

# Newsletter

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13th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy and rewarding half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership at what has been an incredibly positive start to 2026. Across the school, our pillars of **Ambition**, **Community** and **Culture** have been clearly demonstrated through students' achievements, leadership and commitment to learning.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have begun their mock examinations with impressive maturity and focus. We are extremely proud of their approach and wish them the very best as they continue with their examinations after the half-term break. Thank you for your ongoing support at home during this important period.

Students have benefited from a wide range of enrichment opportunities this term. Our trip to Iceland over the half-term break promises to be an exciting and memorable experience full of adventure and learning beyond the classroom. Meanwhile, our KS5 students are currently on their international visit to Mumbai, supported by the Voleni Football Programme, which is an incredible opportunity to broaden horizons and develop cultural understanding.

With over 50 extra-curricular clubs running each week, there truly is something for everyone, these include book club, war hammer, pickle ball, STEM, baking, university survival course, to name a few. Participation continues to grow and we encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities to develop new skills and interests. Well done to all students who proudly represented their houses in the recent Art and Classics House Competitions. Your creativity and teamwork were fantastic to see.

Our student leaders also delivered an outstanding Dragons' Den style fundraising week in support of the NSPCC. Thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity and encouragement. Your support makes a real difference. We also marked Safer Internet Day with external speakers who reinforced the importance of being vigilant online and aware of digital risks. As parents and carers are often the providers of mobile phones and internet access, we strongly encourage you to revisit these conversations at home. We are increasingly seeing that activity on online platforms outside school can affect wellbeing and learning during the school day. Your partnership in promoting safe and responsible use is essential.

We continue to remind students of the importance of representing both their families and our school with pride when travelling to and from school. Wearing full uniform correctly and demonstrating respectful behaviour in the local community are essential parts of maintaining our high standards.

I would also like to recognise and thank our dedicated staff who go above and beyond every day to support students and families. In an educational landscape where many services continue to operate at capacity, we remain committed to serving our community to the very best of our ability with the resources available. We ask for your continued support in showing kindness and respect to all staff. It truly makes a difference.

Please be aware that ongoing tram disruptions will continue into next half term including Wednesday 25th. We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure alternative travel arrangements are in place so that students arrive punctually by 8.30am.

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Thank you once again for working in partnership with us to support your child's success and wellbeing. Wishing all of our families a safe and restful half-term break.

With best wishes  
Kind regards

*Ms Williams*

Headteacher

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## Exams Season – GCSE & A LEVEL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent and carers are reminded of that the Year 10, 11 and 13 Mock Exam Window will continue after the half term break; Monday 23rd February - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The students have shown impressive maturity and focus during the first period of exams.

Students have all had a copy of the exam timetable added to their year group Google Classroom. This can be accessed via our website or using the following link [Spring Term Mock Timetable](#)

Year 10 and 11 students have attended special assemblies ensuring that they are familiar with the regulations under which mock exams are conducted. You will soon receive a letter which includes the same information. Further information relating to the JCQ Regulations can be accessed via our website or using the following link: [JCQ Guidance Documents](#)

If you have any questions about the timetable or the exam season, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Kind regards

*Ms Donohue*

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Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum



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## NSPCC Number Day

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Coombe Wood School was proud to take part in NSPCC Number Day as part of our Numeracy Week, combining problem-solving with purposeful fundraising for the NSPCC and Childline.

Students engaged enthusiastically in code-breaking challenges, puzzles and enterprise activities, including a Dragon's Den-style fundraiser. The bake sale proved especially successful, with all goods selling out within a matter of minutes!!!

Most importantly, the week reinforced why this matters: the NSPCC works to ensure every child has a safe and happy childhood, with Childline providing vital support to young people. A strong collective effort for an important cause.

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# Parents Evenings - Dates for you diary.

