

Coombe Academy Trust Newsletter

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The latest news from The Coombe Academy Trust

OUR VISION AND VALUES

PREPARING YOU FOR A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

The Coombe Academy Trust schools are committed to ensuring outstanding leadership at all levels underpinned by well-understood core values and bespoke professional development for all members of the schools' communities to ensure life-long learning for all in an environment where success is recognised and celebrated. All members of the Trust are friendly, caring, respectful and tolerant towards each other; ambitious and aspirational for themselves and others; honest and show integrity in all they do; positive and resilient at all times. These core values underpin each school's vision statement.

COOMBE BOYS' and COOMBE GIRLS' SCHOOLS

Coombe Boys' and Girls' Schools prepare each student for the World of Opportunity by enabling individuals to flourish through:

- innovative teaching that is inspirational, compelling and fun. It engages every learner in their journeys of self- discovery, fulfilment and academic excellence;
- a community in which empathy, tolerance, integrity and shared purpose promote exemplary behaviour and outstanding relationships between all; and
- developing confident learners who are, resilient and committed to shaping their world. They are proud of their abilities, highly ambitious and excited about their potential.

KNOLLMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Knollmead Primary School provides a stimulating, safe and happy environment where teaching inspires a love of learning and an enquiring mind. Individual strengths and talents are nurtured, encouraged and celebrated and pupils are excited to take risks. We expect and strive for the highest possible achievement for every child. Within a challenging, aspirational and nurturing environment we provide the foundation for our children to develop as tolerant, committed and confident citizens.

GREEN LANE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Green Lane Primary and Nursery School is proud to be an inclusive school, drawing upon a 'slice of life' from the diverse community we serve. At Green Lane, we want our pupils and staff to thrive in an atmosphere of dignity and mutual respect. We expect both children and adults to be committed to their learning, demonstrating a willingness to be challenged to exceed beyond their expectations. We hold one another rigorously to account, adhering to a 'reason not an excuse' culture where we nurture the potential in everyone.



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WELCOME

The Coombe Secondary Schools & Knollmead Primary School are pleased to welcome Green Lane Primary & Nursery School to the Coombe Academy Trust.

Together, the 4 schools hope to build upon their already close partnership and collaborative working to provide an even greater menu of opportunities for their school communities.

PARTNERSHIP

The Coombe Academy Trust was founded in 2012 from the federation of Coombe Boys' School and Coombe Girls' School.

The newly formed Multi-Academy Trust built on an already very strong partnership between the two schools' leadership teams under the guidance of one Headteacher and one governing body. Knollmead Primary School was welcomed into the Trust in April 2014 and Green Lane Primary & Nursery School in September 2018.

The Coombe Academy Trust values each school's individuality whilst ensuring that the principles of the Trust's overarching vision are evident in their ethos, values, practice and permeate all aspects of school life. There are high expectations of all members of the Trust community. The Coombe Academy Trust prides itself on providing an excellent education for local children and works in very close partnership with the Coombe and Maldens Cluster schools, many of which are feeders to the Coombe secondary schools.

INNOVATION

The Trust's Director of ICT, Mr Young, continues to lead on the schools' move to Google ensuring that the staff and students are able to confidently maximise all the learning opportunities that are on offer.

At Coombe Boys', the new Year 7 boys are leading the way within the Trust using their chromebooks as an integral resource in the classroom and to support their home learning.

SHARED EXPERTISE

We are pleased to be sharing the following expertise across the Trust this academic year.

Dr Fellowes (Coombe Boys' School) is spending an afternoon per week as Knollmead's scientist in residence and teaching Year 6. Mr Wozniak is teaching French across key stages 2, 3 and 4 at Knollmead, Green Lane & Coombe Girls'. Ms Lucas (Coombe Boys' School) is leading on music therapy for Knollmead's Emerald class and Ms Crook (Green Lane) is using her literacy knowledge to support some of the key stage 3 boys at Coombe with their reading fluency.

At Coombe Girls', we are welcoming the expertise of Knollmead's teachers of the deaf and speech & language therapist to support the first cohort of girls attending the school's specialist resource provision.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

At the first Board of Trustees meeting for the academic year, Mrs Walls was proud to present the excellent outcomes this summer from the early years foundation stage classes to the Year 13 A Level and BTEC vocational courses.

The headlines for each of the school's summer results are detailed in full on their respective websites and there has been much to celebrate as we start the new academic year.