



19th May 2025

Dear Parents and Families

The last two weeks seem to have flown by since I wrote to you and looking at the diary, I can see how fast the half term break is approaching. Please may I remind all parents that this week is a 4-day week as we have an **inset day on 23rd May** meaning that our children break up on **Thursday 22nd May for half term.**

Consultation for the New School Day

Thank you to all of you who have responded to the 2nd survey for the new school day. The governors are keen to hear from as many of you as possible. If you haven't responded yet the deadline is 9am on Tuesday . The link is here

<https://forms.office.com/e/ftR1cD00U7>

Residential

The Year 7s enjoyed a wonderful residential week last week in Wales and also in Torbay and Devon. The weather was very kind and I know from speaking to the children, that they had a fabulous time. These events are a special part of the work we do here at Combe Pafford and I am very grateful to the staff for organising and taking the children.

This week it is the turn of our Year 6s and we are excited to hearing about their adventures.

GCSE Examinations

As we look ahead into the coming weeks, we are thinking about our Year 11 students who have started their GCSE exams. As mentioned in my last letter, I want to extend my best wishes to all students involved. Good luck and remember to stay focused and do your best! We have written to parents separately, but would take this opportunity to remind parents that there is an exam on Friday 23rd May (Inset day). **Please ensure that your child is on school grounds at 8.50am in preparation for the exam to start at 9.00am.**

Hot Weather

As mentioned in my last letter, we are coming into the warmer months, so it is important that our students stay hydrated and protected from the sun. Please ensure to pack a water bottle for your child every day and, when it is particularly sunny, please also consider a hat and sunscreen.

As previously stated, I am happy that students can wear shorts during hot weather if they wish, but these must be grey/black and be tailored and knee length (like shorter trousers that students wear to school). Sports/football shorts, hotpants and minishorts/mini leggings are not acceptable. Students should still bring their PE kit to get changed into for PE please. A blue/white checked dress may also be worn in the summer.

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Year 11 Leavers Presentation

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

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

I will write again at the end of the week as we move into the half term break.

Yours sincerely



Sally Banfield
Headteacher

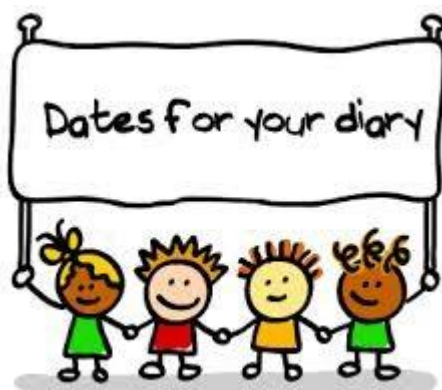
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May 2025

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| • 19th May | GCSE Exam – Chemistry Paper 1 |
| • 19th – 21st May | Residential – Dartmoor Activity Centre |
| • 20th May | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 22nd May | Year 9 Hinkley Point Science Trip |
| • 22nd May | GCSE Exam – Physics Paper 1 |
| • 22nd May | LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS |
| • 23rd May | GCSE Exam – English |
| • 23rd May | NON PUPIL DAY (ALL STUDENTS NOT TAKING GCSE's) |

June 2025

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| • 2nd June | STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL |
| • 2 nd June | GCSE Exam – Statistics |
| • 3 rd June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 4 th June | GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation |
| • 6 th June | GCSE Exam – English |
| • 6 th June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 9 th June | GCSE Exam – Biology |
| • 10 th June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 11 th June | GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation |
| • 13 th June | GCSE Exam – Chemistry |
| • 13 th June | GCSE Exam – Statistics |
| • 13 th June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 16 th June | GCSE Exam – Physics |
| • 17 th June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 18 th June | Immunisation Team Visit (HPV/DTP) |
| • 20 th June | KS2 – Year 7 Swimming |
| • 23 rd – 30 th June | Year 10 Residential – London |

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- 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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