

12 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Assessment Fortnight

What is your child learning at The Weald?

Find each subject's curriculum [here](#) and every subject's Knowledge Organisers [here](#)

I am writing ahead of the Year 10 assessments, which will take place in the fortnight beginning Monday 6 October. These assessments will take place in class, and your child will be notified by their subject teachers of the exact dates. These assessments will check learning from across Key Stage 4 and will allow your child to demonstrate the progress they are making in the curriculum. We will share the results of these assessments (in the form of a %) in their next tracking report. You will have the opportunity to discuss these assessments with your child's teachers at the **Parents' and Carers' Evening on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 December.**

Due to the proximity of these assessments to the start of term, we are unable to provide a full list of revision topics in this letter. Instead, subject teachers will provide students with targeted revision lists in advance of their assessments. Assessment dates will also be shared via the **Bromcom Homework Portal.**

Over the coming 3-4 weeks, teachers will be setting RED (Retrieval, Elaboration, and Dual Coding) review homework tasks using Knowledge Organisers. For your reference, we have included a guide to effective revision strategies at the end of this letter. I will also be discussing RED revision methods and the Year 10 assessments during the **Year 10 Information Evening on Thursday 25 September.**

Religious Studies (RS - 8062)

Religious Studies is slightly different from the other subjects.

Your child will sit their **GCSE RS exams in May 2026:**

- **Paper 1:** Tuesday 12 May 2026 (morning)
- **Paper 2:** Wednesday 20 May 2026 (afternoon)

In preparation for these, students will complete **mock exams in November and February.**

To support their revision, every student has been given a [Personal Learning Checklist \(PLC\)](#) by the RS department. This includes:

- A breakdown of every topic in the GCSE course
Links to revision guides, Knowledge Organisers, practice questions, past papers, Quizlets, and exam technique resources
- These materials are also available via **Google Classroom**. We know from experience that consistent revision, supported by home routines, makes a significant difference to outcomes. We recommend that students dedicate **3-4 hours per week** to RS revision in the lead-up to the mock exams, which works out to around **30 minutes per day**.

The RS GCSE mock exams will assess the following content from the AQA Religious Studies specification:

- **Paper 1 - Christianity and Islam:**
Students should prepare all topics from **sections 1-33** of the PLC.
- **Paper 2 - Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment:**
Focus on **sections 60-69** of the PLC.

In addition to being a valuable qualification in its own right, the RS course provides excellent preparation for next year's exam series. These mock exams will take place under full JCQ exam conditions, in formal venues rather than classrooms. This experience helps students become familiar with the routines, expectations, and environment of external examinations.

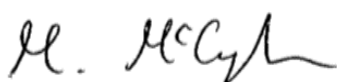
Please encourage your child to follow the revision advice above and make the most of this opportunity.

Year 10 Information Evening

We warmly invite you to our **"Welcome to Year 10"** Information Evening on Thursday 25 September at 6.30pm in the School Hall. The purpose of the evening is to strengthen the partnership between home and school as we support your child through this important academic year. We will outline the key expectations, explain the assessment schedule, and discuss the RED review strategies your child will be using. From 5.30pm to 7.00pm, a range of information stalls will also be available in the E Block canteen. These will provide further details on English, Maths, Reading, RHPD, Careers, Extra-curricular activities, Homework, Tracking, Assessment, and how to use the Bromcom portal.

We hope you find this information useful in helping your child prepare for the upcoming assessments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M McCaughan
Head of Year 10

Year 10 Assessment Fortnight

Monday 6 October - Friday 17 October

Suggested revision timings: 60 minutes a week per subject for 3-4 weeks

Click here to go to our website for [how to review effectively \(RED Review\)](#) and [RED Revision Strategies](#).

Week beginning 6 October
Subjects
English
Science
Art
Ceramics
Creative Imedia
Design and Technology
Food Preparation and Nutrition
German
History
Media Studies

Week beginning 13 October
Subjects
Maths
Business Studies
Computer Science
Drama
French
Geography
Music
Music Technology
Physical Education
Spanish
Textiles

The following subjects will not be conducting a formal in-class assessment. Instead, students will be assessed through alternative methods as outlined below:

- **Art, Ceramics & Textiles**

Ongoing coursework unit.

- **Health and Social**

NEA Coursework part 1 in exam conditions.