



22nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Families

The New School Day

I wrote to all of you earlier today to thank you all for your survey results and feedback as part of the consultation period for the timings of the school day. The Governing board have voted to approve the change and from September 2025 the school day will be:

- 8.45am start (no change)
- 3.10pm finish (15 minutes earlier) Monday - Thursday
- 2.20pm finish on Friday

Residential

Our residential programme is now in full swing, with visits to France and Dartmoor already taken place. The rest of our year groups will experience these wonderful opportunities both in the UK and further afield in the next 2 months. I fully believe in the power and wonder of residential opportunities for young people. The children learn so much about themselves and others and they make memories that can last a lifetime. I am very grateful to all the staff who organise and take our children for these days and nights.

GCSE Examinations

Some of our students continue to sit their GCSE examinations in Maths, English and Chemistry. I have been so proud of their determination to succeed and their resilience in the 3 papers so far. We wish them all every success for the remaining exams after half term.

Sports Week

Please note that Sports Week is due to take place W/C 16th June with Upper and Middle School Sports Day taking place on Thursday 19th June and Lower School Sports Day on Friday 20th June. Please note these dates in your diary and we will be in touch after the half term with more specific information in relation to timings.

Year 11 Leavers Presentation

A letter and survey link were sent to all parents of children in Year 11 last week. If your child would like to attend the presentation, please complete the survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9T6T9VXwHD>

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Spirit of Belron Challenge

This year, Louie Costello, one of our year 9 students, will be taking part in the Spirit of Belron Challenge (SOBC) which will see him take part in and complete an individual duathlon (5km run, 20km bike ride, 5km run) on 20th September. SOBC have raised more than £20 million for their global charity Partner, Afrika Tikkun, over the past 20 years, which helps young people and vulnerable communities in South Africa.

This is a wonderful charity, and we are very proud of Louie for raising as much awareness and money as possible for this event. If you would like more information on this event, please see details on the link below. We have been told that a go fund me page will go live nearer the time, and we will of course keep you updated once we have details of this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1nmsfyJMPPM&embeds_referring_ouri=https%3A%2F%2Fweb-eur.cvent.com%2F

At the end of this half term, we say goodbye to Mrs Williams who is leaving us to set up and lead a brand-new school. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Williams who has been a wonderful member of our staff team at Combe Pafford. We wish her all our best luck for the future.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful half term break. I hope the sun continues to shine and you enjoy lovely time with your families and friends.

We look forward to welcoming the children back with us on Monday 2nd June.

Best wishes



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June 2025

- 2nd June **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- 2nd June **GCSE Exam – Statistics**
- 3rd June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 4th June **GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation**
- 6th June **GCSE Exam – English**
- 6th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 9th June **GCSE Exam – Biology**
- 10th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 11th June **GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation**
- 13th June **GCSE Exam – Chemistry**
- 13th June **GCSE Exam – Statistics**
- 13th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 16th June **GCSE Exam – Physics**
- 16th – 20th June Sports Week
- 17th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 18th June Immunisation Team Visit (HPV/DTP)
- 19th June Middle and Upper School Sports Day
- 20th June Lower School Sports Day
- 20th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 23rd – 30th June Year 10 Residential – London
- 23rd – 27th June Year 11 Residential – Paris
- 23rd – 30th June Sixth Form Residential – Gran Canaria
- 24th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 27th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming

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