

Parent Voice Partnership - 19th December 2025

What was discussed	Response and actions
<p>Enrichment & wider opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents spoke very positively about the Year 11 sixth form taster day, highlighting how helpful it was in supporting students to make confident and informed subject choices. The five taster sessions were felt to be a good balance and well pitched. Parents noted that the Year 10 geography field trip took place on an enrichment day. While the trip itself was valued, some students felt disappointed that they missed the opportunity to choose from the full range of enrichment activities their peers enjoyed. Parents discussed the current PE model, where teachers take responsibility for a year group's sports fixtures. As sports offered can vary depending on staff specialism, parents asked whether it might be possible to return to a system where teachers lead a specific sport instead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school was pleased to receive such positive feedback. The current format of the taster day will continue. The school acknowledged this feedback and future planning of trips will be reviewed to minimise clashes with enrichment activities where possible. The school welcomed the constructive feedback. The PE department will review the current structure and explore alternative models.
<p>Communication, systems & processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents shared their thoughts on communication around Year 12 work experience. They were understanding of the delays caused by the appointment of a new Careers Officer and appreciated the update that Mrs Goodlad has now started. Parents also recognised and supported the school's approach of encouraging Year 12 students to take responsibility for finding their own placements. Parents felt that earlier communication would help students feel more confident and prepared. Parents asked for clarification around the new rewards system and noted that daily house points did not always appear to be happening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work experience dates are normally shared in the Autumn term. There was a slight delay (January) this year due to the change in career officer. We are having some issues with bromcom and class charts synching. Daily points are being added on classcharts but not always showing for parents on bromcom. Classcharts are used to reward students for top house points. The aim is to move to bromcom for all systems.

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<p>Curriculum & assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents shared that Sparx Maths is helpful and appreciated the support videos. They noted that some students can still find individual questions challenging and may spend a long time trying to complete them. Parents asked whether a little flexibility could be shown so students are not sanctioned when they have made a genuine effort. • Parents were very complimentary about how smoothly the Year 11 mock exams ran. They felt the use of exam venues and realistic conditions was excellent preparation for the real exams. Some parents felt the two-week schedule was very intense and wondered whether spreading mocks over three weeks could be considered. • Parents spoke very positively about the Year 10 RS mocks and public exam, noting how helpful this was in preparing students for Year 11 expectations. They were also pleased to see both guided and non-guided RS after-school support sessions now running. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maths department will review expectations and consider flexibility in these cases. • The school welcomed the positive feedback. The mock exam timetable will remain over 2.5 weeks to limit impact on teaching time and use of PE facilities. • Year 10 RS mocks and RS after-school support will continue.
<p>Wider community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a

If you would like to express interest in joining our Parent Partnership Group in the future or raise any discussion points please email parents@theweald.org.uk.

In attendance on Thursday 19th December: Megan McCaughan (*Community Engagement Lead* at The Weald), Beth Gibson (Y10 & Sixth Form parent/carer), Elizabeth Homer (Y11 parent/carer) and David Storer (Y7 parent/carer).

Next Parent Partnership Meeting: Thursday 12th February @ 5pm