

# Newsletter

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10th October 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the end of another productive fortnight at Coombe Wood School, I am delighted to share some of the highlights that have enriched our school community and demonstrated our three pillars of Ambition, Community, and Culture in action.

Our Year 7 students have continued to settle in brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and maturity as they navigate their first half term of secondary school. The enhanced transition programme has been invaluable in supporting their confidence and wellbeing, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our recent Evolve Evening. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet their Evolve teachers, hear about the exciting journey ahead, and celebrate what has been a very positive start for the newest members of our school community.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students enjoyed an inspiring STEAM day at Thorpe Park, where they explored the science, technology, and engineering behind some of the park's most thrilling rides. The trip provided a perfect blend of fun and learning, encouraging students to apply their classroom knowledge in dynamic, real-world contexts.

Our Year 11 Geography students also ventured out on a field trip to Brighton, gathering valuable data and deepening their understanding of coastal processes and human-environment interactions. This hands-on experience exemplified our commitment to learning beyond the classroom.

Our Key Stage 4 and 5 Classics students had the enriching opportunity to watch *Bacchae* at the national theatre. This powerful performance brought to life the ancient Greek tragedy they have been studying, allowing students to engage with classical literature and performance in a truly immersive way.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership and encouragement, it makes all the difference as we work together to ensure every student at Coombe Wood School flourishes.

Kind regards

Headteacher

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# Sixth Form Open Evening – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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This event will be held in two sessions on that day: at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Please see the below schedule for the door opening and closing times for each session. Students must be accompanied by a parent to attend.

Please use the following link to sign up [Sixth Form Open Evening Sign In Sheet](#)

For those attending the 5:00 PM session:

- Doors open at 5:00 PM and close promptly at 5:30 PM.
- The Head of Sixth Form speech will begin at 5:45 PM.

For those attending the 6:30 PM session:

- Doors open at 6:30 PM and close promptly at 7:00 PM.
- The Head of Sixth Form speech will begin at 7:15 PM.

**Please note:** After the doors close at 5:30 PM, they will reopen only at 6:30 PM and close again at 7:00 PM.

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## New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

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We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.



Please take a moment to review the document

Kind regards



Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

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# Safeguarding Bulletin

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Please find below my Safeguarding update for October 2025

I hope that you find it informative.

Kind Regards

*Mr Weir*

Assistant Headteacher-Safeguarding / DSL



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## Chefs of the Month - September 2025

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Each month we like to have a "Parade du Chef" to celebrate our Coombe Wood Kitchen Stars.

### Year 7

1st Place: Penny J  
2nd Place: Ashlee G  
3rd Place: Zak F

### Year 8

1st Place: Amber S  
2nd Place: Eden L  
3rd Place: Brenden S

### Year 9

1st Place: Azariah L  
2nd Place: Abigail H  
3rd Place: Raquel L

### Year 10

1st Place: Andrei G  
2nd Place: Frank H  
3rd Place: Sherri L



Well done to all of our Chefs!

*Ms Kerstake and Ms Gordon*

Food Preparation and Nutrition

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# Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets

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We are pleased to share with you the KS3 Curriculum Booklets for Years 7, 8, and 9. These booklets have been designed to guide you through the curriculum your child will be following over the academic year. They outline the key topics for each subject, providing a clear overview of what your child will be studying.

The booklets also offer insight into how you can support your child at home. Whether it's helping with homework, discussing key topics, or encouraging wider reading, understanding the curriculum can make a real difference in supporting your child's progress and confidence.

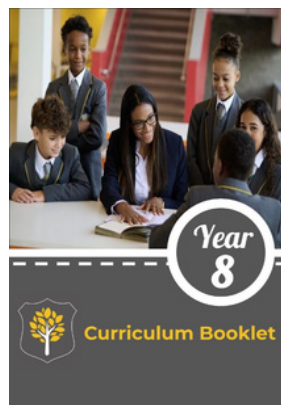
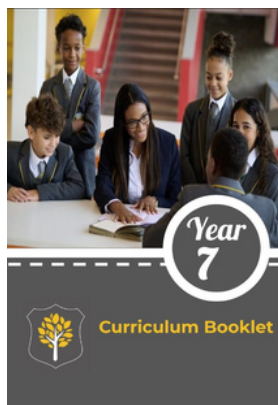
We've also included some optional tasks and activities that your child may wish to explore further, perfect for extending their learning and challenging themselves beyond the classroom. We hope you find this resource helpful.

