

Newsletter

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26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding fortnight here at Coombe Wood School as we officially enter celebration season. At the heart of everything we achieve are the three pillars of our success: **Ambition, Community, and Culture**. Our core values have been on brilliant display across all year groups, driving both individual triumphs and collective pride during what has been a phenomenal couple of weeks.

Our recent Curriculum Enhancement Day perfectly highlighted our students' drive and ambition. It was a fantastic success, offering everyone the chance to develop vital life skills and explore future pathways. Our Year 7 students gained invaluable knowledge through essential First Aid Training, while Year 8 unleashed their inner entrepreneurs during a brilliant Enterprise Challenge. Further up the school, Year 9 visited Croydon Town Hall for an inspiring KPMG Careers Event, and Year 10 took an exciting step towards their futures with a highly successful Taster Day at our partner colleges, John Ruskin and East Surrey.

Earlier this week we celebrated in style with our Year 11s at their Prom, marking a wonderful end of a journey for them. Huge congratulations are also in order for our Year 9s, who won the Croydon Football Cup, and the incredible Year 10 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Reflecting our deep commitment to the community, we are very proud to officially announce our new Headteacher's Ambassadors team. Please join us in congratulating Denique W-M, who has been appointed as Lead Ambassador, alongside Natalia C and Sibyl T, who will be stepping into their roles as Deputy Ambassadors. We know they will represent the student body and our school values brilliantly over the coming year.

A vibrant school culture thrives on celebrating creativity and talent, both in and out of the classroom. We are absolutely delighted to share that Jayden A has won the Innovation & Enterprise Award at the Croydon Youth Awards. Jayden received this recognition for the fashion brand he has created and developed a brand he has proudly worn around school and showcased through a stall at our Summer Fayre last year. It is wonderful to see Jayden's hard work, creativity, and ambition recognised beyond the school community.

Our sporting culture also reached new heights over the weekend at the Surrey Schools Athletics Competition. The CWS students representing South Croydon did themselves and our school incredibly proud. Our Gold Medallists (1st place) include Shivel M. (Inter Girls 100m), Atarah W. (Inter Girls Discus), Cayden C. (Junior Boys 200m), and Trey L. (Junior Boys 300m). Saray-Destiny C. secured a brilliant Bronze Medal (3rd place) in the Inter Girls 200m, and Nicholas L. achieved a fantastic top-10 finish, placing 10th in the Junior Boys Long Jump.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be another busy and exciting time. This coming week also marks a major milestone for our upcoming cohort as we host our Year 7 Transition Evening and Induction Day. It will be absolutely lovely to welcome these new members of our CWS community and their families as they prepare to begin their journey with us this coming September. We also look forward to celebrating our Week of Languages, which is packed with fantastic cultural activities. Students can get involved in the House Poster Competition promoting international diversity, or enter our much-anticipated Bake-Off Competition on Wednesday 1st July by creating a treat inspired by a language or culture. The canteen will also be hosting a "Taste of the World" special menu featuring Spanish, French, British, and Chinese cuisines. Furthermore, our selected Year 10 Primary Language Ambassadors will be developing their leadership skills by teaching introductory lessons at St Peter's Primary School, while students in Years 7-9 will be putting their skills to the test in an exciting Linguistic Challenge.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all students, parents, carers, and staff for your continued support and partnership, especially during the challenging red weather alert later this week. Well done to everyone for adapting so brilliantly. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

With best wishes



Headteacher

Uniform Expectations – Week Commencing 29th June

Further to the letter sent out today,

Week Commencing Monday 29th June,

All students (Yr 7 - 11) should attend school wearing their CWS HRF uniform in place of their academic uniform. Please ensure that the following uniform expectations are maintained whilst in HRF kit:

- No Leggings / Cycling Shorts are permitted
- CWS branded kit only
- Black Socks
- Trainers to be worn (no sandals, sliders, crocs or any other open toed footwear)

Year 12 students should still continue to wear business attire, however do not need to wear a tie, jumper, jacket and top buttons can be undone.

Important Health & Safety Reminders

To help students manage the heat, please ensure they come to school prepared each day with the following essentials:

- Refillable Water Bottle: Students will have access to water stations before school and at break and lunch and should ensure they are filling up their bottles during these times.
- Sun Cream: Please ensure sun cream is applied before arriving at school. Students may also bring a bottle to reapply during break times.

Next Steps and Review

We will keep this arrangement in place for the duration of the week. This decision will be formally reviewed on **Friday 3rd July**, and any updates or plans to revert back to standard school uniform expectations for the following week will be communicated to you before the weekend.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Headteacher

Year 12 Mock Exams

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

Help Us Be Good Neighbours !!!

