

19 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Change to Head of Year 10

We are writing to you to inform you of a change to the Head of Year for Year 10, which will take effect from September 2026. We would like to wish Mrs McCaughan well as she will be commencing maternity leave in the Autumn term. Whilst we are sad that she will not be continuing into Year 11 with the year group, we would like to thank her for all of the commitment and support she has given to all of the students. Students are being informed in their Year 10 assembly this week and they may wish to discuss this with you over the coming days, so we wanted to make sure that you had also been informed.

We have the pleasure of introducing you to Mr Brixey, who will take over as Head of Year 11 from September. We are very fortunate that Mrs McCaughan will be here in September and so will be supporting Mr Brixey in an extended handover period.

Message from Mrs McCaughan

“While this is a very exciting time for me, it is also bittersweet as I have had the privilege of being Head of Year to this wonderful year group for the past four years and had hoped to see them through to the end of Year 11. It has been a joy to watch them grow and mature, and I am incredibly proud of all they have achieved, particularly the dedication they showed towards their Religious Studies GCSE examinations this year. I have every confidence that they will approach the rest of their GCSEs with the same determination and resilience. Although I will be away during much of their final year, I am delighted that Mr Brixey will be supporting them through Year 11, and I look forward to joining them for Leavers' Day and Prom to celebrate all of their successes.”

Message from Mr Brixey

“I am conscious many of you will have strong working relationships with Mrs McCaughan and a change of Head of Year at this point in your child's education could be slightly nerve wracking. Please be reassured that she and I will work closely together before she leaves to make sure I understand your children's needs and what Mrs McCaughan has done which has worked well. I am in the fortunate position of having just supported our last year 11 cohort through their GCSEs. This means I have a strong working knowledge of the pressures on them, what works well and the work flow of year 11. I hope this is reassuring as you prepare yourselves to support your children through a critical year in their young lives. It can be a busy one for parents!

My priorities for your children will be getting the best possible grades but also helping them make lasting memories and plan for their futures. If you have any queries about year 11 or how we can best work together, please get in touch, or come to our 'Welcome Evening' in the new academic year"

As students move into Year 11, I (Miss Cortizo) assume senior leadership responsibility and oversight of the year group. This is a role I repeat each year and so I have experience in guiding students through this crucial phase of their time at The Weald. As the outgoing Head of Year 11, Mr Brixey has very recently and successfully taken his year group through the journey of Year 11. We both look forward to getting to know the year group and to working closely, in partnership, with yourselves, to ensure that your child receives the academic support and challenge they need to succeed in Year 11 and beyond.

Yours faithfully,



Miss A Cortizo
Deputy Headteacher
(Line Manager of Year 11)



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Assistant Headteacher
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