

# Newsletter

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12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look back over another incredibly productive fortnight at Coombe Wood School, I want to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a fast-paced and energetic return to school, and our students have hit the ground running.

We are now entering the final weeks of public exams for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. They have shown immense resilience, focus, and dedication throughout this demanding period, and we are incredibly proud of how they have conducted themselves. To celebrate their hard work, we are looking forward to hosting our Year 11 and 13 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday, 18th June. A huge congratulations to all of them as they reach this major milestone! As a reminder regarding exams, the official national contingency day is Wednesday, 24th June; students must remain available until this date has passed in case of any late rescheduling by the exam boards. Additionally, our Year 9 students will be starting their important end-of-year exams next week. We want to wish them the very best of luck; we know how hard they have been preparing, and we are confident they will do themselves proud.

On Thursday 4th June, we welcomed a drugs educator from the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation to speak to our Year 9 and 10 students. This vital session shared the powerful story of Dan Spargo-Mabbs, who tragically passed away from an accidental overdose in 2014. The presentation provided our students with essential guidance on the risks of drugs and alcohol, decision-making, the law, and practical strategies to help them stay safe.

Our commitment to providing a rich, well-rounded education continues with several fantastic trips taking place to support wider curriculum development. Our Year 12 Art students visited Leighton House and the Design Museum to research various contextual sources through primary observation and participate in a specialist skills workshop led by Leighton House staff, which is a vital component of their coursework. Meanwhile, a group of our Year 7-10 students thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic day out at The Oval as part of their Secondary Schools Day. Additionally, some of our Year 13 student-athletes have travelled to Murcia, Spain, in partnership with Volenti for an incredible athletic development experience.

Looking ahead, staff and students alike are greatly looking forward to our upcoming Curriculum Enhancement Day on Tuesday, 23rd June. This day gives our young people a fantastic opportunity to learn beyond the standard curriculum, step outside the timetable, and dive into interactive learning. Students will be participating in a variety of invaluable personal development sessions, including essential first aid training, careers exploration, and tailored PSHEE workshops designed to equip them with vital life skills.

As we approach the final weeks of the summer term, we want to ensure a strong, focused, and positive finish. To achieve this, we continue to hold the highest expectations regarding student uniform and behaviour. We expect all students to arrive on time, fully equipped, and proudly wearing the correct school uniform every day. On that note, I would also ask that you take some time to speak to your sons and daughters about their journey to and from school each day. Please remind them that they are ambassadors for their families and for Coombe Wood School; we expect the same high standards of respect, consideration, and safety out in the community as we do in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your child upholds the Coombe Wood School standards right up until the final bell.

With best wishes

Headteacher

# Headteachers Recognition Awards

In the last few weeks, it has been my absolute pleasure to recognise the following students for achieving the highest number of positive achievement points in their year group with no negative behaviour points:

## **Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Year 7 - Joseph H  
Year 8 - Sophie BF  
Year 9 - Agnes R  
Year 10 - Saheli M  
Year 11 - Aum P

## **Week Ending 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Year 7 - Emily G  
Year 8 - Kyron P  
Year 9 - Asia-Rose H  
Year 10 - Taliah-Tiffany DK  
Year 11 - Ralph Ohadi

## **Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Year 7 - A'myah C  
Year 8 - Julian S  
Year 9 - Abigail H  
Year 10 - Kayla M  
Year 11 - Zoe M and Sophi M

## **Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Year 7 - James B  
Year 8 - Prithika P  
Year 9 - Zain K  
Year 10 - Emily J  
Year 11 - Arthur L, Lukas B, Sophia L and Shyara R

## **Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Year 7 - Edwyn Rhys-Davies  
Year 8 - Julian S  
Year 9 - Kyla FV and Mercedes E  
Year 10 - Woody W and Charlene H  
Year 11 - Zhengyu L

## **Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Year 7 - Arush D  
Year 8 - Prithika P  
Year 9 - Mercedes E  
Year 10 - Willow H



Congratulations to everyone, keep up the excellent work.

Best wishes

*Ms Williams*

Headteacher

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# Summer 2026 – Exams Season – GCSE and A Level

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter into the last weeks of the 2026 Exams season, Students are reminded of the importance of checking their official exam TT, handed out back in May. This is the official document which students must follow in relation to their exam schedule.

[Public Exams Letter  
2026](#)

[Examination Timetable  
Summer 2026](#)

Also, Year 11 students are now only required to attend school for exams, warm ups and boosters.

- If students have an AM exam, they must be in school for the warm up at 8am as normal.
- If students have a PM exam, they need to attend in time for their warm up, arriving in school no later than 11.15am.

We kindly ask that you take a few moment to review the examination rules and regulations with your child, it is vital that they are fully aware of these expectations each and every time they enter an exams room.

[JCQ Information for  
your Examinations](#)

We also understand the the exams season can be both a stressful and tiring time for students. Please remember the additional support that we provide here at school, there are also variouos external services available to help them manage exam anxiety.

