

Welcome to Weald of Kent Grammar School



Individuality, Integrity, Good Manners, Tolerance and Resilience

What is expected of me at Weald of Kent Grammar School?

You are at the start of a very exciting journey!

We know that you are probably feeling excited and nervous about joining us. It is completely normal. We have written this book and hold induction days to answer your questions and help prepare you for your move to secondary school.

We want all students to experience academic excellence and personal success. Everything we do at Weald Grammar School is aimed at developing a culture of learning, so we have some core values that we all must follow:

- **Individuality**
- **Integrity**
- **Good manners**
- **Tolerance**
- **Resilience**

We also have a Positive Behaviour Policy that all students must follow. You can find the full policy on our website.



What happens if I need help?

Moving from Year 6 to Year 7 is a big change and we understand that you may have some worries and concerns. You can speak to your Form Tutor every day during form time and they will let you know where you can find them at other times. You can also find additional support at Student Services or speak to your Head of Year. There are lots of people who will be able to help you. During your first year with us, you will be 'buddied up' with another student from Year 8 and meet them regularly throughout the year. We also have a team of Year 10, trained Peer Mentors who can offer support too.

What happens if I have done well?

We believe in celebrating and rewarding the successes and achievements of our students. Your teachers will award you points based on demonstrating the core values of Weald of Kent Grammar School, both in and out of lessons.

We have regular award assemblies where we celebrate these successes.

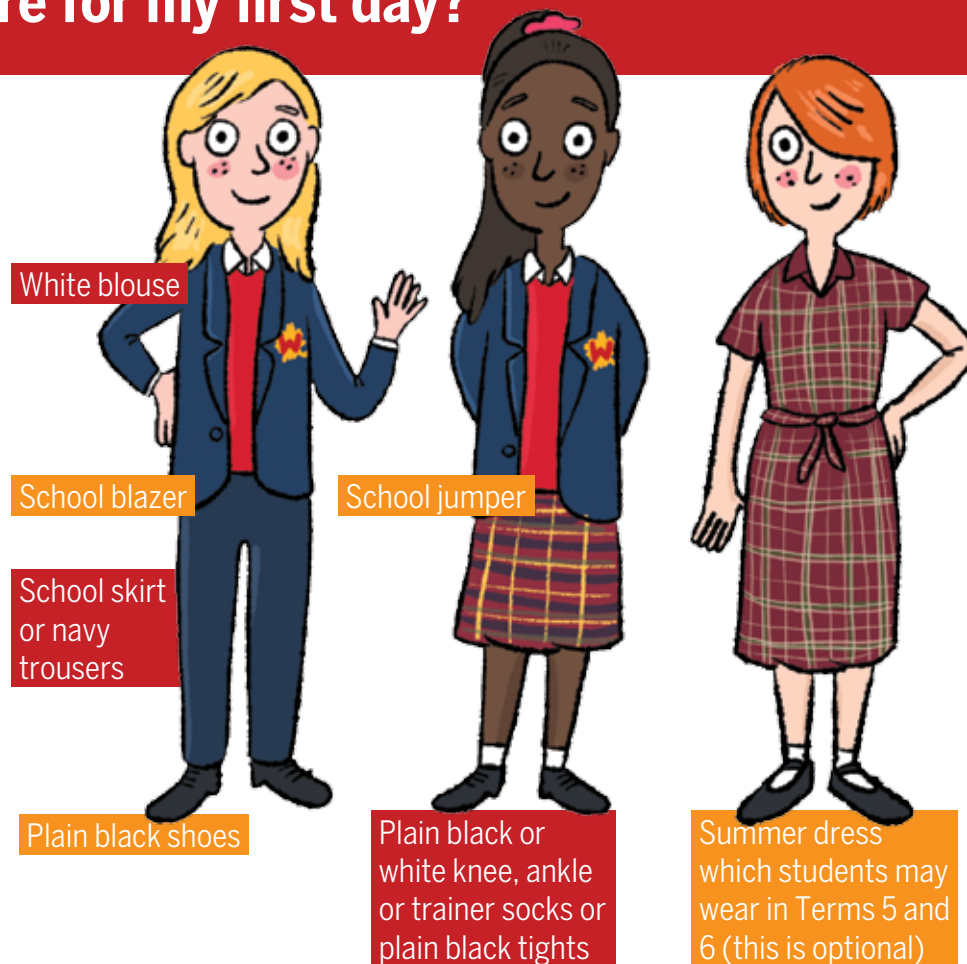


How should I prepare for my first day?

We are very proud of our smart uniform and we have high expectations of presentation. On your first day, please ensure that you are wearing the correct items, that you have all the equipment you need and you leave enough time to be punctual.

We will supply your parents/carers with a full list of the uniform you will need for your first day.

Please ensure you are wearing it correctly. You can also find full information about the required uniform on our website.



What equipment do I need to bring with me?

You will need a robust bag/rucksack and the following equipment: **black/blue pens, pencils, variety of coloured pens, highlighter, ruler, eraser, scissors, glue, scientific calculator, geometry/maths set (protractor, pair of compasses and set square) and a notebook.**

PE:

On days where you have PE you will need to come to school wearing your PE kit. Your parents/carers will be provided with a full PE kit list and you can also find a copy on the school's website.



What else do I need to think about?

Getting to school:

Check your route before the first day so you know where to go and, if travelling by public bus or train, please check the times and how long your journey will take.

When you arrive on your first day, you should go to the main hall.

Food:

You have the option of bringing a packed lunch to school or purchasing your lunch at the school canteen. We sell a range of reasonably priced snacks and meals. You can also alternate between bringing a packed lunch or buying food in the canteen.

We operate a cashless system and all lunches can be paid for by ParentPay.

What does the school day look like?

Students should aim to be in their form room by approximately 8.35am and the school day starts at 8.45am.

Your day will be made up of the following timetable:

07.30	School opens to students
08.35	Students allowed in form room
08.45-9.10	Tutor time (incl. registration)
09.15-10.15	Period 1
10.20-11.20	Period 2
11.20-11.40	Break
11.40-12.40	Period 3
12.40-13.30	Lunch
13.35-14.35	Period 4 (incl. registration)
14.40-15.40	Period 5
16.00	All students off premises



What will I study?

You will study 14 subjects in Year 7: English, Maths, Science, Modern Language, Art, Drama, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education, PSHCE, Religious Education, Technology and Information Technology.

You will have different teachers and classrooms for each subject so you will move around the school between lessons. Don't worry about getting lost, you will get a map and you will soon find your way around. There are lots of people you can ask for help if you need it. On your first day, all form groups will be escorted by our wonderful Sixth Form School Officers.

To help you get around quickly, we have a 'no-bags policy'. This means that you will store your bags and books in your allocated locker and only carry what you need for a couple of lessons at a time.

What about homework?

Homework will be set regularly. You will get one piece of 30-minute homework per week for your core subjects (English, Maths, Science, etc.). For all other subjects, you will get a 30-minute piece per fortnight.



What else can I do?

From the start of the year, there are lots of clubs that you can join and activities you can take part in.

Our teachers offer a great variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs, for example: Chess Club, Gymnastics Club, Robotics Club, Art Club, Football Club and Chamber Choir.

Clubs are a great way to meet new friends, explore new interests and learn new skills, so we encourage you to get involved as much as you can.



We look forward to meeting you soon!



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