagues enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, refreshed and ready for another busy half term! We're excited already about our upcoming school production, concert and Christmas Fair!

Mrs Sarah Edwards
Headteacher

Every Class, Every Chance: New Attendance Initiatives at The Weald

We believe every single school day is packed with opportunities for our students to learn, and grow. This term, we've been busy behind the scenes launching a new approach to school attendance because every moment in school brings your child one step closer to achieving their dreams.

You might have already spotted our new 'Every Class, Every Chance' badges on the bottom of emails, on our social media posts or around the school site. We are also launching an eye-catching attendance traffic light banner. These are just the start of how we're championing strong attendance across the school community.



We appreciate that feeling ready for school looks different for everyone, and we're committed to making sure every child feels supported and inspired:

- A Calm Space to Unwind: We've launched a brand-new Lunch Club. It provides a peaceful, supportive environment for students who benefit from a quieter middle-of-the-day recharge.
- Better Connections: We've streamlined how our Tutors catch up with students and connect with parents early on, making sure support is always ready when needed.
- Seamless Communication: Keep an eye out for our upcoming 'Under The Weather' form—a quick, easy way for families to stay in touch when pupils are feeling a bit unwell.
- Celebrating Big and Small Wins: Success deserves the spotlight. In our fortnightly house assemblies, we are now proudly celebrate students who achieve 100% attendance over each two-week period.

Building Foundations for Exam Victory

Every school day is an exciting building block toward your child's future. When students hit an attendance mark of 95% or higher, the statistics show, students feel more confident, gain stronger practical skills, and consistently achieve higher grades at GCSE.

When students arrive on time and ready to learn, they get to master key concepts alongside their peers, master exam techniques step-by-step, and eliminate the stress of catching up on missed lessons.

Together, we want to give our young people the ultimate foundation to unlock their potential, build unwavering confidence, and open doors to a bright, ambitious future. Thank you for your continued partnership let's make every class count.

Mr S Catt
Deputy Headteacher

National Emergency Briefing

A free public screening of The People's Emergency Briefing will take place at The Weald School on the 10 November from 6.00 - 7.30pm followed by a facilitated, 30 minute community discussion.

The screening forms part of a growing UK-wide programme of events designed to help ensure that both the public and decision-makers are clearly and honestly informed about the climate and nature crisis - and what it may mean for communities across the country.

In November 2025, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for the National Emergency Briefing - a landmark event bringing together leading experts to assess the UK's exposure to climate and nature risks.

The briefing, introduced by Chris Packham CBE, set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for food security, public health, infrastructure, the economy and national security, alongside evidence-based actions that could reduce these risks.

This national event has now been adapted into a 50-minute public film, The People's Emergency Briefing, which launched nationwide and has now been seen by over 185,000, who, following the screening feel better informed and more motivated to take action.

The film brings together leading scientists to present a clear picture of the challenges ahead, while creating space for local communities to consider what these issues may mean in their local area, and how they can support their MP to call for stronger action.

Chris Packham said "I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. It creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about what these changes mean where we live, and about what we can do together to address them."

The screening comes at a time when our weather is in chaos. We in the South of England have experienced our driest April to September in more than a century, fuelled by the climate crisis, affecting reservoir levels in those areas, which means that despite recent rain, a severe drought has been declared with the nearby Ardingly reservoir at 19%, well below the 75% expected at this time of year.

Following the film, attendees will be invited to take part in a structured discussion, designed to support open, constructive conversation about the issues raised and what they may mean locally.

Organisers emphasise that the event is intended as a civic space, bringing together residents, community leaders and decision-makers. Local MPs, councillors and other influential people have been invited to attend and take part in this important community event.

Theo, a Weald student and member of the school's Eco Club, said: "I have been with the Weald School since year 7, and it has instilled its ethos of Opportunity and Community in me. Since learning that the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, I feel strongly that we should do all we can to fight for our future and help save what we have. I would like to invite you to the screening so that you can be informed about the state of it all, but also to feel empowered to make the changes that are possible to reverse this crisis and safeguard our future. Please do come and see the screening with us". With screenings taking place nationwide, local events form part of a broader effort to build a shared understanding of climate and nature risks across the UK, and to support constructive public dialogue about future choices.

