

Newsletter

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14th November 2025



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back after the two-week pause, and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive half term ahead. It has been a busy return to school, with the Curriculum Enhancement Day and our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, offering students valuable opportunities to enrich their learning and explore future pathways.

On Tuesday at 11:00, our school community came together to mark Armistice Day. Students and staff observed the two-minute silence to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in conflicts past and present. Our school community reflected on the key themes of remembrance:

- **Honouring Sacrifices** – remembering those who gave their lives in conflict.
- **Acknowledging Veterans** – showing gratitude to veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.
- **Preserving History** – ensuring future generations understand the cost of war and the enduring importance of peace.

These moments of reflection provided our community with a powerful reminder of courage, service, and the value of community and peace.

We have been incredibly impressed by the way our Year 10, 11, and 13 students approached their mock exams this week. Year 11 and 13 students, in particular, managed a full and demanding timetable with maturity and focus. We would be grateful if you could join us in congratulating all students on their efforts. Teachers have already begun marking papers and preparing feedback to support the next steps in learning. We ask parents, carers, and students to be patient during this period, given the significant volume of work involved. There will be an opportunity for students and their families to discuss exam performance and next steps at Parents' Evening.

Our thoughts are with all those affected by Hurricane Melissa and the devastation it caused. We know that members of our community may have family or friends impacted by this tragic event, and we want to extend our deepest sympathy and support. We have identified a local charity currently fundraising, volunteering, and accepting donations to assist with the relief effort. If you wish to donate items all details can be found here: <https://cbmeforum.org/jamaica> We will be making a donation on behalf of the school community and will continue to support the contributions made on future non - uniform days.

As we enter the final five weeks of the autumn term, it is essential that we maintain our high expectations and continue to uphold the CWS values and HABITS. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring that students arrive at school on time, in the correct uniform, and equipped with the appropriate resources for the school day. Parents are the first and most important teachers, and your support plays a crucial role in helping students achieve their best.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Ms Williams
Headteacher

Sixth Form Applications for 2026

Dear Year 11 Parents and Guardians,

All Year 11 students have been sent an application link, along with their username and password, to their school email accounts in order to apply for the Sixth Form.

Please encourage your child to complete the application from as soon as possible. The deadline for submission is the 10th February 2026.

Kind regards

Mr Brack

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

Library Books

If you have borrowed any books from the library, please can you check for any that need returning.

Alternatively, speak to me and I can renew books.

many thanks

Ms Hunt

Librarian



Parent / Carer Survey 2025 - Closing Soon!

We value your views!

Please take a moment to complete this short survey. Your feedback helps us to improve the experience and outcomes for all students at Coombe Wood School.

All responses are confidential and will be used to support school improvement.

The survey will close on Friday 14th November.

Many thanks

Mr Smith



New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

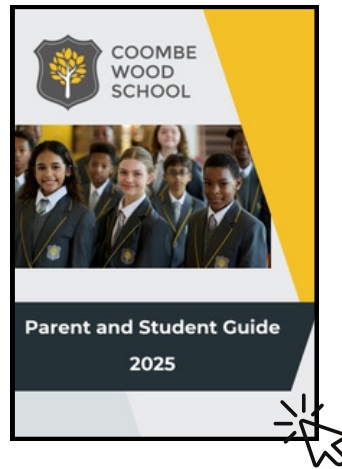
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

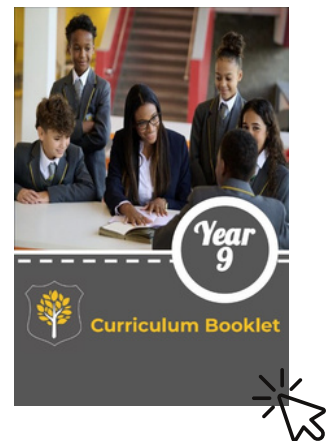
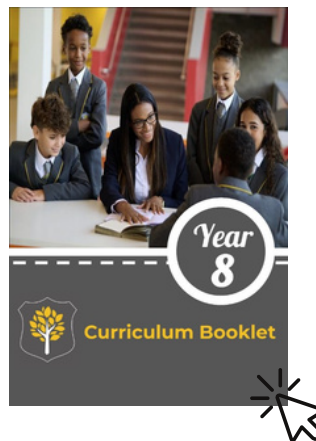
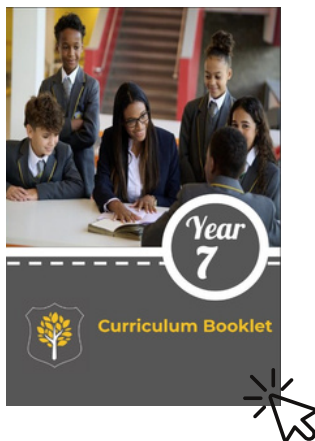
Kind regards

Mr Vass

Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets



Kind regards

Mrs Kerk
Head of KS3

Mock Examination Window - Year 10, 11 and 13

Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 students will begin their mock examination period as soon we return from half term break.