[Exam Wellbeing  
Support](#)

We wish our Year 11 cohort every success as they continue this crucial period.  
Many Thanks for your ongoing support.

*Mr Blythman*

Head of Year 11

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## Year 10 English GCSE Speaking Exams

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Year 10 students will be taking their real GCSE English speaking exams from **Monday 15th June** until **Wednesday 1st July**. These will be taking place throughout the day and students will need to leave their timetabled lessons to attend their speaking exam.

In our English lessons before half term, students focused on what makes a good speech, choosing a topic they are interested in and passionate about, planning their speech, and then writing their speeches. Their continued homework has been to refine and practice their speech as they will need to know it off by heart and answer questions on it.

These exams are 1:1 and assessed by members of the English team. If you have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's English teacher for more information.

Many Thanks

*Ms Gould*

Head of English

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# Year 12 Mock Exams

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Our Year 12 students have approached their mock examination period with a commendable level of maturity and commitment. Throughout the preparation phase, they have demonstrated excellent organisation skills, managing their revision schedules effectively and making productive use of the support available to them.

Their timekeeping and attendance during examinations have been exemplary, reflecting a professional and responsible attitude towards this important stage of their education. Students have conducted themselves with confidence and resilience, approaching each examination with focus and determination.

The positive attitude shown by Year 12 throughout the mock exam process is a credit to them, and they should be proud of the way they have managed both the challenges and expectations of the examination period.

We would like to congratulate all students on their efforts and wish them every success ahead of the upcoming Mock Exam Results Assembly. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and recognising the hard work they have invested in their studies.

*Miss Kaye*

Head of Year 12

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## Parent SEND Survey 2025-2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a moment to complete the 2025/26 Parent Send Survey.

The information gathered from this survey will help us to shape our provision for the coming year.

many thanks

*Ms Boateng*

Assistant Headteacher/Sendco

[Parental SEND Survey](#)



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## Help Us Be Good Neighbours !!!

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As we head into the final half term, we would like to gently remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours on Melville Avenue and the surrounding streets.

- **Parking:** Please be considerate during pick up and drop off and ensure you aren't blocking any driveways.
- **Environment:** Please turn off your engine rather than idling while you wait. and avoid dropping litter.
- **Behaviour:** Take a moment to chat with your children about staying on their best behaviour during their daily commutes especially whilst in school uniform and representing the school.

We truly appreciate your help in keeping our local community a pleasant place for everyone.

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COOMBE WOOD SCHOOL

# SCHOOL UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT DRIVE

## ITEMS NEEDED

**DROP-OFF  
LOCATION:**

**SCHOOL  
OFFICE**

- ANY ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM
- SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS
- MATHS EQUIPMENT
- LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES
- REVISION GUIDES

**DONATE ANYTIME IN  
SCHOOL HOURS!**

**YEAR 11 STUDENTS CAN ALSO DROP OFF  
ANY DONATED ITEMS AT THE YEAR 11  
LEAVERS ASSEMBLY ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND  
SUPPORT**

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# Creative Arts Showcase and Exhibition

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You are cordially invited to our annual Creative Arts Showcase & Exhibition!

After months of dedication, passion and immense hard work, our GCSE and A-Level Creative Arts students are ready to share their incredible talents with the CWS community.

GCSE work from Art, Graphics, Textiles and Design & Technology will be displayed in the atrium on **Wednesday 17th of June between 4-6pm.**

A-Level work from Art, Graphics and Photography will be exhibited on **Wednesday 1st of July between 4-6pm.**

We look forward to welcoming you to Coombe Wood School and celebrating the wonderful work produced by our students!

Best Wishes

*The Creative Arts Team*

## GCSE Art, Graphics, DT, and Textiles Exhibition



2026  
**17th June**  
4pm - 6pm  
*All welcome*

Join us to celebrate their  
brilliant achievements

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# Chefs of the Month - May

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Congratulations to our Chef's of the month.

## Year 7

1st Place: Mia G

2nd Place: Kacey C

3rd Place: Malachi P

## Year 8

1st Place: Harry B

2nd Place: Asher B-B

3rd Place: Maro A

## Year 9

1st Place: Estella S

2nd Place: Marianna Mc

3rd Place: Mercedes E

## Year 10

1st Place: Sonny M

2nd Place: Zach G

3rd Place: Hanna H



Well done to all of our young Chefs!

*Ms Kerstake and Ms Gordon*

Food Preparation and Nutrition

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# Announcing: Trip to CERN for Year 13 Students

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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.