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.

Parent SEND Survey 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Parental 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/Senco

Creative Arts Showcase and Exhibition

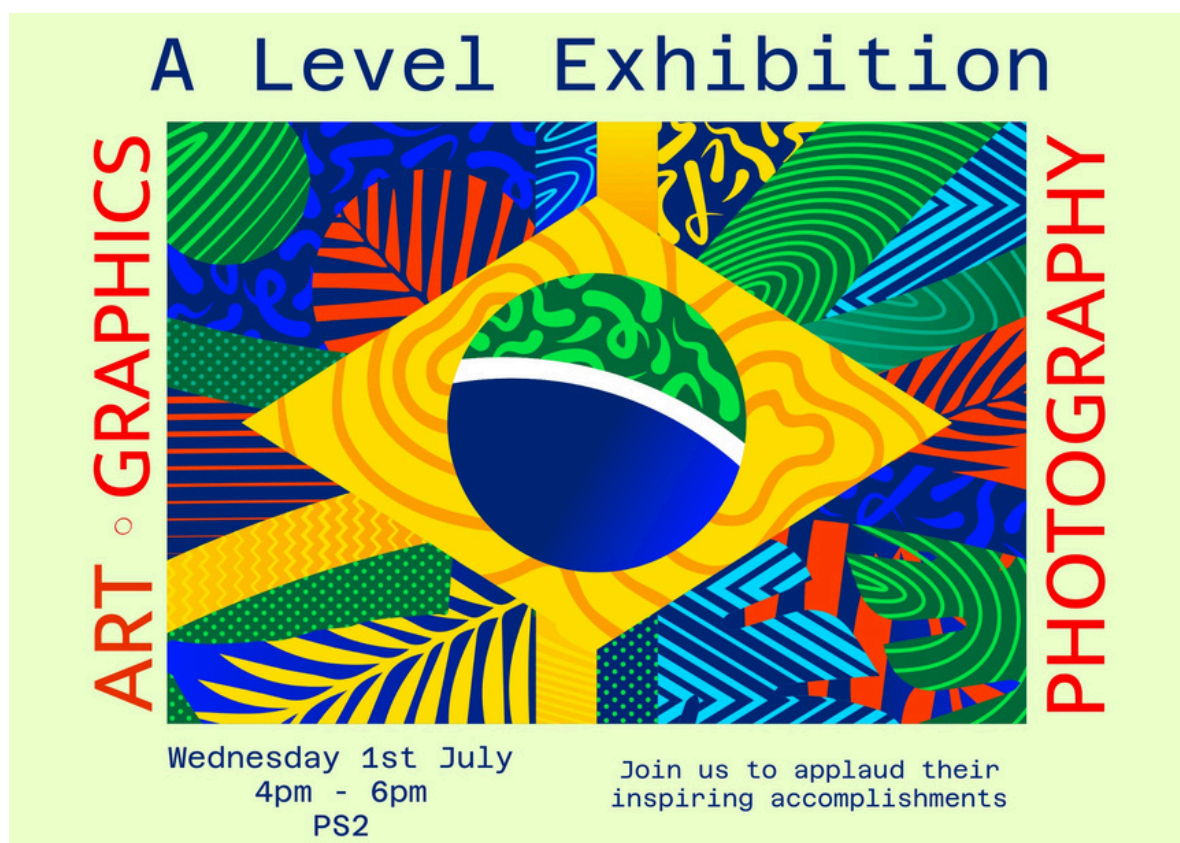
You are cordially invited to our annual Creative Arts Showcase & Exhibition! After months of dedication, passion and immense hard work, our A-Level Creative Arts students are ready to share their incredible talents with the CWS community.

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



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 2027.

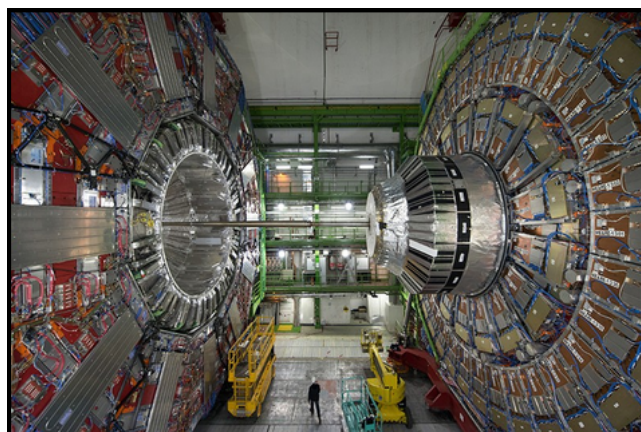
This is an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in cutting edge real-life Science. It has been made possible by our fantastic new Head of Physics Mr Watkins who also has plans for a Year 12 trip too.

