

Newsletter

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22 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the summer term, the energy at Coombe Wood School remains focused and purposeful. It has been a week defined by community spirit, sporting success, and rigorous academic effort.

Last Friday, our school community marked Mental Health Awareness Day with our 'Wear it Green' initiative. This commitment to wellbeing is deeply embedded in our pastoral curriculum, where daily tutor sessions teach the resilience needed for modern life. Leading by example, our staff football team, the Pitbulls, secured a brilliant 5-1 victory against Woodcote last Friday, proving that staying active and supporting one another is vital for us all.



Thank you to the parents and carers who completed our recent survey. Feedback is a gift, and your insights will be integral to our curriculum next steps. This partnership is reinforced by the support you provide at home; when school and home speak the same language of wellbeing, our students feel truly secure. This collaboration is formalised in our Home-School Agreement, which you can view here: [Link: [Home-School Agreement](#)]

Exam season is in full swing, and I commend our students in Years 10, 11, and 13 for their remarkable maturity and composure and their approach to public exams. Year 12 will begin their assessments after half-term. Behind the scenes, our staff are busier than ever with marking and planning. Their dedication to ensuring every student feels prepared is truly inspiring, and I thank them for their unwavering hard work.

On the sporting front, our students continue to reach new heights. A huge well done to our Year 7-10 students who arrived back with a fantastic haul of over 20 medals from the Croydon Athletics competition.

With warmer weather arriving, please ensure students bring refillable water bottles. We recommend high-factor sunscreen and wide-brimmed sunhats for outdoor use. Students should be encouraged to remove jumpers to stay cool; we will update families on any further uniform relaxations if temperatures continue to rise.

I wish you and your families a restful and lovely half-term break.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes

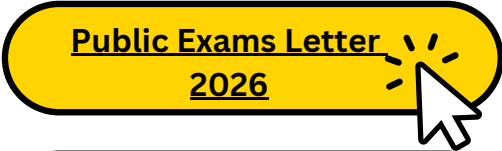
Headteacher

Summer 2026 – Exams Season – GCSE and A Level

Dear Parents and Carers,

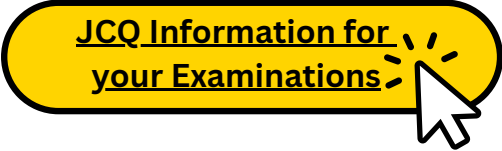
We have been absolutely delighted with the resilience and determination that the year 11s have shown in the GCSE exam season. Students have been benefiting from warm up sessions and boosters before the exams, meaning that they are extremely well prepared.

Please see below a link to the letter that was sent home earlier in the week relating to the Public Exams that are due to take place in May and June.

[Public Exams Letter
2026](#) 

[Examination Timetable
Summer 2026](#) 

Please take a moment to review the examination rules and regulations with your child to ensure that they are 100% aware of these expectations.

[JCQ Information for
your Examinations](#) 

We also appreciate that the exams season can be a worrying time for our students and would like to remind you that in addition to the support that we can offer in school, there are a number of external services that can also help.

[Exam Wellbeing
Support](#) 

We wish our Year 11 cohort every success as they continue this crucial period.
many thanks

Mr Blythman

Head of Year 11

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.

Announcing: Trip to CERN for Year 13 Students

We are delighted to be in the position to offer a two day Trip to CERN research centre in Switzerland to our Year 13 A-Level Physicists in January of 2027.

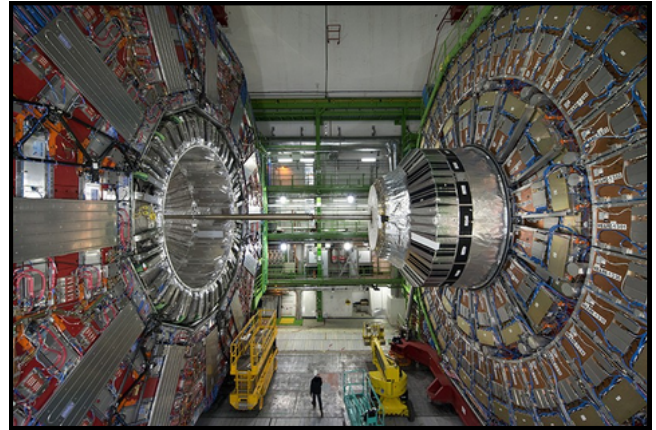
This is an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in cutting edge real-life Science. It has been made possible by our fantastic new Head of Physics Mr Watkins who also has plans for a Year 12 trip too.

