

# Newsletter

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16th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers, Happy New Year.

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to Coombe Wood this week, and there is already a clear sense of energy and purpose as we begin the Spring Term.

The first two weeks have already been busy and positive, with exciting lessons taking place across the school. Alongside this, a wide range of trips, visits, and clubs are underway, providing valuable opportunities for students to develop their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

We would also like to thank all Year 13 parents for engaging with our recent Parents' Evening. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated and play a vital role in helping students achieve their best.

At Coombe Wood we believe that high standards in the classroom begin with high standards of conduct. As we step into 2026, we are renewing our commitment to our five core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship. These values shape successful learners and responsible young people who contribute positively to our community.

This term we are placing particular emphasis on Discipline and Respect, as these are the foundations that allow learning, enjoyment, and disruption free classrooms to flourish. To ensure we start the year positively, we are reinforcing our daily expectations.

- We expect students to wear their uniform with pride. It shows that we are one team and ready to learn. Please ensure your child attends school each day in full and correct uniform, including blazers and appropriate footwear.
- Arriving on time to school and to lessons is a sign of respect for teachers and peers. Good punctuality supports teamwork in the classroom and ensures that every minute of learning time is used well.
- Students must also arrive prepared for learning each day. Being properly equipped is a key part of taking responsibility for learning and contributes directly to a calm and focused classroom environment.

We ask for your full support in helping your child meet these expectations every day. By mastering these basics, students demonstrate the sportsmanship and character required to succeed both in school and in later life.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to a positive and rewarding term ahead.

Kind regards

Headteacher

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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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

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## The Scholastic Book Fair - 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

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The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Library from Friday 30 January to Wednesday 4 February during breaks and lunchtimes.

Payment for the books and stationery items can be made online.

All details will be provided.



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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.

Kind regards

*Mr Brack*

[APPLY NOW](#)

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

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# Parent Immunisation Sessions

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Dear Colleagues,

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service are hosting two parent information sessions explaining the immunisations offered to teenagers during secondary school. These sessions will cover:

- the HPV vaccine
- the 3-in-1 teenage booster
- the Meningococcal vaccine
- the MMR vaccine

These information sessions are aimed at parents of students in years 8 and 9, or any parents whose young people missed their routine vaccines in years 8 and 9.

To publicise these information sessions, please can you share the attached posters with parents.

Alternatively, please can you share the joining links below with parents:

- Tuesday 20 January 13:00 – 14:00: [Joining Link](#)
- Thursday 29 January 16:00 – 17:00: [Joining Link](#)

If you have any questions about these information sessions, please contact the immunisation team.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Croydon Immunisation Team  
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service  
Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust

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## Innovative Film & Media Opportunities

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We are writing from end2end TV, a local not-for-profit creative media organisation based in Sidcup, to kindly ask for your support in sharing information about our Film, TV, and Digital Media opportunities with parents and carers at your school.

We work with children and young people aged 7–18, providing hands-on experiences in television, film, animation, and digital production. All sessions take place in our fully equipped green screen TV studio and are designed to build confidence, creativity, teamwork, and communication skills, as well as lot of technical know-how in a fun and supportive environment.

As a small, community-focused organisation, we rely heavily on word-of-mouth and the support of local schools to help families discover positive extracurricular opportunities for their children. We would be extremely grateful if you would be willing to pass on the attached letter to parents, either via email, newsletter, or your usual communication channels.

We are proud to operate on a not-for-profit basis, with all income reinvested into improving facilities, equipment, and opportunities for young people in the local area.

Thank you very much for your time and for any support you are able to offer — it truly makes a difference.

If you require any further information, safeguarding details, or confirmation documents, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With sincere thanks and kind regards,  
Peter Barrett Lorraine Smith  
Founders | Directors | end2end TV CIC

[www.end2endtv.co.uk](http://www.end2endtv.co.uk)



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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.

**CIVIL ENFORCEMENT LIMITED**  
Civil Enforcement Ltd  
Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool L2 3PF  
[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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# 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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# New Parent and Student Guide for 2025

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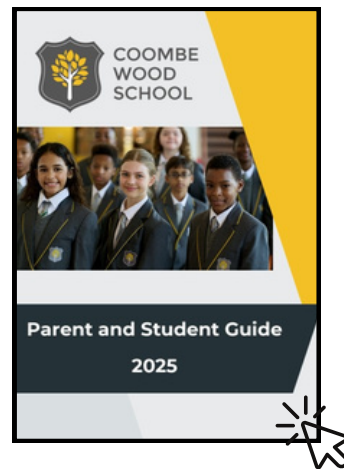
We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent and Student Guide for 2025. The aim of this document is to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

Kind regards

*Mr Vass*

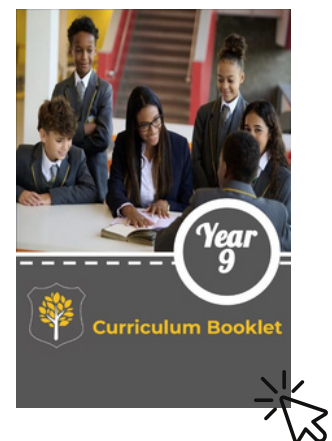
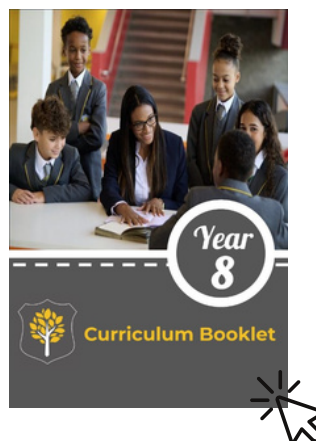
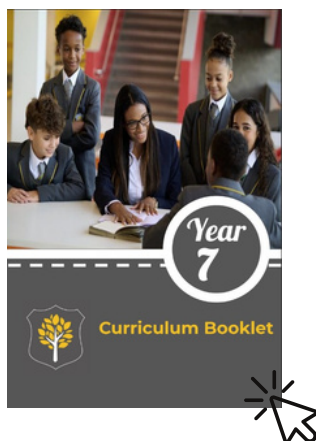
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral



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## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets

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Kind regards

*Mrs Keek*

Head of KS3

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## Key Dates for January 2026

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**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.

**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> 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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# 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

