

## The Weald Sixth Form College

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The Weald is a high achieving, popular and oversubscribed 11-18 comprehensive school with over 1,600 students, including 320 in the Sixth Form, situated in the heart of the Sussex countryside, 10 minutes from Horsham, 35 minutes from Guildford and Brighton, and an hour by train to London. The school has an excellent record of academic and pastoral achievement and prides itself in creating a caring and respectful ethos where every child is important. The school was judged to be "outstanding in all areas" by Ofsted in November 2013. In the summer of 2016, students in Year 11 achieved results which put the school in the top 5% of schools nationally, and attainment at A-level put the sixth form college in the top 15% across the country.



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# Scholarships at The Weald Sixth Form College

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The Weald School and Sixth Form College wishes to introduce scholarships for our exceptional students.

Our objectives:

- for businesses in the local community to engage and build a profile with Weald Sixth Form students, parents and staff
- to provide the funds for additional learning for students to support them in achieving the best outcomes for post-16 study and beyond
- to ensure that no Weald Sixth Form student is deprived of any opportunity to prepare themselves for life, regardless of their background





## Objectives of the Scholarship Programme

Our objective is to introduce scholarships for our exceptional students to support them in achieving the best outcomes for post-16 study and beyond.

We at the Weald Sixth Form College are constantly looking for ways to nurture academic excellence. We are therefore seeking to introduce scholarships in subject areas across a range of disciplines to reward outstanding attainment at Key Stage 4 in order to retain and recruit the highest achieving Key Stage 5 students in the area.

This is an exciting time for The Weald Sixth Form College: we have a brand new building opening with state-of-the-art classrooms for maths and art, as well as a large cafeteria. We offer over 30 courses for post-16 learning, and in spite of the current national funding crisis, we have maintained and even strengthened courses in languages, the arts and technology subjects, which are frequently cut from the curriculum in other Key Stage 5 providers.

## Why sponsor a Weald sixth former?

Sponsors will be rewarded in their generosity by a range of means:

- a meaningful contribution to the community
- a stake in the academic future of local students
- opportunities to work with the wider school community in assemblies, Personal Social Health Citizenship Education lessons, careers guidance and business breakfasts
- advertising at The Weald in our reception area, at our annual Gold Awards and Careers Fair

## What difference will a sponsorship make to a Weald student?

Education is expensive in the 21st century. Degrees at universities now cost approximately £9,000 per year just for the fees, and living costs are of course on the rise. Whilst we at The Weald Sixth Form College provide all of the resources students need in order to complete their post-16 studies with us, a scholarship would provide students with opportunities beyond the classroom which could enable them to access the highest-performing universities. This would be particularly valuable for low-income families.

Below is a by no means exhaustive list of some of the ways students may choose to use the funds from a scholarship:

- Additional resources to supplement learning (either technological devices or old-fashioned books)
- Visits to universities for super-curricular courses (increasingly expected by the highest-performing institutions)
- Educational research undertaken away from home (field trips, for example)

## Cost

We are looking for sponsors to provide £750 per annum for Year 12 students.

## Criteria

Students who are eligible:

- have attained at least 6 grade 7 to 9 GCSE passes (of which at least 3 must be 8 or 9)
- have an exemplary school record in terms of their attitude to learning and contributions to the wider school

Applicants will be advised of their success in gaining a scholarship at the end of the autumn term in Year 12.

All funds will be held by the college and scholarship winners will write a bid for any money they wish to draw on to the college for consideration as to its appropriateness. (This is to avoid students simply taking the money and leaving the college to study elsewhere, and also to avoid students using the money for goods which do not support their learning and progress.)



## Subject Areas

Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) for young women (for any female student meeting the criteria wishing to study any 2 of biology, chemistry, physics, computer science or design and technology)

Finance/accountancy (for any student meeting the criteria wishing to study maths and economics)

Marketing/media (for any student meeting the criteria wishing to study any 2 of media studies, photography, English language or English literature)

Sport (for any student meeting the criteria wishing to study any 2 of biology, applied science, A-level PE or Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) sport)

## Time Scale

Application for the scholarship will be immediately following GCSE results day. The deadline will be the end of September.

Applications will be considered by the panel (constituting a governor, the headteacher and/or deputy headteacher, the head of sixth form and a relevant subject leader) in the first half term.

Applicants will be informed whether they have been successful by the end of the autumn term. Scholarship winners will be able to bid for their funds in the new year.