Please ask for more details. What an exciting time to be a Coombe Wood student!

Many thanks

Mrs Binfield

Director of Science



Safeguarding Update - May 2026

Please take a moment to read the Safeguarding Update May 2026.

Many thanks

Mr Weir
Assistant Headteacher/DSL



School Library Books

Very happy to have any school library books back, however late they are!

Many thanks

Mrs Hunt

Librarian



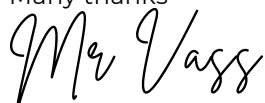
New One Way System for Coombe Wood School

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our students for their positive response to our newly implemented corridor navigation system this term.

This system was introduced to create a safer, more efficient, and single-direction flow of movement throughout our building. By changing the way students transition we are fostering a more orderly environment that allows students to move between classes with greater safety.

We recognise that adapting to a new way of navigating the school requires a change in habit and mindful planning of routes. We are appreciative of the patience and cooperation our students have shown as they get used to these changes, and we are pleased with the maturity they have demonstrated in supporting a safer environment for everyone.

Many thanks



Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

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. The next edition will be sent **Friday 5th June 2026.**

Summer Menu at Coombe Wood School

Our Summer menu is proving to be very popular. The new summer menu is designed to align with our daily operations and the Trust's overarching commitment to reaching Net Zero. Agriculture, particularly livestock production, is a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions. By making a small shift in our weekly menu, we can tangibly reduce our school's carbon footprint.

Our new-look menu includes exciting new options with clear allergen advice. Additionally, you can now scan the QR code on the menu to access full nutritional and allergen details for every dish.

[Summer Term Menu](#)



Regional Catering and Development Catering Projects Manager
Greenshaw Learning Trust

Parent and Student Guide for 2025/26

Our Parent and Student Guide for 2025/26 is designed to help you by having all our key information available in one place.

Please take a moment to review the document

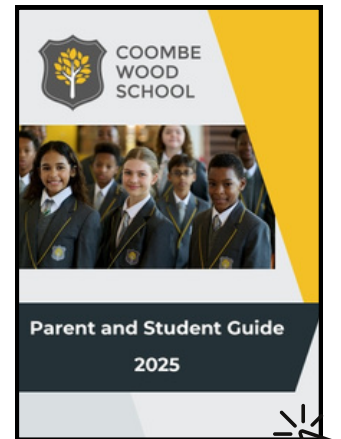
Kind regards

Mr Vass

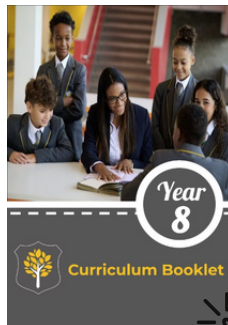
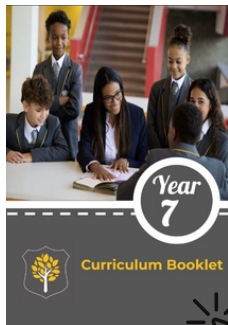
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

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

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



Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets



Kind regards

Mrs Kerk

Head of KS3

Cake Decorating Workshop

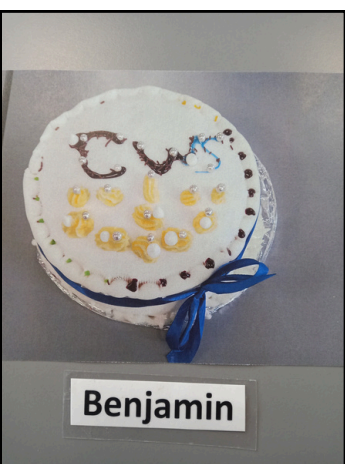
Two weeks ago some of our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students took part in a Cake Decorating Workshop.