Tickets for the screening are free, but advance registration is encouraged ,which you can find [here](#)

Theo H & Cherry B
Year 12 & Year 10

The school production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'

We are very proud and excited to announce our forthcoming annual school production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', which tells the treacherous story of one man's violent rise to a position of power as king of his country and of his even more violent downfall. In our production, the realms of royalty and warfare have been exchanged and updated to the ambitious world of business. 'Macbeth' is not only one of Shakespeare's most famous and thrilling plays, it is also a GCSE English Literature set text so will be beneficial to all students who attend as our audience.

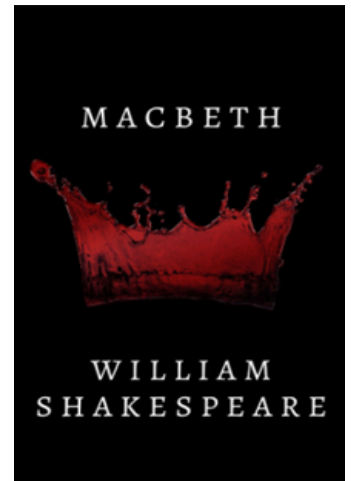
Students and staff have been working extremely hard to create what is promised to be a fantastic and challenging production. We hope you will be impressed with what we have achieved together. Don't miss out!

The performance dates are Wednesday 2 December, Thursday 3 December and Friday 4 December at 7.00pm in the School Hall. We ask for a donation of £8 for an entry pass, which can only be purchased online. A letter including access to the tickets via a QR code will be sent after half-term. We are also trying to prevent more paper wastage, so we are no longer printing out tickets. We would kindly ask that when you purchase a ticket, can you print a copy of the receipt or have an electronic copy ready to view as proof of entry.

Doors will open at 6.15pm, and a licensed bar and refreshments will be available before the show and during the interval.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss K Harbron
Head of Drama



Enrichment Success: Year 7 Team Building & Year 11 Mastering Mindset

This half term, two key year groups participated in high-impact enrichment activities designed to foster community, build resilience, and prepare students for the challenges ahead: our Year 7 Team Building Day and the Year 11 Action Your Potential workshops.

Year 7 Step Up: Building Connections and Confidence

Making the transition from primary school to secondary school is a major milestone, and creating a sense of belonging early on is essential. To help our newest students forge strong friendships and develop vital key skills, Year 7 students engaged in team building challenges, problem-solving activities, and collaborative exercises including the gutter run, cross the river, orienteering and capture the flag.

From navigating complex obstacle courses, working together to solve physical and mental puzzles, the atmosphere was filled with energy, laughter, and enthusiasm.

Our students stepped out of their comfort zones, practised active listening, and communicated effectively with peers outside their immediate tutor groups. Staff were overwhelmingly impressed by the sportsmanship, empathy, and positive attitudes displayed throughout.



Enrichment Success: Year 7 Team Building & Year 11 Mastering Mindset continued

Year 11: Action Your Potential and Master the Mindset

While Year 7 focused on foundation building, our Year 11 students engaged in tailored enrichment sessions with Action Your Potential, an initiative designed to give students practical, brain-based tools to optimise their learning, manage exam-related stress, and unlock their full academic capacity.

With GCSE preparation ramping up, Year 11 was introduced to actionable techniques grounded in neuroscience. The sessions focused on steps to GCSE success and study capture, providing students with an introduction into how the brain learns, how to build efficient study habits, and how to harness positive routines to maintain motivation throughout a demanding year.

The feedback from Year 11 is incredibly positive, with many students highlighting how empowering it was to understand the mechanics of their own learning. Equipped with these practical strategies, our oldest KS4 year group are now building skills to better prepare and navigate the academic year ahead with confidence, purpose, and clear goals.

Miss E Sperring
Trips Coordinator

Team Weald 2026 Greenpower Season

It's been the busiest year for Team Weald racing 4 cars across 2 series (F24 and F24+) at 6 different circuits including 6 heats, 1 test and an International Final.

We've raced in rain, wind snow, sleet and sun (and that was just the Mallory Park Test!) and in the height of the heatwave at Blyton Park where Bluebird won all three races.

Black Bullet raced in it's first full season following a major rebuild last winter, it was a mixed year with good results in spite of a recurring issue with the brake setup until a complete failure of the rear axle at Goodwood in the Finals nearly put paid to the season, however some excellent work by Phil and Black Bullet's crew got the car out for the end of first race and the whole of the second race with a spirited drive by Rex, Ben and Harvey. Over the winter we'll be working on new axle and brake designs to see what the car can do next year.