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026** - Year 7 Parents Evening (1) - In Person - Details to follow

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 7 Parents Evening (2) - In Person - Details to follow

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 13 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** - Year 11 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** - Year 8 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

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## New Parent and Student Guide for 2025/26

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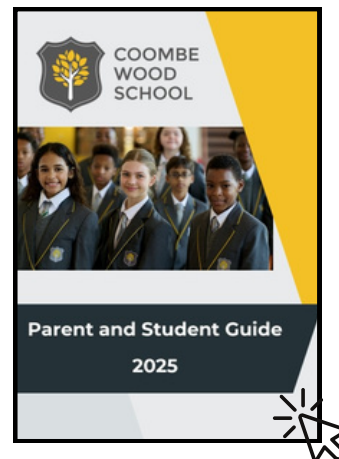
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025/26. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

Kind regards

*Mr Vass*

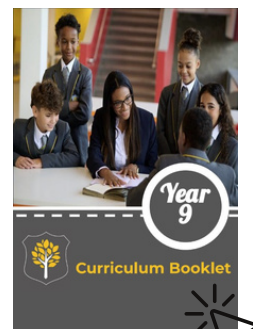
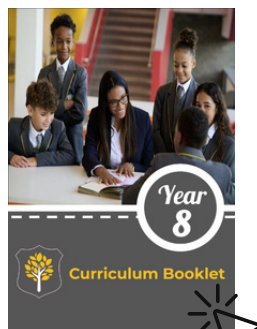
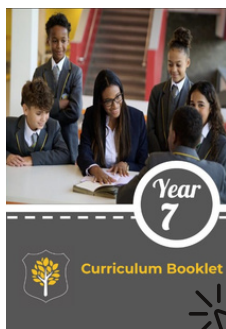
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



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## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets

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Kind regards

*Mrs Kerk*

Head of KS3

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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. The next edition will be sent next **Friday**

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## Sixth Form Applications for 2026 - Are Now Closed

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Dear Year 11 Parents and Guardians,

Applications to join our Sixth Form in September 2026 closed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Kind regards



Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

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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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# Uniform Expectations

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A letter was sent out to all parents/carers recently regarding Uniform expectations at Coombe Wood School

[Click Here to Read the letter  
from Mr Vass](#)



[Click Here to Access the  
Uniform Statement](#)



Many Thanks

*Mr Vass*

Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

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## Running Club – RESTARTS

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After an extended winter break, Running Club returns this Wednesday after school and is open to students and staff. We meet in D&T5 at 3:10 and then are usually back by 4:00pm.

If you fancy coming along then please let me know.  
(bring trainers you don't mind getting dirty)

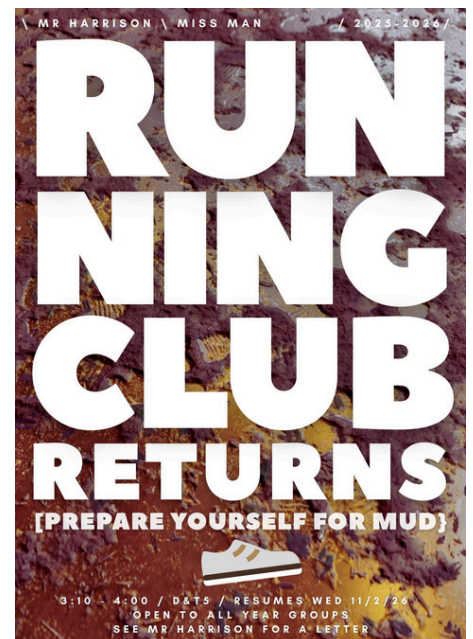
New runners will need to have a letter signed by their parents/ carers as we go off site into Lloyd Park where we are expecting lots of mud!

Returning running club students do not need a new letter.

Well done to all of every runner this term who braves 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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## Key Dates for February

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

London Careers Week - Details to follow

### **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> Form 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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## Key Dates for April 2026

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

MOCK MFL Speaking Exams

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 10 Curriculum Evening - From 16.00 - Details to follow

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

GCSE Art, Graphics & Textiles Exam

MOCK MFL Speaking Exams

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

A LEVEL - Graphics Exam

Year 8 Parents Evening - In Person - Details to follow

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

A LEVEL - Graphics Exam

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

A LEVEL - Graphics Exam

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

A LEVEL - Art and Photography Exam

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# 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