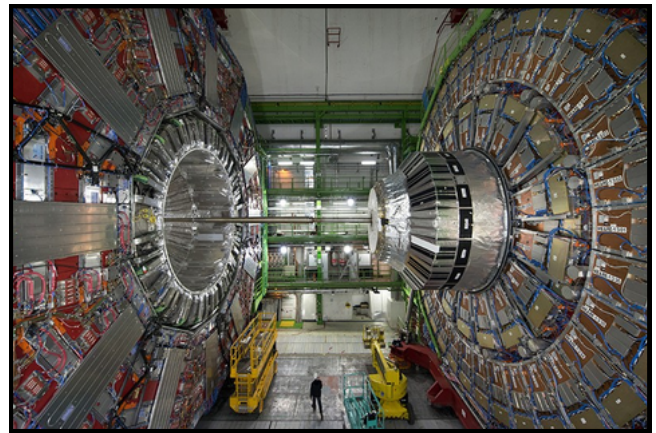
This is an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in cutting edge real-life Science. It has been made possible by our fantastic new Head of Physics Mr Watkins who also has plans for a Year 12 trip too.

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

Many thanks

*Mrs Binfield*

Director of Science



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## Safeguarding Update - May 2026

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

Many thanks

*Mr Weir*  
Assistant Headteacher/DSL



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## School Library Books

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Please help the school library by checkign ofr any CWS books that are due back.

Many thanks

*Ms Hunt*

Librarian



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# Parent and Student Guide for 2025/26

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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](#)

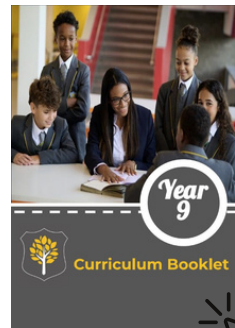
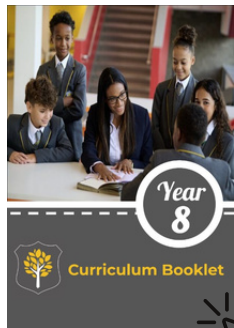
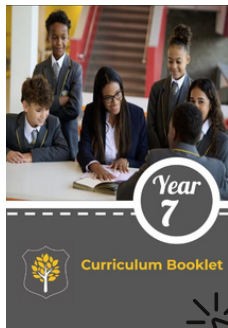
[Click Here to Access the Uniform Statement](#)



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## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Booklets

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Kind regards

*Mrs Kerk*

Head of KS3

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# Sports Update

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A huge good luck to the following students who have been selected to represent South Croydon in the upcoming **Surrey Schools Athletics Championships** on Saturday 13th June 2026.

**Year 11** - Shivelle

**Year 10** - Sarah Destiny, Atarah and Peirs

**Year 9** - Audrey, Cayden, Trey, Teddy and Nicholas

best wishes

*Miss Potkins*

Head of HRF

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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 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**  
**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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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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# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Chris Young*

[Summer Term Menu](#)



Regional Catering and Development Catering Projects Manager  
Greenshaw Learning Trust



28TH JULY 2026 - 21ST AUGUST 2026



MAJESTIC  
COMMUNITY  
CARE SERVICES  
PRESENTS

EVERY MAJESTIC HAF IS A SELLOUT  
A MAJESTIC SUMMER

# SUMMER

## CAMP

HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITIES

Featuring

THORPE PARK - STREET DANCE - SKY TV - WATERSPLASH  
DAY - FLIP OUT - LIVE DJ WORKSHOP WITH DJ MILKTRAY  
- BBQ - BOX HILL - FIFA - FUN AND MORE

FREE HOT FOOD DAILY - FOOTBALL - ENRICHMENT

Obtain the codes from your child (rens) school  
email: majesticcommunitycareservices1@gmail.com



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COUNCIL





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## Key Dates for June 2026

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

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 9 - End of Year Assessments

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Year 11 Leavers Assembly - Details to follow

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Whole School Curriculum Enhancement Day

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 13 Leavers Assembly - Details to follow

Year 11 Prom - Details to follow

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## Key Dates for July 2026

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### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

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

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**INSET Day - School closed to students**

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

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 12 Taster Day - Details to follow

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

CWS Sports Day

STEM / ECO Event - Details to follow

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 12 Work Experience - Details to follow

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

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

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Curriculum Enhancement Days - Summer - Details to follow

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Awards - Details to follow

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Last Day of Term for students

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**INSET Day - School closed to students**

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## Summer Holidays - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

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### Key Dates for August 2026

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A Level Results Day - Details to follow

GCSE Results Day - Details to follow

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### Key Dates for September 2026

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

School Open Evening - **Students will finish at Midday**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Later Start - Students to arrive from 10.15am for their Period 3 lesson.

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# Term Dates - Academic Year 2026/27

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## **Autumn Term 2026**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - School Open Evening - Students will finish at Midday

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

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November - First Day of Autumn Term 2- All Students

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Autumn Term 2

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**Christmas Holidays - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**

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## **Spring Term 2027**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students**

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - First Day of Spring Term 1 - All Students

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027 - First Day of Term of Spring Term 2 - All Students

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 2

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**Easter Holidays - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

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## **Summer Term 2027**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - First Day of Summer Term 1 - All Students

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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday - School is Closed**

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - First Day of Summer Term 2- All Students

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**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students**

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 2

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**Summer Holidays from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

