

Newsletter

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01 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across the school, our pillars of Ambition, Community and Culture have been clearly demonstrated through a wide range of activities, including students' achievements in sport, their leadership in school events, and their commitment to learning in the classroom. It is lovely to see our students continuing to uphold our core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship in all that they do.

We are incredibly proud of our U18 team, who have reached the ESFA Super League Final. The match will take place next Tuesday in Stoke - on- Trent, and this is a fantastic achievement for the students involved. We wish them the very best of luck and know they will represent the school with pride.

Year 10 students have now started their mock examinations, and I have been very impressed with the mature and focused approach they have shown so far. These exams are an important step in their preparation for their forthcoming GCSEs.

Year 11 students will move to their 'Exit Timetables' from Tuesday 5th May. These timetables are bespoke to each student and replace their normal timetable during this period. They clearly outline when public exams take place (within the structure of the school day), provide an additional booster session for each forthcoming exam, and include a warm-up session immediately before each exam. Throughout the exam period, students will receive weekly updated Exit Timetables, ensuring they have a clear and personalised schedule of boosters, warm-ups, and exams ahead.

Twelve of our Year 10 students took part in the Engineering Design Competition (EDC) at Imperial College London. This was a challenging eight-hour event, and our students performed exceptionally well. Competing against over 50 students, mainly Year 12s, one of our Year 10 teams went on to win the overall competition.

We are also proud that Neha received an award for Leadership Skills and Myles for Organisational Skills. All students involved demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience, and maturity throughout the day.

Today, a group of students travelled to Berlin, which is an exciting opportunity for them to broaden their cultural understanding and create lasting memories. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

We also say farewell to Mr Philadi and Ms Devine. We would like to thank them sincerely for their contribution to the school and wish them all the very best in their new ventures. We are also very grateful to Mr Aiken Simon and Ms Beattie, who have stepped up in the interim to support the students. Thank you to both for their flexibility, commitment, and continued support during this period. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mr Watkins as our new Head of Physics. We are confident he will make a strong contribution to the Science department and wider school community, and we look forward to working with him.

Finally, I would like to remind families of the importance of student behaviour to and from school. While we maintain high expectations during the school day, we ask for your continued support in working in partnership with the school to reinforce these expectations beyond the school gates. This shared approach is essential in ensuring that all students represent the school positively at all times.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

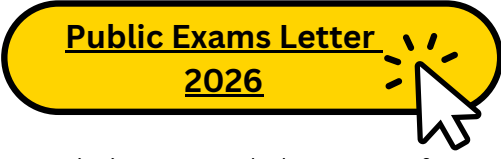
With best wishes

Headteacher

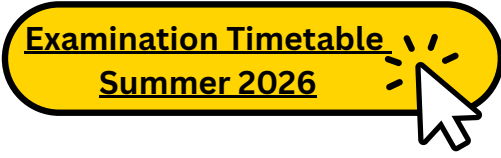
Summer 2026 – Exams Season – GCSE and A Level

Dear Parents and Carers,

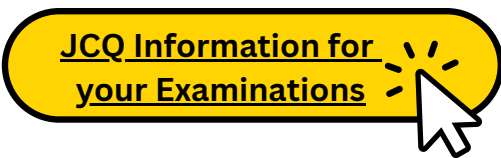
Please see below a link to the letter that was sent home earlier in the week relating to the Public Exams that are due to take place in May and June.

[**Public Exams Letter**
2026](#) 

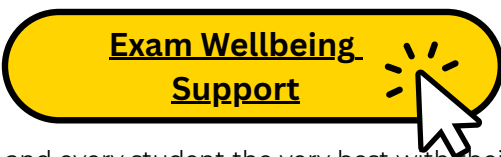
The summer 2026 examination season is just around the corner for our Year 11 and 13 students, the full examination timetable has now been confirmed and is posted on our website.

[**Examination Timetable**
Summer 2026](#) 

Throughout their mock exams students will have been made aware of the guidelines and requirements from the examining boards. 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](#) 

All that remains is for us to wish each and every student the very best with their summer exams, we are confident that with the hard work that they have shown throughout their mocks we are confident for excellent outcomes for them.

many thanks

Ms Donohue

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

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.

Head Teachers Recognition Award

I am pleased to recognise the following students for earning the highest number of positive achievement points and for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour within their year group.