Purple Predator has become our stalwart car pounding out the miles with a variety of challenges to keep us on our toes. We gave the car a facelift over the summer with several cans of paint and rolls of masking tape, it was certainly a good idea as shortly after, Purple got its best result of the year with a Silver Podium at Lotus Hethel (one of our favourite circuits). Purple Predator has covered over 300 miles this season and that doesn't include the Goodwood Finals! One of our parents has been busy developing ways to better interrogate our data and this showed at Goodwood where we able to use this data to plan our pitstops perfectly, thank you Edwin Smith.



Team Weald 2026 Greenpower Season Continued..

Bluebird had a slow start to the season following some work on the aero on the rear of the car, unfortunately this didn't come together as planned so a late-night session on the eve of Blyton Park saw us sticking and wrapping the car as best we could. Clearly you can't keep a good car down as it went on to win all three races the following day as mentioned above! Another late-night session ahead of the Goodwood Finals saw the car out on track and competing in all three races again and ran well apart from a drop in lap times at the end of the F24 races. Blue will be having more work over the winter to return it to its best form. Particular thanks go to Kevin and Katherine Quigley for all of their efforts over the season.

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Goodwood Motor Circuit



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Goodwood Motor Circuit



X is another of our stalwarts running well through the season in both series and remains our car for testing new ideas, this winter we're going to experiment with a derailer system to allow in-race gear changes.

After half term we will be welcoming the new members to the club for next season and integrating them into the team. You don't have to be in year 7 to join the club, we welcome new members from all year groups and we are also looking to increase our membership in 2 particular areas. Firstly, we would like more girls in the team; girls can be drivers and engineers too. We are also looking for more students who are interested in media and development of our website and media content, again we are looking for students of any gender and; if any parents are interested in getting involved in the team, we'd love to talk to you too.

Finally, a huge thank you to our ongoing season sponsors - Universal Trailers, without who, getting to races would be much harder and Horsham District Council whose Better Billingshurst grant underpinned most of race entries this year. Our funding appeal is open on JustGiving to help us develop the cars and go racing in 2027 and we always like talking to potential new team sponsors.

www.justgiving.com/page/wealdgreenpower

For more information www.teamweald.org.uk, Instagram @wealdgreenpower or email cevans@theweald.org.uk

Mr C Evans
Greenpower Co-ordinator



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, house point and a prize from their Maths teacher.

September 2026			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Arthur H Alex L Noah B Danya T Bareen J	Isla B Dylan M Casey H Noah L Ayush N	Harry L Neve B Tuppence M Oskar F Amy M	Rose B Myra M Jemima W Connor C Jordan N



Need help with your maths homework?

Or just a quiet space to complete it?

Come to the rooms listed below on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-4.10pm to work with a maths teacher on your Sparx or Dr Frost homework.

Late bus passes will be provided.

Date	Teacher	Room
Tues 13 th October	Ms Balocchi	E21
Tues 20 th October	<i>Sorry not on due to 6th form</i>	<i>Open Evening</i>
Tues 3 rd November	Mrs King	E26
Tues 10 th November	Ms Balocchi	E21
Tues 17 th November	<i>Sorry not on due to 6th form</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>
Tues 24 th November	Mrs Gamble	E30
Tues 1 st December	Mr Wegg	E23
Tues 8 th December	<i>Sorry not on due to Year 10</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>
Tues 15 th December	Mrs Gamble	E30

Recommended Reads

The Weald Book Club has started with a lovely group of readers enjoying the same books that are being offered to the feeder Primary Schools and the student librarians have slotted into their daily roles assisting in the library at social times. We have been celebrating Black History Month as well as preparing for Halloween and Bonfire night.

Remember to carve out some time to read and get wrapped up in a good book this Halloween and Bonfire night. Please see some reads that will give you brains!

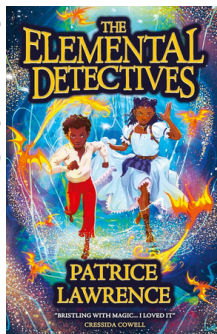
KS3: The Elemental Detectives by Patrice Lawrence

Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs.

But humans have been causing chaos for centuries, trampling through the landscape trailing noise, mess and pollution. What if the Elements could slow down this new world... or stop it all together?

The revenge-fuelled Shepherdess, who moves between the everyday and the supernatural London worlds, is the perfect weapon. She brings a sleeping sickness down on the city with the destruction of society in her sights.