Kind regards,



Head of KS3

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## Curriculum Enhancement Day - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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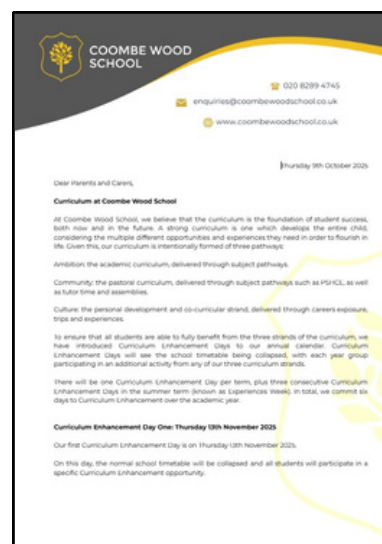
Please take a moment to ensure that you have read [this letter](#), recently sent home.

It contains crucial information regarding our first Curriculum Enhancement Day, which will be on **November 13th 2025**.

Many thanks



Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum



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# Mock Examination Window - Year 10, 11 and 13

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Please ensure that you are familiar with the [mock exam timetable](#) for the November mock exam window.

**CLICK HERE**



**All** students sitting exams will have a special mock exam assembly where we outline expectations of conduct during exams. We will send a letter home following this assembly, ensuring that you receive the same information.

Many thanks

*Ms Donohue*

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

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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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## 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 take a moment to check all your details are correct on MCAS.

This Newsletter will be sent out Bi-weekly on a Friday to all parents and carers. The next edition will be sent on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

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# Young Professionals

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We are excited to invite you to an exclusive online parent/guardian event designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school/university.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands (mentioned below) from various sectors who will be joining us for the event.

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

There will also be breakout room sessions with sector-specific panels and workshops that you and your child can participate in throughout the evening. Please note that to join the breakout rooms, you will need the Zoom app on your laptops or phones.

#### Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 16th October 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Zoom

#### Employers Involved:

- Law: Mishcon de Reya, Clifford Chance, A&O Shearman, University of Law
- Business/Finance: KPMG, PwC, BDO, CIMA, RSM
- STEM: Wates, RAF, The Army, National Grid

This event will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the career and work experience prospects for your child in sectors such as Finance, Data, Technology, Law, Engineering, and different Corporate Functions. The whole session will be led by the direct hiring managers at these global firms, so you'll learn from the very best on how to support your child as they transition from education to the professional world with leading brands.

We would encourage you to join this event with your child to get the most out of this session.

You're welcome to share this event invitation with any other parents who might find it beneficial.

We look forward to welcoming you!

*Dan - Young Professionals*

Sign up here to secure your place:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Childs\\_Future\\_25](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Childs_Future_25)



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# Sports Results

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## **Week Ending 26th September 2025**

### **Year 8 Boys Football Team-**

Progress to round 2 of the ESFA Cup after a cancellation Vs St Josephs.

### **Year 9 Boys Football Team-**

After a Bye into round 2 of the ESFA cup they are due to play Lingfield College.

### **Year 10 Boys Football Team-**

Won 4-2 against Kingston academy in round 1 of the ESFA cup. Now due to play Royal Russel

### **U15 Girls Football Team-**

Bowed out of the ESFA cup against a strong Dunraven side.

