

Dear Parent/Carer,

TRANSFER TO THE WEALD SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2019

I am delighted to welcome your child to The Weald School. We look forward to working closely with you and getting to know you over the next few years so that together we can support your child in fulfilling their potential.

Your child will be joining our outstanding school that has a clear and ambitious vision of excellence which is shared by all our staff and students. Our most recent OFSTED report can be found online at www.theweald.org.uk. Exam results over the last 10 years have been consistently high. In summer 2018 our students again achieved excellent results at both GCSE and A level. Our A-Level results this year place us in the top 20% of schools in the country for progress whilst at GCSE our three-year rolling average places the school in the top 10% of schools.

Our committed and experienced staff strive to create the best opportunities for all our future students with a range of strategies including our strong focus on teaching and learning; completion of KS3 in two years allowing for greater flexibility at KS4; continued planned improvements and developments in ICT; extra-curricular activities and foreign exchanges. Our full school roll and current waiting list for entry for September 2019 are a clear indication that the local and wider community recognise The Weald's success.

This year it is necessary for parents/carers to formally advise West Sussex County Council of their intention to accept or decline the place offered. Please find enclosed a West Sussex County Council 'School Place Acceptance' form that parents/carers are required to complete and return, together with a copy of your council tax bill for **2019/20**, as proof of address. You should receive your council tax bill the week beginning 18th March. This form must be returned to us no later than **Thursday 28th March, 2019** indicating whether you are accepting or declining the place. This will secure your son/daughter's place or inform West Sussex of your wish to decline it.

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Please also find enclosed a Weald School 'Year 7 Welcome Pack' which includes important information and the 'Data Collection on Admission to School' booklet which must be completed and returned to us by **Thursday, 28th March, 2019**. These can be posted back to us or dropped into the front reception of the school between 8am and 4pm in advance of this date. Should it not be possible to return before this date, please contact us to discuss. **We would also request that you prioritise informing us if you have a preference for a second Modern Foreign Language and your reason for this by this same date.** A delay in doing so may prevent us from being able to honour your preference. Please see the attached 'Transition Information' sheet for details on this.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child in September 2019. The first day of term for Year 7 will be Tues 3rd Sep. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ms Sue Egan via admissions@theweald.org.uk

Yours sincerely



**Mr P Woodman
Headteacher**



**Ms S Egan
KS3 Director of Learning & Transition**

Transition Information

Key information regarding our Year 6 into 7 transition programme is below. We meet regularly with the Headteachers of all our feeder schools to make sure everyone is kept up to date.

- In the summer term, our Director of Learning for Key Stage 3, Ms Sue Egan, along with the Heads of House and current Weald students, will be visiting students and their teachers in our catchment schools. Students from non-catchment schools will be sent further information inviting them on a special visit to The Weald in the summer term. They will be talking to them about The Weald and collecting and collating necessary educational data about our potential students.
- The information received from these visits will help us to create supportive and secure learning groups in which the students are taught for about half their timetable. All learning groups study French and then either Spanish or German so if you have a specific reason, such as a family connection, for wanting your child to study either Spanish or German (as opposed to just a preference) then contact Ms Egan (via admissions@theweald.org.uk) by THURSDAY, 28th MARCH, 2019 at the latest. Placement in a particular learning group for this reason may limit other group choices. Alternatively, if you do not let us know a particular preference on receipt of this letter, we may be unable to respond to a later request. We do not ask students to request friends they would like to be with in a learning group. We work closely with the Year 6 teachers with regards to creating balanced learning groups based on academic rather than social criteria.
- If your child has special talents or abilities which you feel you would like the school to know about to foster further, you may also write to us about this at admissions@theweald.org.uk
- Our Director of Learning Support, Mr Tony Aschettino, will also be visiting and discussing individual students who have particular needs to access our curriculum.
- All relevant information regarding your child's transition to The Weald can be found on our website (www.theweald.org.uk) under 'Admissions', 'New Year 7 Students 2019' option on the right, this will include details of our uniform which is supplied by Broadbridges in Horsham.
- West Sussex County Council is responsible for all school buses and transport to and from school. They can be contacted directly via telephone number 01243 753530 or emailed on school.transport@westsussex.gov.uk

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Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 25th June 2019

This is a very important day for our prospective new students, when they all come to see the school, meet their new form tutors, experience some lessons and ask questions. Primary Headteachers will be given details to inform students exactly when and where school buses and coaches will pick them up. Students traditionally attend in their current primary school uniforms. Students may bring a pack lunch, but we hope that they will take the opportunity to sample food from our cafeteria where our own chef cooks fresh, locally sourced food for break and lunchtime. More information about this day will be sent to you nearer the time.

Wednesday 26th June 2019

This is for all parents and students starting in September 2019, and will be an opportunity to visit the school and meet some key staff.