



12th September 2025

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to complete our first full week back at Coombe Wood School. I am delighted to see our students continuing to make such positive choices and upholding our core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship in their daily school life.

Our new Year 7 and 12 students have settled in exceptionally well. They are quickly becoming part of the Coombe Wood community and already demonstrating confidence and enthusiasm in their lessons. At the other end of the school, our Year 11 students have engaged positively with their new Period 7 sessions, making the most of this additional contact time with their teachers as they prepare for the important year ahead.

We are already into the full swing of sports fixtures and educational visits, all of which enhance and enrich our core curriculum offer. These opportunities are a vital part of school life, allowing students to develop wider skills and experiences alongside their academic learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of the partnership between school and home. Our Home School Agreement sets out the shared commitment we each make to support students in achieving their very best. Together, we ensure that all members of the school community create a positive, safe environment in which bullying, physical threats or abuse and intimidation are not tolerated; in which students are safe and feel safe; and in which everyone is treated respectfully. This principle also extends to the interactions between parents and staff, who have a right to work in safety and dignity. This shared responsibility underpins the success and wellbeing of every child at Coombe Wood School.

A gentle reminder that students represent both themselves and their parents/carers on the way to and from school. We ask that they continue to show consideration in the local community, maintaining the same high standards of behaviour outside of school as they do within it.

It was also fantastic to see such strong attendance at our Key Stage 5 parent events on Thursday evening. Your support makes a huge difference, and we truly value the partnership between home and school in helping our students to succeed.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to the term ahead with optimism and pride in our students.

*Ms Williams*

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# Open Evening 2025

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We look forward to welcoming families on Wednesday 17th September to our annual Open Evening for admission to Year 7 in September 2026.

Please note that the school will close at 12.00pm and students will be dismissed.

Headteachers talks will take place at 5pm, 5:45pm and 7pm - these can be prebooked using the following links

The **BOOKING PORTAL** is now live.

[Talk A - 5pm - Please arrive no later than 4.45pm](#)

[Talk B - 5.45pm - Please arrive no later than 5.30pm](#)

[Talk C - 7pm - Please arrive no later than 5.45pm](#)

Students that are supporting the event as tour guides should return to school for 4pm. Please ensure that they are in full/correct school uniform. If you child is taking part you will have been sent a consent form and will be asked to confirm how they will be getting home.

## **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

There will be a slightly later start on Thursday 18th September with school starting at **10.00am**.

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## Our Melville Neighbours

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Please remember to be considerate of our neighbours in Melville Avenue and the surrounding roads when dropping off or collecting your child.

We would be grateful if you would avoid parking over their drives or idling for extended periods of time whilst waiting for your child.

Many thanks

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## Coombe Wood School is a Nut Free School

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Please remember that Coombe Wood School is a Nut Free School. Please refrain from sending your child in with nut based snacks as this may have serious repercussions for a fellow student.

Many thanks for your consideration on this matter.



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## School Canteen

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### **"Striving to become the healthiest school in the country"**

Our new look Autumn menu includes exciting new options with clear allergen advice. Click below for more information

[MENU](#)

Please Coombe Wood School is cashless. Please ensure that you have topped up your Parent Pay Account with sufficient funds to cover your child's purchases.

If you think you may be entitled to **Free School Meal** or your circumstances have recently changed we encourage you to check your eligibility. This can be found on our website [HERE](#)

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# The School Day

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School Doors will open at 8am each morning