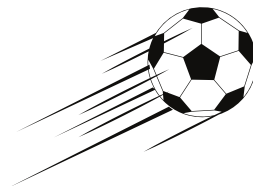
## **Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

### **Year 8 Boys Football**

Unfortunately the boys lost 5-1 in their national cup round 2 game to Carshalton Boys

### **Year 9 Boys Football**

The year 9 boys started strong with a 7-1 win in the league against Thomas More with spectacular finishing from all of the starting front 3 and a brace from Teddy B



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# Upcoming Sport

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## **Upcoming sport:**

X Country- Monday 6th October (Y7-9 during the school day, Y10-13 afterschool). I will email out more information once teams are selected. APO

## **Year 9 Boys Football**

They have their national cup round 2 game away at Lingfield College on 9th October and are leaving lessons at 2.10pm. Names will be emailed out once students have confirmed they can play. MWO

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# Outside of School - Sporting Shout Outs

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Coral (Y11) and Fenn H (Y8) both ran in the Run Reigate Race 1 Mile children's run, Sunday 21 Sep 25. Coral got a PB and knocked almost a minute off her time. Fenn came 14th. Amazing work both, well done.



Abbie H (Y7) took part in a gymnastic competition in Blackpool last week and her club won!



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Email [apotkins@coombewoodschool.co.uk](mailto:apotkins@coombewoodschool.co.uk) with sporting success outside school, we love to share this news within our community and via our newsletters.

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# School Carpark

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Our school carpark is operated by Creative Car Parks. You will have a 20 minute grace period when dropping off or collecting your child. Should you need to stay longer than this you will need to enter your registration number into the i-pads which can be found in the main school reception or for out of hours in the HRF reception.

Should you incur a PCN, you will need to deal directly with Creative Car Parks, unfortunately the school is not able to intervene on your behalf.

**ADVICE FOR WHEN YOUR CAR PARK USERS RECEIVE A PCN**

If one of your car park users receives a PCN they may ask you for guidance on what to do next, or ask you to cancel the PCN. Please explain that you're not able to deal with PCN enquiries on site as the car park is managed by Civil Enforcement Ltd. They have one of two options available:

**OPTION 1**  
**Pay the PCN**  
They visit the website address shown below and make the payment. Note a discounted rate is available if paid within 14 days of the ticket being issued.  
[payments.ce-service.co.uk](http://payments.ce-service.co.uk)

**OPTION 2**  
**Submit an appeal**  
They visit the website address shown below and submit an appeal within 28 days of the ticket being issued. Note drivers must attach relevant supporting evidence.  
[appeals.ce-service.co.uk](http://appeals.ce-service.co.uk)

OR

Thank you for your help in supporting our PCN process, designed to deter misuse and improve space availability for genuine users.




Civil Enforcement Ltd  
Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool L2 3PF  
[www.ce-service.co.uk](http://www.ce-service.co.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE**

**We are not able to deal with Parking Charge Notice enquiries on site.**

**This car park is managed by Civil Enforcement Ltd.**

**Please follow the process outlined on the original Parking Charge Notice.**



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## Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

The cost of the Christmas lunch will be **£5.00** and will include a full Christmas themed lunch followed by dessert. Vegetarian options will also be available.



[Christmas Menu](#)

Please complete the following form to register your interest for the Christmas Lunch so that we can cater for the right number of students. Please top up your parent pay account as normal, you do not need to pre-book. If your child currently receives free school meals, as Christmas Lunch will be provided for them. Please submit this form by **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**



[Form](#)



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# Thorpe Park Trip - Year 10

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Our Year 10 students were lucky enough to be selected to return to the **ACS STEAM FAIR** at Thorpe Park on Tuesday 7th October.

Whilst the park was closed to the public, we had the privilege of working with a wide range of STEAM career providers to complete science challenges and ride rollercoasters.

From the RAF Flying jetpacks to conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra our students had a fantastic time and we look forward to returning in 2027.



Kind Regards

*Mrs Binfield*

Director of Science

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# Mark your Calendar

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## Key Dates for October

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### 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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## Key Dates for December

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

Flu Vaccinations

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

Christmas Lunch - Information to follow

### 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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# Mark your Calendar

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Key Dates for January

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# In case you missed it!

## MENU

Year 12  
Curriculum Evening  
Slides

Year 13  
UCAS Evening  
Slides

Co-Curricular Clubs  
Autumn 25

1:1 Music Lessons

Home Work Club  
Monday - Thursday  
3.05pm - 4pm  
Years 7 - 10

HOME  
WORK

