

Newsletter

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28th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and exciting fortnight, with trips and visits complementing our high-quality lessons. Teachers and students have been working hard to address gaps in learning, demonstrating our commitment to **Ambition** by striving for the best outcomes in every lesson. We look forward to meeting parents following the mock exams to discuss progress and next steps. A reminder that we aim for all lessons to be free from disruption, and adherence to our HABITS for Learning and Behaviour Policy is essential to maintaining a positive and respectful learning environment for everyone.

We are grateful to all parents and carers who have shared honest and constructive feedback. Your input strengthens our **Community** and helps us work together in partnership to support students. We look forward to welcoming you at our next Parent Forum. While national trends have shown a rise in parental complaints, including an increase in those considered malicious or vexatious, we are fortunate to have a parent and carer community that engages with us respectfully, supporting our shared values.

As the weather changes, please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for colder conditions when travelling to and from school, including coats, hats, and gloves. This season also brings the inevitable winter bugs. To help minimise the spread of illness, please continue to encourage good hygiene routines at school, including regular handwashing and following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when coughing or sneezing. We are reinforcing these practices in school to keep everyone healthy and maintain the positive **Culture** of care and safety.

Coombe Wood School is proud to support Croydon's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Campaign, running from 25 November to 10 December, as part of the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. We take VAWG seriously and have a designated Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Lead, Ms Boateng. The school recently achieved the Healthy Relationship Award through Tender UK, reflecting our ongoing commitment to promoting safe, respectful relationships. Our Student Healthy Relationships Ambassadors raise awareness, model positive behaviours, and support their peers in building safe and respectful relationships.

Our students are looking forward to performing at the GLT Secondary regional winter concert on Thursday 9th December at 5:30pm at Charterhouse School in Godalming, please email the school office if you are interested in attending. In addition to our Winter Showcase on the 18th December we have a few upcoming festive events including our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 10th and Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December. We look forward to celebrating with students while fostering a sense of joy and togetherness across our school community.

End of term arrangements for Friday 19th December are as follows:

08:30–08:40 – Tutor Time

Periods 1 and 2 – lessons as normal for all students;

10:20–11:00 – Extended Break

11:00–11:25 – Tutor Time/House Assemblies

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11:00 -KS5 students I register with their Tutors

12:00 - Students will be dismissed by year group

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and productive school environment. Together, through Ambition, Community, and Culture, we continue to make Coombe Wood a place where every student can thrive.

Kind regards

Ms Williams

Headteacher

Sixth Form Applications for 2026 - OPEN

Dear Year 11 Parents and Guardians,

Applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2026 are now open.

To find out more about our Sixth Form, please take a look at our website by following the link below.

CLICK HERE 

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

APPLY NOW

Kind regards

Mr Brack

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December 2025

Once again CWS will support Save the Children by embracing their Christmas Jumper Day on the 11th December 2025.

Please note that Christmas Jumpers should be worn in addition to the normal School Uniform.

Donations of £2 can be made via ParentPay.



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.



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 note that booking have now closed.



Christmas Card Competition

Challenge: Create a festive and creative Christmas card to represent our school during the holiday season. This is your chance to showcase your talent and spread holiday cheer!

📌 **How It Works:** A4 Size, present however you want (digital, painted, mosaic, abstract or traditional) Ensure your name and tutor group is on the card. **Submit to** your **Head of Year (HOY)** and they will select **1 winner** for their year group.

Ms. Williams will then choose the **final winning card**, which will be sent to all **CWS families** and **neighbouring schools**.

Submission Deadline: 12th December 2025 📅

Drop-off Location: Your HOY's office.



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
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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.
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OR

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




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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

Iceland 2026 - One space available!

A space has become available on the Geography trip to Iceland. If there is any student who would like to join us please can you contact me, ndavis@coombewoodschool.co.uk so we can discuss further. The dates of the trip are February 15th-18th February 2026.

Ms Davis

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 12th December 2025**

Performing Arts Updates

Performing Arts - Croydon Schools showcase 3rd December

An exciting set of opportunities taking place within the Performing Arts for students, with the first being a trip to Fairfield Halls taking place on the 3rd December where students will be performing as part of the Croydon Schools showcase!

The students will participate in rehearsals after school in PA3 from 3-3:30 pm. Students will then be escorted to the venue, ready for a dress and tech rehearsal from 4-4:30 pm. After the rehearsal, they will have a two-hour supervised break before their performance at 7pm

Tickets to the event can be purchased via **the Fairfield Halls website should you wish to attend.**
<https://www.fairfield.co.uk/events/cma-showcase-2025-22> - Fairfield Halls website

Choir performing at St Paul's URC Carol Concert on Saturday 6th December

The Coombe Wood Choir have been invited to perform as part of the Carol Concert programme happening at St Paul's United Reformed Church.