Kayla M
Andrei G
Hanna H
Zach G
Sherri L
Kaiyel H-J
Benji J
Edwin S
Rameez A

They worked very hard and were proud of their final outcomes!

Well Done!

Ms Gordon
Food And Nutrition Team



Sports Update

TCS Mini London Marathon Saturday 25th April'26

While the major London Marathon, full distance event takes place on Sunday 26th April, on the Saturday of the same weekend there are many junior events that take advantage of the road closures and facilities that are set up ready for the next day.

Age group events took place on that Saturday morning, with coverage on the BBC and event participants from across the country, there is a big field of competitors and supporters. Croydon as a borough had a good team in attendance with everyone representing the borough having been chosen through trials events that took place earlier in the year.

Charlie Cook (Yr11) was lucky to be picked as part of the Croydon team, and had the opportunity to run the race, going past Buckingham Palace, and finishing as all marathon competitors do – along the Mall. For the mini marathoners, the race was a more manageable 2.5Km.

It was a great day, and thanks should also go to the Croydon team organizer Pearl from Croydon School Sport Partnerships.

Charlie discussed the race with Nitro from The Gladiators !
best wishes

Miss Potkins

Head of HRF

Sporting Round Up

Over the past few weeks, students and staff have achieved excellent sporting success across a range of fixtures and competitions. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork displayed throughout the school community.

Staff Football – Pitbulls

A huge congratulations to the staff football team, the Pitbulls, who secured an impressive 5–1 victory against Woodcote. Special recognition goes to Mr Vass for an outstanding hat-trick, while Mr Aiken Simon and Mr Annon each added a goal to complete a superb team performance.

CWS Hawks – Year 7 Football

Well done to the CWS Hawks Year 7 football team, who also enjoyed success with a strong 2–1 win over Woodcote. The team demonstrated excellent determination and teamwork throughout the match.

Tennis

It has been wonderful to see the return of the Coombe Wood Rattle Snakes tennis team. Congratulations to all students involved for their great effort, commitment, and positive attitude during their recent fixture.

Athletics

Our Year 9 and 10 athletics teams achieved a fantastic set of results, bringing home an impressive total of 15 medals across the competition. We now look ahead to the upcoming Year 7 and 8 athletics competition and hope to see the same level of success and sporting spirit continue.

Well Done everyone

Miss Allen

House Sport Update

This half term has seen the beginning of House Netball and Football.

It all started with the Y8 House Netball which was won by 8JO.

Next up was our very first House Girl's Football which was won by Fairfield.

Thirdly was Y9/10 House Netball which was won by Henman.

Lastly for this half term was Y7 House Football which was won by Campbell.

Congratulations

Mr Womack

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 you 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

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 3FF
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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Community Half Term Activities

Please note that the following activities are run by external organisations and are not endorsed by CWS.

Monks Hill Sports Centre Football Tournament

We are hosting a football tournament during half term at **Monks Hill Sports Centre** and would really appreciate it if you could help by handing out the attached poster to students and families.

Thank you for your support, and please see below for additional information.

Monks Hill Sports Centre, Wednesday 27th May 2026, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Get ready for an exciting day of competitive football, teamwork, and fun at our upcoming tournament! Whether you're playing to win or simply to enjoy the game, this event promises a welcoming and energetic atmosphere for everyone involved.

What's Included:

- Refreshments (water) provided throughout the event
- Participation medals for all players
- Trophies for the winning teams
- Special award for Player of the Tournament
- All genders welcome

Two tournaments will run simultaneously to ensure fair and exciting competition for all age groups:

Tournament 1: Ages 11–13

Tournament 2: Ages 14–16

Bring your passion, sportsmanship, and team spirit — we look forward to seeing you there!

