

Parent Voice Partnership - 13th May 2026

What was discussed	Response and actions
Enrichment & wider opportunities • There was considerable enthusiasm from Year 7 parents and carers regarding ACE Week, particularly the forthcoming Opal Coast visit. Parents and carers were extremely grateful that the school offers a residential experience during students' first year at The Weald, recognising the value it brings to building friendships, confidence and independence. They were delighted that around two-thirds of the year group were participating and also welcomed the provision of a similar East Sussex-based programme for students not travelling to France. • Parents and carers of Year 10 students gave very positive feedback on the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, commenting that the excursions ran smoothly and that the opportunities to practise key skills are invaluable in preparing students for success.	• ACE Week: Thank you for your positive feedback. We are delighted that ACE Week and both residential programmes are valued and provide such meaningful experiences for our students. • Duke of Edinburgh: Thank you for your kind comments. We're pleased the expeditions were such a positive experience and helped students develop valuable lifelong skills.
Communication, systems & processes • Parents and carers also raised a point regarding the transition from Year 11 into Year 12. They would welcome greater clarity around expectations for preparatory work over the summer, noting that the volume of work varies considerably between subjects. It was discussed that providing students with a clearer rationale for why some subjects, such as A Level Mathematics, require more extensive preparation, together with suggested time allocations for each subject, would help students to manage their time effectively and better understand the importance of completing the work. • It was flagged that parents and carers of year 11 students had not received any further information regarding prom and parents and careers were keen to get arrangements underway.	• Year 11 to Year 12 transition: Thank you for this helpful suggestion. We will review how we communicate summer preparation, including providing clearer guidance on expectations, rationale and suggested time allocations. • Year 11 Prom: Thank you for raising this. A letter with full prom arrangements was emailed home after half term.
Curriculum & assessments • The school's preparation for the Year 10 Religious Studies GCSE examination was also highly praised. Parents and carers particularly valued the after-school guided and independent	• Year 10 RS GCSE: Thank you for your positive feedback. We are pleased the revision programme and resources supported students so effectively and helped prepare them for future examinations.

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revision sessions, as well as the personalised learning checklist, which provides students with access to past papers, revision resources, exam techniques, revision session dates and key topics. They felt that sitting a GCSE examination in Year 10 is an excellent opportunity, enabling students to experience formal examination conditions while developing effective RED revision strategies, ahead of their GCSEs in Year 11.	
Wider community • Parents and carers expressed their appreciation for the Weald Premises Team. They praised staff for going above and beyond to help several families recover equipment left behind following a football training session on the astroturf the previous evening. Parents and carers commented that the team's willingness to assist was greatly appreciated and reflected the caring and supportive ethos of the school. • Parents and carers commented that preparations for Wealdfest are progressing well. They expressed their excitement about celebrating the school's 70th anniversary and looked forward to supporting what promises to be a memorable community event.	• Premises Team: Thank you for your lovely comments. We will be sure to share your appreciation with the Premises Team, who will be delighted to hear their support was valued. • Wealdfest: Thank you for your enthusiasm. We look forward to celebrating the school's 70th anniversary together with our whole community.

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 13th May: Megan McCaughan (*Community Engagement Lead* at The Weald), Beth Gibson (YR10 & Sixth Form parent/carer), Elizabeth Homer (YR 11 parent/carer), Lucy Sexton (year 9 & 12 parent/carer), Roselle Silvester (year 8 & 10 parent/carer) and Nic Lewis (year 10 parent/carer), Victoria Davies (YR 7 parent / carer) and Sanne Farrow (YR 7 parent / carer)

Next Parent Partnership Meeting: TBC