



19th December 2025

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see our students embrace our school values:

Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

These values shine through not only in the classroom but also in their friendships, creativity and achievements.

We were especially excited to celebrate our festive start to the holidays with the school performance of A Christmas Carol yesterday. This performance is a wonderful demonstration of students from all year groups collaborating with energy and spirit, celebrating the season together.

On behalf of all the staff at Coombe Wood School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this festive season bring you joy, peace and precious time with your loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and living our values.

Best wishes

Ms Williams

Headteacher

Reminder: On **Monday 5th January**, we will have a slightly later start to allow for a staff briefing, students should arrive in school for 09.15am.

Christmas Card Competition 2025

The standard of entries for this years competition were exceptionally high which made choosing the winning design even more difficult than usual.

The winner was Leena B - Year 10 and the following card will be sent out electronically to all our contacts before the end of the week



Off The Record Drop Ins

We will be running drop-in sessions over the festive period. Please see the attached information for the dates, times and locations of where young people can access face to face support.

Please share this opportunity with your young people aged 14+ and their families:

www.talkofftherecord.org/about-us/news-media/need-to-talk-over-the-winter-break/.

Please note If support is need immediately then our support line is open until 6pm on Monday 22nd Dec on 0800 980 7475 and will reopen on Friday 2nd Jan at 3pm.

Best wishes from the MHST Team.

OTR MHST Administrator
Croydon Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



New Lunch Menu for Spring 2026

We are delighted to launch our **NEW Spring Menu** for students starting in January.



We will also be offering a special Menu on Thursday 15th January



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

Performing Arts Updates

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 showcased an adapted version 'A Christmas Carol' with live singing and dances taking place within the play.

Congratulation to everyone involved in this production.

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

Fire Safety Message over the Festive Season

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



Running Club

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



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 LIMITED
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.

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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

New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

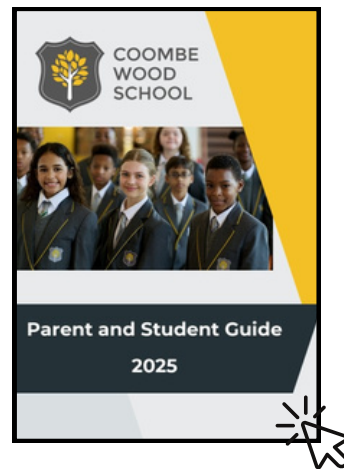
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

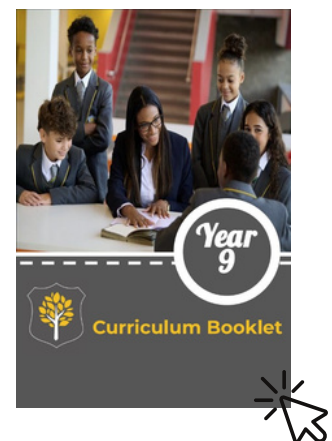
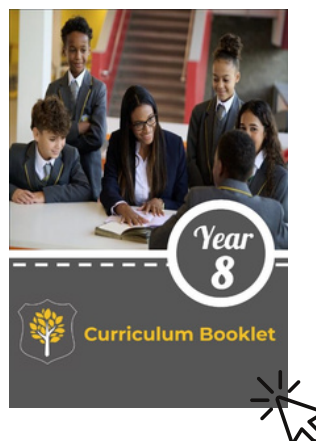
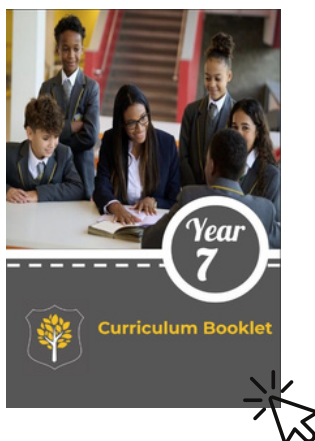
Kind regards

Mr Vass

Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets



Kind regards

Mrs Keek

Head of KS3

Mark your Calendar

Key Dates for December

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 - Students to arrive for 9.15am

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

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 Detail

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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



**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