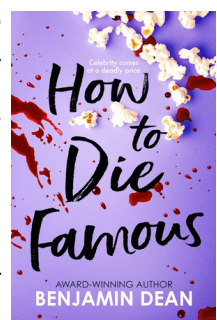
Marisee and Robert are the Elemental Detectives chasing the clues to avoid catastrophe: they must face the ghosts of Hyde Park, the monstrous coiled snake of the Serpentine, and a whole host of other fantastical creatures in their mission to stop the Shepherdess and prevent London slumbering for all eternity...



KS4: How to Die Famous by Benjamin Dean

London-born Abel has landed the role of a lifetime for an upcoming blockbuster. On the face of it he's Hollywood's latest teen star, but below the surface he's an undercover journalist on a mission to expose the 'squeaky clean' entertainment industry and the part they played in his brother's 'accidental' death.

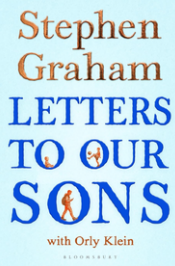
As Abel steps into the spotlight alongside fellow actors Lucky, Ryan and Ella, he soon discovers that beneath the glittering surface of fame and riches lies a darker world of secrecy, scandal and murder. Nobody is who they seem when the cameras are off, and everybody has something to hide. But who's next in line to die famous?



Recommended Reads Continued

KS5 and Adult: Letters to our Sons

What advice do you wish you'd shared before your son's first day at school? When he missed or scored that goal? Or the day he left home?
When was the last time you hugged him?
And what would you do if you had your time again?
Award-winning actor Stephen Graham and psychology lecturer Orly Klein have invited fathers from all walks of life to put into words the things they couldn't say out loud to their sons.



Full of hope, fear, shame and pride, Letters to Our Sons is a raw and extraordinary outpouring of the sometimes messy, often joyful, and always complex realities of modern fatherhood.

Be part of the conversation. It's time to really talk.

Miss A Robertson
LRC Manager

Art materials donations

If you have any old unwanted art supplies at home, that are no longer needed, we would love to make use of them here in school.

Over the years we have had some fantastic donations of unused paints, brushes, canvases, colour pencils etc. That have really supported our students.

Please drop any items off at our Front Reception for the attention of the Art Department.

Thank you in advance for anything donated.

Small brush
Large Brush



Sporting Success

Date	Fixture	Results and information
17/09/2026	Year 7 & 8 Netball	Yr 8 won 4-1 A great start to the season, the girls played well as a team and worked hard in defence to keep the score low. A great start to the season. Yr 9 won 15-7 Again a great team effort and some excellent netball. 100% success rate so far.
17/09/2026	Year 9 Cricket	Well done to the now Yr 9 Cricket team who beat Warden Park to win the district cup. This added to their County cup win in Year 8.
24/09/2026	Year 8 Football	Congratulations to the Year 8 squad who started the season with two hard fought wins this week. A narrow 1-0 victory against Bohunt School (Lucas W scoring the goal) and a hard fought win 4-1 against Tanbridge with goals from Lucas W, Noah J, Oscar D and Freddie B.
22/09/2026	Year 10 Football	A great performance in defeat. We lost by just 1-0 against a Durrington High School, the team that got to the last 4 in the county last year.
20/10/2026	Year 7 Interhouse Football	Yr 7 boys football interhouse 3rd place Mercury 2nd place Thompson 1st place Blackman
23/10/2026	Year 7 Football	Yr 7 won two games against Dorset House School. One team won 4-0 and the other won 5-2.
29/09/2026	Year 9/10 Netball	The girls played some tough teams but improved throughout the evening loosing 2 out of 3 matches but beating Bohunt School convincingly.
30/09/2026	Year 7 Netball	Well done to all the Yr 7 girls who competed at Christs Hospital School yesterday, winning 13-3, with our player of the match chosen by Christ Hospital as Elodie W. You were an absolute credit to the school, well done Elodie!