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

Many thanks

Mrs Binfield

Director of Science



Croydon Youth Awards

Congratulations to Jayden A, who has won the **Innovation & Enterprise Award** at the Croydon Youth Awards. This is a fantastic recognition of his creativity, ambition and entrepreneurial mindset.

Jayden was nominated in recognition of the fashion brand he has developed, a brand he has proudly worn around school and even showcased through a stall at last year's Summer Fayre. His success reflects not only his individual drive, but also the importance of encouraging students to pursue their interests beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of his achievement.

Mr Boyd

Head of Year 13



Sports Update

A huge congratulations to all students who represented South Croydon in the **Surrey Schools Athletics Championships** on Saturday 13th June 2026.

Shivelle M (Yr 11) - 100m - 1st
Saray-Destiny C (Yr 10) - 200m - 3rd
Atarah W (Yr 10) - Discus - 1st
Cayden C (Yr 9) - 200m - 1st
Trey L (Yr 9) - 300m - 1st
Nicholas L (Yr 9) - Long Jump - 10th

Well done to everyone who took part!

London Youth Games

Freya D (Yr 10) competed in the **London Youth Games** on Sunday 14th June representing Croydon. The team went on to win the competition. Fantastic Result!!

best wishes

Miss Potkins

Head of HRF

School Carpark

Our school carpark is operated by Creative Car Parks.

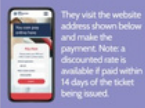
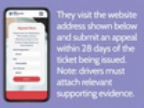
You will have a 20 minute grace period when dropping off or collecting your child.

Should you need to stay longer than this you will need to enter 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  payments.ce-service.co.uk	OR	OPTION 2 Submit an appeal  appeals.ce-service.co.uk
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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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Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool L2 3PF
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PLEASE NOTE

We are not able to deal with Parking Charge Notice enquiries on site.

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Please follow the process outlined on the original Parking Charge Notice.

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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 17TH JUNE 2026**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT**

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

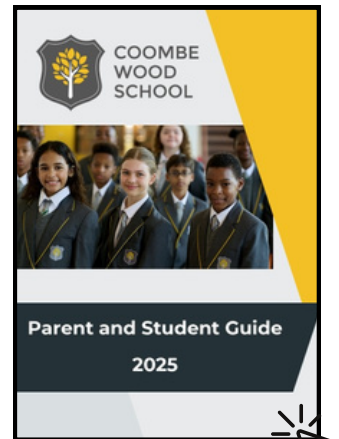
Kind regards

Mr Vass

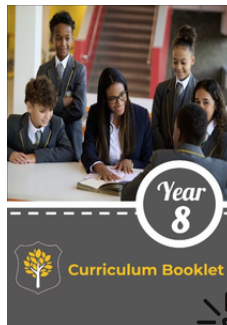
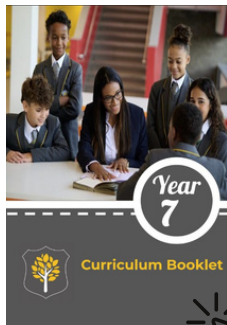
Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

[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

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 26th 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

Regional Catering and Development Catering Projects Manager
Greenshaw Learning Trust

Summer Term Menu



**FREE FOOTBALL AND FOOD
FOR FSM PUPILS IN YEARS 7-11**

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD



**#CROYDON
HAF26**

SESSIONS WILL RUN ON THE FOLLOWING:

WEEK 1 : 27 JUL - 30 JUL
WEEK 2 : 3 AUG - 6 AUG
WEEK 3 : 10 AUG - 13 AUG
WEEK 4 : 17 AUG - 20 AUG

10 AM - 2 PM
COLOMA SCHOOL
UPPER SHIRLEY RD
CR9 5AS

**USE YOUR HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES CODE
AND SIGN UP THROUGH COORDINATE**



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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**



**CROYDON
COUNCIL**



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Built FOR THIS

JULY WORKSHOP!

**Applications for our July
workshop are now OPEN!**

SAT 18TH JULY

11:00 - 15:00



Key Dates for June 2026

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

Key Dates for September 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 2026

First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

Wednesday 16th September 2026

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.

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

LA Music Lessons

Year 12
Curriculum Evening
Slides

Year 13
UCAS Evening
Slides