Please come along to support the students and also to experience what is sure to be an enjoyable event to bring the Christmas cheer truly to your ears!

Tickets are £6 for Adults, £3 for children (17 and under) and under 5s go free! Free refreshments available after the concert.

Tickets can be purchased via the link - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FPCV>

Theatre Makers' performance of 'A Christmas Carol' on 18th December

Alongside the Croydon Schools showcase, and truly in the spirit of Christmas, on Thursday December 18th, students representing the Drama, Music and Dance departments will be showcasing an adapted version 'A Christmas Carol' taking place in the CWS main hall 6 - 7 pm, with live singing and dances taking place within the play.

Refreshments will be served from 5:40 pm in the atrium alongside some live music and artwork for you to enjoy before the show!

Tickets can be booked via ParentPay and will be priced as 'pay what you can' with proceeds going towards the charity 'Shelter', who do incredibly valuable work in the community, particularly at this time of year.

Student Immunisations - Wednesday 10th December 2025

On **Wednesday 10th December** the NHS immunisation team will be coming in to school to offer the **Flu vaccination**.

Please see attached letter for more information and complete the digital consent form below.



Please ensure that you select Coombe Wood School, and the correct postcode of CR2 7HY as there may be schools with similar names

Only one parent needs to complete the consent form per child, to avoid duplication. The NHS immunisation team requests that parents discuss and make a joint decision to ensure no time is wasted on the day clarifying decisions

The closing date of the portal is the **Thursday 4th December**. If you miss this date, you will need to get in contact with the Immunisation Team directly.

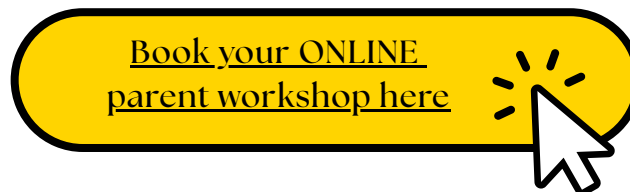
Please note that consent forms go directly to the immunisation team, not the school. For any queries, please contact the immunisation team directly.

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 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



New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

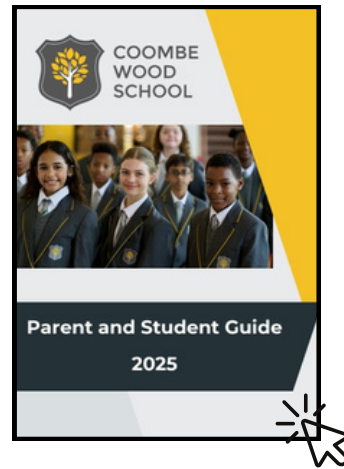
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

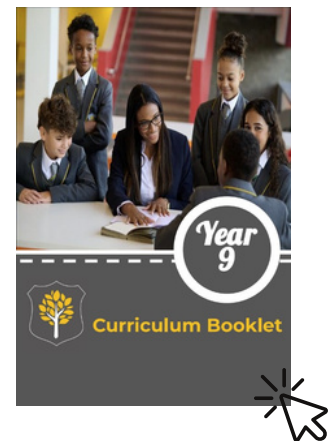
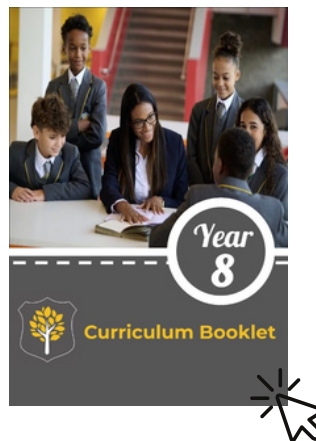
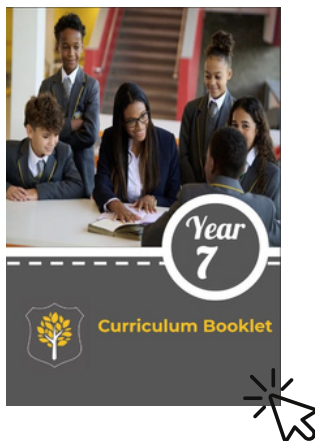
Kind regards

Mr Vass

Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets



Kind regards

Mrs Kerk

Head of KS3

Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) Education

Autumn 1- Highlights

Please take a moment to read all about our PSHE curriculum throughout the Autumn Term.