Sporting Success

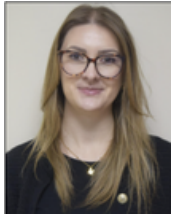
Date	Fixture	Results and information
01/10/2026	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Football Team continued a winning start to the year with a strong 2-0 win against Bohunt School. Fantastic defensive team display in the second half
01/10/2026	Year 9 Football	Winning start in the ESFA cup with a 1-0 win over SGS, Cam F scoring the winning goal.
06/10/2026	Year 7 Football	Year 7 boys continued their strong start to the season with a convincing 8-1 win against Tanbridge School. Great team performance special mention to Tommy B who grabbed a first half hat trick
08/10/2026	Year 8 Rugby	The boys gave an excellent account of themselves against a very strong Cardinal Newman team. Eventually losing 30-10
08/10/2026	Year 9 Football	Lost against a very strong Forest side in the ESFA cup, good performance from Sammy P in defeat.
09/10/2026	Year 9 Rugby	Two wins both 10-7 against St. Paul's School and Downlands School in the State school's county cup group stages.
12/10/2026	U14 Girls Football	A great performance for the team against a strong Warden Park School, in the league. It was a close game, but Warden Park scored two late goals so we lost 3-1
12/10/2026	Year 9 Football	A fantastic 5-2 win in wet conditions against The Burgess Hill Academy, Pick of the goals from Teddy H, scoring from a direct free kick.
13/10/2026	Year 10 Football	Lost away to St. Pauls School in the district League, a great consolation goal from George D.
14/10/2026	Year 9 Versatility Netball tournament	A great team effort from the Yr 9 netball team against some strong schools, they came 4th out of 8 which is a great result.
15/10/2026	Year 7 Football	The Year 7 football team won again yesterday against Millais School 10-0 which means that in 5 games this year they have now scored 39 and conceded only 3 goals.

Careers

Welcome to The Weald!

A very warm welcome to all our new (and returning) students and parents joining The Weald School and Sixth Form this academic year. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and I'm looking forward to supporting our students as they begin to explore their future pathways, develop their skills and discover the many opportunities available to them.

I'm Mrs Goodlad, the Careers Coordinator at The Weald and I am available in school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Email: careers@theweald.org.uk

Where to find me: Careers Office, within the LRC

Careers Drop-In: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 3.30pm

Students are very welcome to pop into the Careers Office during these times if they would like advice, information or support with anything careers-related - whether they have a clear career in mind or simply want to start exploring their options.

Careers at The Weald

It has been a busy start to the academic year, with lots happening across the school to help our students discover, explore, research, plan, decide and apply for their futures.



Year 8 - RAF Air Cadets

Our Year 8 students were lucky enough to welcome members of the RAF Air Cadets, who delivered an exciting assembly about what the Cadets have to offer.

Students found out about the opportunities available through the Cadets, including developing confidence, teamwork, leadership and practical skills, as well as the different doors that these experiences can open in the future.

If you would like any further information on the Air Cadets you can use the below QR code to speak with your local branch:



Year 9 - The World of Work is Bigger Than You Think

Our Year 9 students have been exploring just how varied the world of work really is through our "The World of Work is Bigger Than You Think" careers assembly.

The aim is to challenge some of the assumptions students may have about careers and introduce them to some of the thousands of different jobs and career pathways available. From emerging careers to roles students may never have heard of, we want to encourage them to stay curious and keep their options open.

Year 10 - Preparing for Careers Guidance Interviews

Our Year 10 students have also been getting ready for their upcoming careers guidance appointments through our Preparing for Careers Interviews assembly.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Armstrong, our external Careers Adviser, working with us to provide individual careers guidance appointments to targeted students. Alongside these appointments, I will also be delivering small-group careers guidance sessions during form time to provide all students with additional support.

Career Update continued..

These conversations allow students to discuss their interests, strengths, aspirations and future options. Students should keep an eye out for their pink appointment slips, which will let them know when their careers guidance appointment is taking place.

Year 10 - Work Experience

Coming up, our Year 10 students will be taking an important first step towards their work experience placement.

I will be delivering an assembly to launch the Year 10 work experience programme, explaining what work experience is, why it is valuable and how students can begin thinking about the types of placements that would interest them.

This will be followed by a virtual work experience launch meeting for parents, where we will explain the process and answer any questions you may have.

Parents will receive a letter with further information about the virtual launch meeting shortly, so please keep an eye out for this.

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the world of work, develop valuable employability skills, build confidence and gain a better understanding of different careers and working environments.

Year 11 - Exploring Post-16 Options

Our Year 11 students have also been exploring their post-16 options, with an assembly delivered by Chichester College Group.

Students were introduced to the wide variety of courses and pathways available after Year 11 and had the opportunity to find out more about what studying at college could look like.

With post-16 decisions approaching, we encourage students and parents to start having conversations about the different options available - including sixth form, college, T Levels, apprenticeships and other training pathways. Sixth Form interviews for The Weald Sixth Form will start soon. Your child will be invited to one of these if they intend to continue study at The Weald. Other colleges may also request that you take an interview if you plan to join them post 16.

National T Level Week

We will also be celebrating National T Level Week this autumn!