At Coombe Wood School, we are proud to cultivate a supportive and aspirational environment in which students thrive academically while embodying our core values of:

Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship

Week ending 16th April 2026

Year 7 - M. Hunt - 7RO
Year 8 - K. Price - 8CA
Year 8 - P. Pandiaraja - 8CA
Year 9 - Z. Kamran - 9FA
Year 10 - E. Trotman - 10HE
Year 11 - A. Patel - 11CA

Week ending 26th March 2026

Year 7 - J. Borg - 7CA
Year 8 - F. Foley - 8HE
Year 8 - T. De Paula - 8HE
Year 8 - E. Oyeniyi - 8HE
Year 9 - J. Dale - 9RO
Year 10 - T-T. Damete-Kumi - 10JO
Year 11 - A. Sawant - 11HE
Year 11 - R. Williams Cochrane - 11FA

Congratulations!

Best regards,

Ms Williams

Headteacher

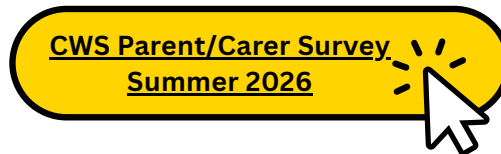


Summer Parent /Carer Survey

We value your views!

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey. Your feedback helps us to improve the experience and outcomes for all students at Coombe Wood School.

All responses are confidential and will be used to support school improvement.



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.

Why This Matters Now

- Trust Alignment: This directly supports our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Educational Value: It provides a weekly and teachable moment; for students to understand the link between food systems and the environment.
- Health and Variety: It encourages students to explore diverse, nutrient-dense plant-based options, supporting a balanced lifestyle.

Implementation Strategy

The goal isn't to remove choice, but to lead with innovation. Our catering team will focus on high-appeal dishes such as vegetable lasagne's, hearty bean chilis, or halloumi Mac and Cheese burgers to ensure student satisfaction remains high.

Did you know?

According to the UN, the livestock sector accounts for roughly 14.5% of all human-induced greenhouse gas emissions. Switching just one day a week makes a measurable difference.

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.



Thank you for your time and for your ongoing support of our sustainability efforts.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Young".

Regional Catering and Development Catering Projects Manager
Greenshaw Learning Trust

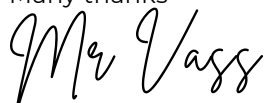
New One Way System for Coombe Wood School

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 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 1st May 2026**

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

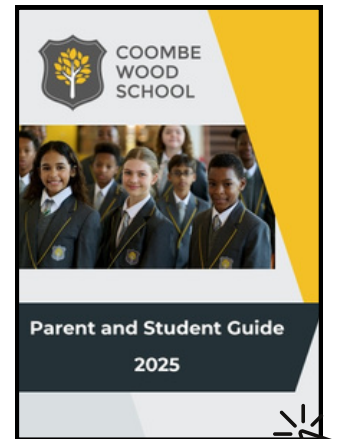
Kind regards

Mr Vass

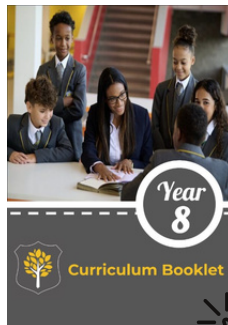
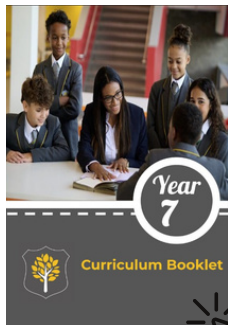
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

[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

Sports Update

Football Boots

We have seen a rise in pupils wearing trainers for Football (Games lessons and during extra curricular clubs in particular). For safety we strongly advise students wearing moulded boots or Atroturf boots.

Water bottles for HRF/Games

As the weather gets nicer and with the exams starting in the sports hall many of our HRF & Games lessons will take place outside. It is strongly advised that students ensure they are highly prepared with water bottles (filled up before the lesson). Students will not be able to leave the sports areas to fill up bottles during lesson time.

Extra curricular sports clubs

Students should be wearing the correct CWS HRF kit with trainers/ boots when attending sports clubs. Failure to follow this will result in pupils being asked to leave the club.

best wishes

Miss Potkins

Head of HRF



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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 enquires on site as the car park is managed by Civil Enforcement Ltd. They have one of two options available:

OPTION 1 **OPTION 2**

Pay the PCN **Submit an appeal**

 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. **OR**  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.

payments.ce-service.co.uk 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.




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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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Key Dates for May 2026

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5th - Friday 15th May

Year 10 Mock Exams

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

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

