









The House System is a major part of life at Coombe Wood School. Students and staff are assigned to one of six Houses, a vertical system which brings everyone together and is rooted firmly in the traditions of the school. Inter-House competitions foster healthy competition outside of the classroom. Events are held at every age group in sports, the creative and performing arts and other areas of academia such as creative writing and STEM. The House Competition is relished by the students and provides an opportunity for each of them to showcase our core values in action.

Students that show commitment and aptitude towards house activities and events will be recognised throughout their time at CWS. House pins are awarded to a limited number of students from Year 7 upwards. Towards the end of KS3, consistent excellence in house activities will be rewarded with a half house colours tie. Full house colours ties will be presented to 6th Form students that are perceived as student leaders in the House System.

	<p>CAMPBELL</p>	<p>Commander Gordon Campbell, war hero from Croydon. Sole Croydon winner of Victoria Cross for actions in first world war. Commanding HMS Farnborough in the north Atlantic when he spotted an enemy torpedo trail. Altering course, he allowed the torpedo to hit his ship, causing severe damage. When the U-boat that had fired the torpedo surfaced, and with the Farnborough lying very low in the water, Commander Gordon gave the order to fire, resulting in the sinking of the U-boat. The Farnborough was taken in tow and safely beached.</p>
	<p>COLERIDGE</p>	<p>Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was born in 1875 in Croydon. He studied violin at the Royal College of Music and was professor at Crystal Palace school of Music and conducted the orchestra at the Croydon Conservatoire. He was 37 when he died of pneumonia. During his short life he was a much loved and respected musician. He was buried in Bandon Hill Cemetery, Wallington, Surrey.</p>

	<p>FAIRFIELD</p>	<p>From Medieval times the 'Fair Field' was Croydon's historic venue for entertainment and social activity, hosting fairs, markets and lively performances until the arrival of the railways in the 1860s. The Fairfield area has huge potential; two of Croydon's most important institutions, Fairfield Halls (opened 1962) and Croydon College, as well as the open space of College Green. Today, the redeveloped Fairfield realises the importance of being a leading cultural destination for Croydon and South London.</p>
	<p>HENMAN</p>	<p>Croydon Clocktower built by Charles Henman started life in 1895 as a town hall. Over a century later, the municipal offices have become a state-of-the-art cultural centre with an exciting programme of entertainment. The venue contains the Museum of Croydon and the David Lean Cinema which offers a regular programme of art house and independent films.</p>
	<p>JOHNSON</p>	<p>Amy Johnson was a pioneering English aviator who was the first female pilot to fly alone from Britain to Australia in 1930 and gain worldwide recognition. Her heroic journey started at Croydon Airport and ended 11,000 miles away in Darwin, Australia. Other memorable journeys included flying to Moscow in one day and to Tokyo, Japan and Cape Town, South Africa in record breaking time.</p>
	<p>ROMERO</p>	<p>Rebecca Romero Olympic cyclist, rower and Ironwoman- 24/01/1980. Olympic Champion Rebecca Romero MBE, the first British athlete and second woman in history to win Olympic medals in two different sports at the summer Olympic Games. She is a former World Champion and Olympic Games silver medallist at rowing, and a former World champion and Olympic champion track cyclist. Born in Carshalton, educated at Wallington Girls.</p>