Sports Results

London Youth Games – Cross Country 8th November 2025

Croydon's famous connectivity proved to be very useful for getting the Croydon team of boys and girls over to Parliament Hill Fields on Hampstead Heath on Saturday 8th November. When you arrive by train to Gospel Oak Station, it's a short walk up to the fields, past the open-air Parliament Fields Lido (a 60m unheated swimming pool). There was a buzzing scene on the fields, with music playing and borough flags flying, the views over to central London are spectacular.

All 32 London Borough's send athletes to compete and famously in the past that has included Mo Farah (representing Hounslow) and Alex Yee (representing Lewisham). The weather was sunny and dry and allowed the athletes to produce good results on a very hilly course of varying distances depending on the gender and age group.

Coombe Wood sent the following athletes to be part of the Croydon team:

Lukas B (Boys Under 17's)
Charlie C (Boys Under 17's)
Freya D (Girls under 15's)

Written by

Mrs Cook
(Parent)

Under 15 Girls Football

The team secured a 6-1 win against Woodcote. Miss Potkins was really impressed with the resilience after the last game, teamwork and overall effort despite the weather. Well done girls.

Frank Lloyd Cup Results

The cup results are made up of the results from the Y7 House Race and Y8-11 Relays on the last day of Term. Fantastic efforts from all year 7s, every student who ran in the relays and superb sportsmanship shown.

The year winners:

Y7 - Romero
Y8 - Romero
Y9 - Henman
Y10 - Coleridge
Y11 - Johnson

Top 5 - Y7 Boys and Girls (Race)

Molly B 7FA
Cameira C 7HE
Abigail M 7HE
Omotola S 7CO
Ashlee G 7FA
Zane T 7FA
Kahlil P 7CA
Davi SS 7FA
Mikkel C 7RO
Harry W 7FA

Outside sporting success-

Ibrahim I has been selected into the under 12's Surrey County Cricket Pathway programme and Under 13's MCC cricket boys cricket youth programme.

Ms Potkins

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

Mark your Calendar

Key Dates for December

Thursday 4th December 2025

Year 11 Food and Nutrition Parents Meeting GCSE

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Christmas Lunch - Information to follow

Thursday 11th December 2025

Year 11 MOCK Results Assembly

Year 11 Parents Evening (In Person)

15th - 19th December 2025

Year 12 MOCK Exams - In Class Assessments

Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term

Students will finish at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays

Year 7, 8 & 9 reports will be
issued before the Holidays



Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

Key Dates for January 2026

Monday 5th January 2026

First Day of Spring Term - Normal Start Time.

Monday 5th - Friday 9th January 2026

Year 12 MOCK Exams - In Class Assessments Continue

Thursday 8th January 2026

Year 13 Parents Evening (ONLINE)

Monday 12th - Tuesday 20th January 2026

Modern Foreign Languages MOCK Speaking Exams

Monday 12th January 2026

Year 8 Careers Day - More details to follow.

Thursday 15th January 2026

Year 8 Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 21st January 2026

6th Form Interviews - Internal Candidates

Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge



Key Dates for January - Continues

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

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February 2026

Mock Exams - Year 11 & 13 - More information to follow

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Application Deadline for Sixth Form Applications 2026

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

Monday 23rd February 2026

1st day of Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February 2026

Mock Exams - Year 11 & 13 - More information to follow

Thursday 26th February 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 7 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Friday 27th February 2026

Careers Fair

Mark your Calendar

Key Dates for March

Monday 2nd March 2026

Year 11 Art Mock Exams

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th March 2026

Year 11 Food and Nutrition Mock Exam

Thursday 5th March 2026

Curriculum Enhancement Day (2) - More Details to Follow
Year 7 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

Monday 9th March 2026

Year 11 Art, Graphics & Textiles MOCK Exam

Tuesday 10th March

A Level - Art, Graphics & Photography MOCK Exam

Thursday 12th March 2026

Year 9 Curriculum Evening - More Details to Follow

Friday 13th March 2026

INSET DAY - School Closed for Students

Wednesday 18th March 2026

6th Form Interviews - Volenti

Thursday 19th March 2026

Year 13 Parents Evening (In Person)

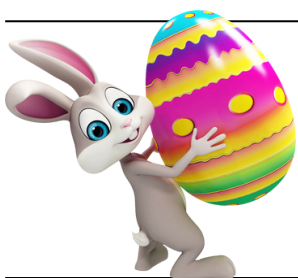
Monday 23rd March 2026

Year 11 Mock Results Assembly
Year 11 Parents Evening (In Person)

Friday 27th March 2026

Last Day of Term - Students finish at 3pm

Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April 2026



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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

13 Music Lessons

Year 12
Curriculum Evening
Slides

Year 13
UCAS Evening
Slides