Each team may have:

- * 6 players on the field
- * 2 substitutes

Match Format:

- * Games will last 15 minutes total
- * Split into two 7.5-minute halves

Tournament Structure:

Two separate tournaments will take place simultaneously:

- * Ages 11–13
- * Ages 14–16

How to Sign Up

To register your team, please email:

monkshill@gll.org

Please include the following information in your email:

- * Team name
- * Players' names
- * Players' ages
- * Coach's name

Spaces may be limited, so be sure to register early to secure your place! Please note it is a £3 entry fee per player. Last entry date is Friday 22nd May.

Regards,

Alfie Green

Health and Fitness Manager

[Monks Hill Sports Centre](#)

Pleiades Netball Junior Summer Camps

Please see attached our digital flyer to share and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch or you can find further information on our website below.

We are also recruiting new players for our senior teams this season (ages 14+) and more information about signing up can be found here:

<https://www.pleiadesnetball.co.uk/news/pleiades-netball-trials-2975996.html>

Thank you so much for your time and support.

Kind regards



Juniors Coordinator
Pleiades Netball Club

<https://www.pleiadesnetball.co.uk>



Pleiades Netball Club

Pleiades Netball Juniors

NETBALL SUMMER CAMP-SURREY

Join us this summer for our Junior Netball Camp (Years 5-9), led by experienced coaches in a fun, supportive environment!

27 July - 10 Aug - 24 Aug

£45 per day OR £120 for all 3 days (save £15!)

9:30am - 3:30pm

Warlingham School, CR6 9YB

Whether you're looking to build skills, boost confidence, or just enjoy a great day of netball, our summer camps are the perfect opportunity!

READY TO JOIN ? Scan the QR code to Sign up or email pleiadesnetball@gmail.com



Half Term - Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Key Dates for June 2026

For all GCSE / A Level Exam related dates please refer to the [Formal Exam Timetable](#)

Monday 1st - Friday 12th June

Year 12 Assessments in Class - Details to follow

Wednesday 10th June

Year 12 Art Trip - Details to follow

Monday 15th - Friday 19th June

Year 9 - End of Year Assessments

Monday 22nd June

Year 11 Leavers Assembly - Details to follow

Tuesday 23rd June

Whole School Curriculum Enhancement Day

Wednesday 24th June

Year 13 Leavers Assembly - Details to follow

Year 11 Prom - Details to follow



Key Dates for July 2026

Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 Parent Information Event - 2026 Transition Event- Details to follow

Friday 3rd July

INSET Day - School closed to students

National Transition Day - Year 6 Induction Event- Details to follow

Monday 6th July

Year 12 Taster Day - Details to follow

Friday 10th July

CWS Sports Day

STEM / ECO Event - Details to follow

Monday 13th - Friday 17th July

Year 12 Work Experience - Details to follow

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th July

Year 10 Health and Social Care Work Experience - Details to follow

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Curriculum Enhancement Days - Summer - Details to follow

Thursday 16th July

Sports Awards - Details to follow

Friday 17th July

Last Day of Term for students

Monday 20th July

INSET Day - School closed to students

Summer Holidays - Monday 20th July - Friday 4th September

Key Dates for August 2026

A Level Results Day - Details to follow

GCSE Results Day - Details to follow

Term Dates - Academic Year 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Thursday 3rd September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Friday 4th September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Monday 7th September - First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

Wednesday 16th September - School Open Evening - Students will finish at Midday

Thursday 17th September 2026 - Later Start - Students to arrive from 10.15am for their Period 3 lesson.

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term 1

Half Term - Monday 26th October - Friday 6th November 2026

Monday 9th November - First Day of Autumn Term 2- All Students

Friday 18th December - Last Day of Autumn Term 2

Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - First Day of Spring Term 1 - All Students

Friday 12th February 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 1

Half Term - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027 - First Day of Term of Spring Term 2 - All Students

Thursday 25th March 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 2

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 - First Day of Summer Term 1 - All Students

Monday 3rd May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday - School is Closed

Friday 28th May 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 1

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 7th June - First Day of Summer Term 2- All Students

Friday 2nd July - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students

Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 2

Summer Holidays from Friday 23rd July

In case you missed it!

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