During the week, students will learn more about T Levels during form time, exploring what T Levels are, the subjects and pathways available and how they can provide an alternative route to A Levels, apprenticeships and other post-16 options. Students will also have the opportunity to discover the wide range of careers that T Levels can lead to and how these technical qualifications combine classroom learning with valuable industry experience. We hope this will help students understand the range of post-16 pathways available to them and encourage them to consider whether a T Level could be right for their future.

Green Careers Week

November will also see us celebrating Green Careers Week, giving students the opportunity to discover how careers across a wide range of industries are helping to create a more sustainable future. During form time activities, students will explore what we mean by 'Green Careers' and discover that these opportunities go far beyond environmental and conservation roles. From engineering and construction to science, technology, transport, business and finance, there are increasing opportunities for people to make a positive contribution to the environment through their work. We hope the week will encourage students to think about how their own interests and skills could contribute to a greener future.

Tomorrow's Engineers Week

We will also be taking part in Tomorrow's Engineers Week in November, helping students to discover the exciting world of engineering and the many different career opportunities available within the sector.

Through form-time activities, students will explore the different types of engineering and learn about the skills, subjects and pathways that can lead into engineering careers. The week will also challenge some of the stereotypes surrounding engineering and highlight how engineers are helping to solve real-world problems and shape the future - from developing new technologies and sustainable solutions to designing the buildings, transport and infrastructure we rely on every day.

Career Update continued..

Explore our Careers Website

Don't forget to take a look at The Weald Careers Website, which is a useful starting point for students and parents looking for careers information and opportunities.

The website includes information about:

- Post-16 and post-18 options
- University and higher education
- Apprenticeships
- Work experience
- Different career pathways and sectors
- Careers resources and guidance
- Upcoming careers events and opportunities
- Labour Market Information (LMI) to help students understand different careers, industries and employment trends
- Links to useful careers platforms and resources, including Unifrog

You can access the Careers Website here:

<https://sites.google.com/theweald.org.uk/careersworkexperienceintranet/home>

Supporting Careers Conversations at Home

Parents and carers play an incredibly important role in helping young people make informed decisions about their futures.

You don't need to have all the answers! Talking to your child about their interests, strengths, subjects they enjoy, things they are curious about and what they might like to try can be a great place to start.

Encourage them to explore rather than decide too early. Careers can take many different routes, and students' interests and plans will naturally develop and change as they gain new experiences.

You can also encourage your child to:

- Ask questions about careers they are interested in.
- Explore different routes into a career.
- Attend careers events and employer talks.
- Make use of [Unifrog](#) and the [Careers Website](#)
- Gain experience through work experience, volunteering and extracurricular activities.
- Develop transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, organisation and problem-solving.

Get Involved with Careers at The Weald

We are always keen to build new relationships with local employers, businesses and organisations and would love to hear from you if you would like to support our students. If you are interested in hosting a student for work experience, have an exciting career opportunity, apprenticeship, insight day or workplace visit that you think our students would benefit from, or would like to get involved in one of our careers events, employer talks or networking activities this academic year, please get in touch.

Your time, knowledge and experience can make a real difference in helping our students understand the world of work and discover opportunities they may not otherwise have considered.

Keep an eye out for opportunities!

Throughout the year, I will continue to share careers events, employer talks, work experience opportunities, apprenticeships, college and university information and other opportunities with students.

Students should regularly check Emails, Unifrog, Google Classroom and school communications so they don't miss out.

If you are a student or parent/carers and have a careers-related question, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs D Goodlad
Careers Coordinator

Support for your child



Childline is free, confidential and available for anyone under the age of 19.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Call: 0800 1111



Youngminds is a charity that can support both children and adults. Further details are available on their website.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan can help. Contact details are available on their website:

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

Call: 116 123



Local NHS mental health helpline offers help and advice with a mental health professional. Support is available 24/7

Call: 0800 030 9500



E-Wellbeing is a digital wellbeing support service for young people, run by the YMCA Downlink group.

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



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

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



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>



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

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



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 Nov 2026	Term commences - Week A
27 Nov 2026	INSET DAY
2 Dec 2026 - 4 Dec 2026	The School production 'Macbeth'
8 Dec 2026	Christmas Gift & Craft Fair 2026
17 Dec 2026	Christmas Concert - Sports Hall
18 Dec 2026	Sixth Form Spectacular & Early finish (1.20pm buses depart)
4 Jan 2027	Term Commences - Week B



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