Students who are sitting exams have attended assemblies outlining expectation and conduct during this period. We recently sent a letter home reminding everyone of these expectations.

For reference, the mock examination timetable is below.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

We wish all students sitting mock exams the best of luck, and thank families for their ongoing support during this time.

Many thanks

Ms Donohue

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

Our Melville Neighbours

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

Communications Update - Bromcom/MCAS

Please note that **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.

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

We will no longer be using SIMS / SIMS Parent or Classcharts as a method of communication.

This Newsletter will be sent out Bi-weekly on a Friday to all parents and carers. The next edition will be sent on **Friday 28th November 2025.**

Chefs of the Month - October

Year 7

1st Place: Mila L-R
2nd Place: Mahayla G-G
3rd Place: Brady B

Year 8

1st Place: Samanta S
2nd Place: Zidane M
3rd Place: Olivia O-L

Year 9

1st Place: Dario T
2nd Place: Jayden D
3rd Place: Asia-Rose H

Year 10

1st Place: Edwin S
2nd Place: Kayla M
3rd Place: Woody W



Well done to all of our Chefs!

Ms Kerlake and Ms Gordon

Food Nutrition and Preparation

Sign Language Classes at Park Hill Junior School

Are you interested in learning British Sign Language?

Would you like to learn how to sign?

Join our
British Sign Language
level 1 course

Park Hill Junior School, Croydon
Mondays 6pm-8:30pm
Starting 5 January 'til July 2026
£399

Contact us to apply! team@bslteam.co.uk / WhatsApp **07759 074191**
Limited spaces available. Payment options available. Assessments are £120 extra.

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Sports Results

Frank Lloyd Cup Results 2025

The year winners:

Year 7 - **Romero**

Year 8 - **Romero**

Year 9 - **Henman**

Year 10 - **Coleridge**

Year 11 - **Johnson**

Overall Winner...

HENMAN!

A big thank you again to everyone for your support with the event as a whole. Another fantastic display of our core values and **HABITS** with tremendous house spirit on show.

Mr M Womack

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

Croydon Mental Health Support Team

We are happy to share the dates for our next round of parent / carer webinars which is open to all parents and carers in Croydon, Merton and Sutton

- Tuesday 18th November - 1.30pm - Helping your child with Anxiety and Worries
- Tuesday 25th November - 1.30pm - Helping your Child with Behaviours that Challenge (Primary Age)
- Tuesday 2nd December - 1.30pm - Introduction to Neurodiversity
- Tuesday 9th December - 1.30pm - Supporting your Young Person with Low Mood

If you are interested in any of the above seminars, please book your space using the following link

[Book your ONLINE
parent workshop here](#)



School Carpark

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

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

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

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.



Civil Enforcement Ltd
Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool L2 3PF
www.ce-service.co.uk

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 10th December 2025

Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 10th 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 14th NOVEMBER 2025**



[Form](#)



Mark your Calendar

Key Dates for November

Monday 10th November - Friday 21st November

Mock Exams Season for Year 11 & 13 Students

Key Dates for December

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Christmas Lunch - Information to follow

Thursday 11th December 2025

Year 11 Parents Evening (In Person)



Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December 2025- Friday 2nd January 2026



Key Dates for January

Monday 5th January 2026

First Day of the Spring Term - School will reopen at 8am.

Monday 12th January 2026

Year 8 Careers Day

Thursday 15th January 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 8 Curriculum Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Wednesday 21st January 2026

6th From Interviews (Internal Candidates)

Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Year 10 Mock Interviews (Careers)

Thursday 22nd January 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 12 Parents Evening - Online - Details to follow

Tuesday 28th January 2026

Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge

Thursday 29th January 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 9 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Key Dates for February

Thursday 5th February 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 10 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Application Deadline for Sixth Form Applications 2026

Thursday 26th February 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 7 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Friday 27th February 2026

Careers Fair

In case you missed it!

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Parent and Students
Handbook 2025

Curriculum
Booklets

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

HOME
WORK

Co-Curricular Clubs
Autumn 25

1:1 Music Lessons

Year 12
Curriculum Evening
Slides

Year 13
UCAS Evening
Slides