**8:30-8:40 - AM Tutor Time**

08.40 - 09.30 - Period 1

09.30 - 10.20 - Period 2

**10.20 - 10.40 - Break Time**

10.40 - 11.30 - Period 3

11.30 - 12.20 - Period 4

**12.20 - 13.00 - Lunch for Years 7, 8 & 11**

**12.20 - 13.00 - PM Tutor Time for Years 9, 10, 12 & 13**

**13.00 - 13.20 - Lunch for Years 9, 10, 12 & 13**

**13.00 - 13.20 - PM Tutor Time for Years 7, 8 & 11**

13.20 - 14.10 - Period 5

14.10 - 15.00 - Period 6

Heads of Year	
HOY 7	Mr. R Jones - RJO (Teacher of Science)
HOY 8	Ms. P Yadave - PYA (Teacher of Evolve)
HOY 9	Mr S Gosling - SGO (Teacher of History)
HOY 10 / Head of KS3	Ms. D Kerk - DKE (Teacher of HRF & Dance)
HOY 11	Mr. A Blythman - ABL (Teacher of HRF & Geography)
HOY 12	Ms. C Kaye (Teacher of HRF)
HOY 13	Mr. N Boyd (Teacher of Social Sciences)

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## Communications Update - Bromcom/MCAS

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Please note that we no longer use SIMS at Coombe Wood School. **Bromcom** is our chosen platform and works hand in hand with **My Child At School (MCAS)**

We will use MCAS for all communication regarding behaviour, achievements, and detentions. Parents and carers should already have access to this platform, however please do not hesitate to contact the school office team if you are experiencing any issues.

This change will streamline communication, ensuring more consistent and centralised updates for all families.

Please note that this Newsletter will be sent out Bi-weekly on a Friday to all parents and carers.

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# Curriculum Update

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## Year 12 Information Evening - Thursday 11th September

We were delighted to see so many of our Year 12 and 13 families attending the Information evening yesterday. For those of you that were unable to attend, please find a copy of the presentations

[Year 12 Presentation](#)

[Year 13 UCAS Presentation](#)

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## Co-Curricular Clubs

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Please see the Extra curricular sport offer for AUT/Spring. All clubs start **Monday 15th September** (no clubs will run Wednesday 17th due to open evening).

More information regarding clubs/ fixtures can be found in the document below. Unless the club states 'sign up only' pupils should just turn up and they will be added to our registers.

Please find a full list of clubs [HERE](#)

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## ACS STEAM FAIR TRIP - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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We are delighted to announce that the Year 10 cohort will be undertaking a trip to Thorpe Park for the whole day on the 7th of October 2025 for their unique experience in the STEAM (Science, Technology, and Mathematics) activities. We are working in collaboration with the ACS International Schools.

All year 10 students will be involved in the hands - on activities on that day working with their allocated mentors from various STEM related fields. Because of the nature of activities, students will be expected to be in their HRF uniform.

The mode of transport to and from Thorpe Park will be hired coaches. Students will be expected to bring packed lunches for that day.

Letters to the parents/carers regarding this trip will be sent electronically detailing financial contributions for the trip including deadlines for the reply slips.

MR. S. PHALADI (Teacher of Physics & STEM LEAD)

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## Homework Club

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At Coombe Wood School we offer a Home work club for our students years 7 - 10  
Sessions are available on Monday - Thursday - from 15.05 - 16.00

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## GCSE and A Level Post-Results Services - Summer 2025

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A reminder that the deadline for submitting forms for a review of marking is **18 September 2025**.  
Forms can be found inside the envelope given to students on the August result days.  
If you require a replacement form, please email [exams@coombewoodschool.co.uk](mailto:exams@coombewoodschool.co.uk)

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## Key Dates for September

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**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Students will finish at 12pm  
Open Evening for prospective parents will begin at 5pm.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Late Start**

Students to arrive for 10am

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

SEN Coffee Morning - 09.00 - 10.30am - please RSVP Here

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## Key Dates for October

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

Transition Parents Evening - Year 7

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Transition Parents Evening -Year 7

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Year 12 Parents Evening (In person)

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**Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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## Key Dates for November

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**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

First day of Term - School will reopen at 8am

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Mock Exams Season for Year 11 & 13 Students

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening

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# Mark your Calendar

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## Key Dates for December

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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Flu Vaccinations

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Year 11 Parents Evening (In Person)



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## Christmas Holidays

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

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