

# Newsletter

12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a fantastic term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a vibrant and rewarding few weeks at Coombe Wood School. Our pillars of success **Ambition, Community, and Culture** have been visible in every event, achievement, and celebration.

We have been exceptionally proud of our Year 10 and Year 11 students, who approached their mock examinations with maturity and determination. This week's mock results assemblies provided an important moment for students to reflect on their progress and set clear goals for the term ahead. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening; your support makes an enormous difference as students prepare for the final stages of their GCSE journey.

The festive spirit across the school has been wonderful. We were delighted to see so many students taking part in Christmas Jumper Day, filling the school with colour and cheer. A special mention must also go to the two Year 11 students, AJ and Daisy, who represented Coombe Wood at the GLT Winter Showcase. Their confidence and professionalism were exceptional, and they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Adding to this, the Coombe Wood Choir also performed last Sunday at a charity Christmas concert, representing the school beautifully and sharing their musical talents with the wider community. We are now eagerly looking forward to our whole-school performance of **A Christmas Carol** on Wednesday 18th December, which promises to be a fantastic way to round off the term.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Forum. We truly appreciate your partnership and ongoing support through our Home-School Agreement. Working together is central to ensuring the very best outcomes for our students.

A huge thank you to all our staff and students for their dedication and hard work this term. We also bid a fond farewell to Ms Harris, Mr. Mensah and Mrs. Faulkner, wishing them every success and happiness in their future endeavours. They will be greatly missed by the Coombe Wood 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

11:30–11:55 – Tutor Time/House Assemblies

11:00 – KS5 students register with their Tutors

12:00 – Students will be dismissed by year group

Our first day back will be Monday 5th January 2026. Students will begin registration and have tutor time at 9:20 a.m as staff will be taking part in training and an extended briefing in the morning. Gates will open at 9:15 a.m.

As we come to the end of this busy and successful term, I would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready for another exciting chapter at Coombe Wood School.

Kind regards

*Ms Williams*  
Headteacher

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# Iceland 2026 – One space available!

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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](mailto:ndavis@coombewoodschool.co.uk) so we can discuss further. The dates of the trip are February 15th-18th February 2026.

*Ms Davis*

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## Communications Update – Bromcom/MCAS

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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. A brief Christmas edition will be sent next **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025** to wrap up the term.

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## Performing Arts Updates

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### **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.

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# Sixth Form Applications for 2026 - OPEN

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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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**APPLY NOW**



Kind regards

*Mr Brack*

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

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## Christmas Card Competition 2025

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**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.



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# Fire Safety Message over the Festive Season

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Please find below a message from the London Fire Brigade containing tips on how to stay safe this festive season.



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## Running Club

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Due to the shorter winter days and earlier darkness, Running Club is taking a break until **Wednesday February 4th 2026**.

Well done to all of every runner this term who braved the typically British weather conditions!

We look forward to running again with you in the new year!

*Mr Harrison & Miss Man*



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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.




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[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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# 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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# New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

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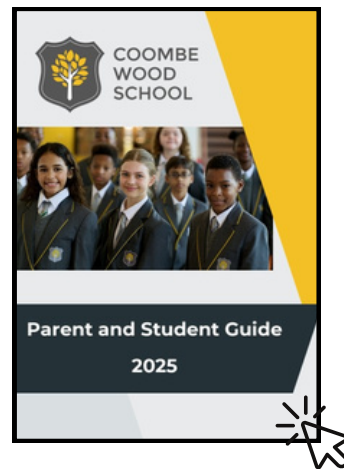
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

Kind regards

*Mr Vass*

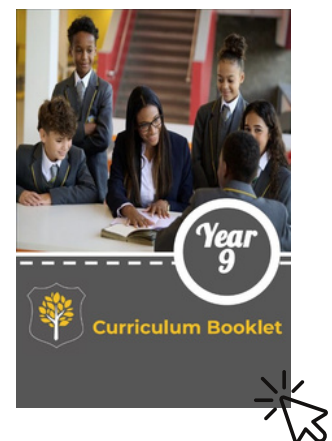
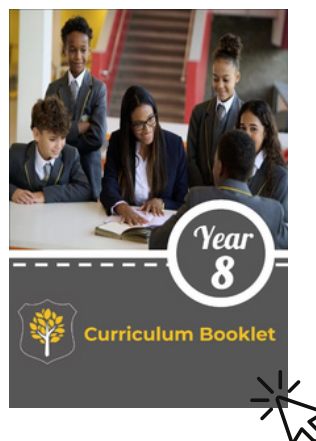
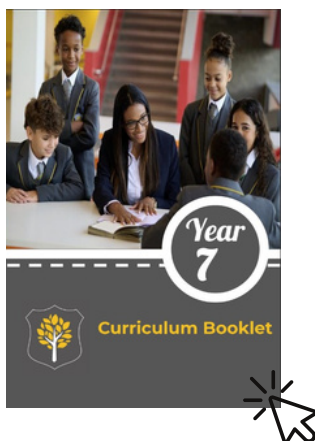
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



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## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets

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Kind regards

*Mrs Keek*

Head of KS3

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# Mark your Calendar

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## Key Dates for December

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### 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Year 12 MOCK Exams - In Class Assessments

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

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

Students will finish at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays



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## Christmas Holidays

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

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## Key Dates for January 2026

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### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

First Day of Spring Term - Students to arrive for 9.15am

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 12 MOCK Exams - In Class Assessments Continue

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 13 Parents Evening (ONLINE)

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Modern Foreign Languages MOCK Speaking Exams

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 8 Careers Day - More details to follow.

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 8 Curriculum Evening

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Form Interviews - Internal Candidates

Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Year 10 Mock Interviews (Careers)

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 12 Parents Evening - Online - Details to follow

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - 16.00 onwards

Year 9 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow



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## Key Dates for February

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**Thursday 5th February 2026 - 16.00 onwards**

Year 10 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Application Deadline for Sixth Form Applications 2026

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## Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> day of Half Term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 16.00 onwards**

Year 7 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Careers Fair

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# Mark your Calendar

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## Key Dates for March

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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

Year 11 Art Mock Exams

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Year 11 Food and Nutrition Mock Exam

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Year 11 Art, Graphics & Textiles MOCK Exam

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

A Level - Art, Graphics & Photography MOCK Exam

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Year 9 Curriculum Evening - More Details to Follow

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

INSET DAY - School Closed for Students

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

6<sup>th</sup> From Interviews - Volenti

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Year 13 Parents Evening (In Person)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Last Day of Term - Students finish at 3pm

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Easter Holidays - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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**HAPPY  
EASTER**



# In case you missed it!

## MENU

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

