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WELCOME!

Welcome to our second edition of the refreshed News@Com! We are very grateful for the lovely feedback we received on our first issue, and will continue to refine the format and content as the term goes on.

It has been brilliant to meet many parents and carers over the last week at the various 'Meet the SLG' events held in school, and the Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' event that took place last Thursday. I hope those of you that attended found these events worthwhile, and that you valued the chance to meet members of our Senior Leadership Group and hear more about our vision and priorities for this year.

There will be more opportunities for similar events coming soon, and don't forget that you can book onto a [school tour](#) throughout the year if you would like to see CVC in action.



Key dates for your diary

30th September: **Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening** and Year 11 post-16 evening

29th September: **Concert to unveil the new Grand Piano (7-8.30pm)**

7th October: **Year 11 RPE trip to Cambridge mosque and church**

9th October: **Senior Maths Challenge**

13th October: **PSHE performance of 'Unacceptable' to Years 8-10**

14th October: **Flu vaccinations**

15th October: **Year 7 International Talent Evening**

20-21st October: **Curriculum Immersion Days**

23rd October: **Open Evening ([school open for pupils](#))** Please note the time ([5-7pm](#))

24th October: **Training day ([school closed](#))**

29th November: **Friends' Christmas Fayre**

4th December: **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

11th December: **Year 13 Parents' Evening**

5th January 2026: **Training day ([school closed](#))**

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

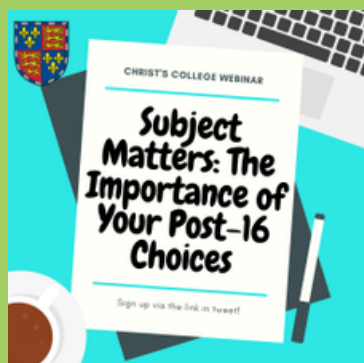
PSHE

This term the focus is on **'Health and Wellbeing'**. How can we start the year with healthy habits? More information on specifics for each year group [here](#).

Diary date: Performance of 'Unacceptable' by Narrative Alchemy on 13th October to Years 8, 9 and 10. Contact Mrs. Newton with any questions:

sanewton@combertonvc.org

*Mrs. Newton, PSHE lead
Associate member of SLG.*



Post-16 event for current Year 11 pupils and parents!

This webinar taking place online on Tuesday 25th November from 5-6pm may be of interest to pupils in Year 11 and their parents. It is aimed at pupils who, beyond sixth-form, might be thinking about applying to top universities. To find out more, or to sign up, please use the link below:

[Subject Matters: The Importance of Your Post-16 Subject Choices | Undergraduate Study](#)

Mrs. Norman, Most Able & Talented (MAT) lead and teacher of English.



Upcoming Year 10 Careers Fair

Any parents or carers who might be able to support our Year 10 Careers Fair on Tuesday 21st October from 12 – 3pm by staffing a table to talk about a career in their industry, please get in touch with Mrs. Newton. We would love your help!



TRIPS

Year 12 Twelfth Night English trip to the Globe, London

On Thursday 11th September our A-level English Literature students had a fantastic trip to see Twelfth Night – a key exam text- at the Globe Theatre in London. We started the day with a tour of this incredible reconstruction of Shakespeare's theatre, enjoying the surprisingly colourful interior. We were then led in a lively and informative workshop by a professional actor, who helped the students understand some of the key characters and themes in the play.

After a quick trip to Starbucks, we started watching the performance, standing in amongst the action right by the stage. It is true that twenty minutes in, the clear blue September sky gave way to a torrential thunder storm, but we persisted undeterred. It was a riotous, hilarious production, with audience participation, singing, dancing, and general merriment.

A final highlight, on a day that was full of them, was that afterwards, the students were able to grab selfies with some of the actors outside the theatre, one of whom praised their dedication for standing in the rain and getting so wet! The rain evaporated slowly on the way home, but the memories will take much longer to fade!

Mrs. Norman, MAT lead and teacher of English.





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COMMUNICATION



We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that teachers and teaching assistants are not in a position to consistently check emails during the day.

We aim to respond to communication within 3 working days. If a member of staff is part-time, this may take longer.

We do not expect our staff to respond to queries during personal/family time (8am-5pm, over weekends and holidays).

Please see our communications and apps section of our website [here](#).

SCIENCE PUPIL SUPPORT

Support sessions for science are starting again on the following days every week:

All year groups/ Sparx HW support - Wednesday lunchtime: CPR8

KS4 Chemistry - Tuesday afterschool (3-4 pm): Sc9

KS4 Biology - Wednesday afterschool (3-4 pm): Sc3

KS4 Physics - Thursday afterschool (3-4 pm): Sc10



Please follow us on Facebook, Blue.sky or Instagram (the images have links to our pages).

Please share with your child's form tutor or relevant subject teacher of their commitments and successes outside of school as we'd really like to share in their extra-curricula achievements.

MEDICAL ROOM MESSAGE



Reimbursement of school funds

To enable pupils to remain in class the medical room offer warm packs to pupils for issues such as stomach ache and muscle pains. The medical staff also offer cold packs to pupils with headache and injury. These items cost £3.00 each.

Some pupils are either damaging the packs so they have to be thrown away or not returning them to the medical room.

From now on the school will be charging for non-return of packs or for damaging packs.

Parents/carers will receive a Comberton Post communication notifying you of a charge of £3.00 to be raised by the Finance Department. This amount will be charged to your child's ParentPay.



CABIN UPDATE

As you all know there is a pond located on the site between Science, the Cabin and DT. For years it has been struggling as, we had established, there was a leak at the bottom. The pond is much loved, particularly by Cabin pupils and many others due it being the home of many newts.



The Cabin managed to get a grant from the Sheila Coates Foundation (who invest in projects which enhance the education and mental health of young people with autism) so that we could overhaul and renew the pond and its area.

So, over the summer we asked Ian, who works for South Cambridgeshire Council in their watercourse department, to renovate the pond. Ian, with his wife Mrs Haywood, who works in the Cabin, spent many hours firstly getting very mucky, digging all the waterlily roots and silt and sludge out by hand, even using a borrowed petrol water pump to remove the old water and newts into donated paddling pools!

There were many hours of backbreaking work before the reward of returning the pond water and newts back into the new pond! Alongside this effort, he had removed the laurel tree which used to drop all it's leaves in to the old pond, he made raised borders with scaffolding boards so planting could happen with nice smelling sensory plants and finished off the ground with fresh shingle all over. Then, if that was not enough, the site managers finished off the area by extending the fence round it and adding a gate.



If you have seen the pond, you will now see that he has also made us a water feature and the waterfall has a standalone filtration system making it easier to ensure the pond stays aerated and in better health.

Thank you to Sheila Coates for the grant money, to our site managers, and especially to Ian and Mrs Haywood for all their hard work along with South Cambs Council who leant them equipment to make the job a little easier!

The pond looks amazing!

Mrs. Hylton, Head of the Cabin.





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FOOD MENU

OPEN

EVERYDAY
8-8.25AM
10.30-10.50AM
12.30-13.05PM

Monday 29th September

CHICKEN & MUSHROOM SLICE	£1.58
PASTA POMODORO (VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
VEGETABLE ROGAN JOSH (G/F VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
APPLE CRUMBLE	£1.01

Tuesday 30th September

SWEET & SOUR VEGETABLES (G/F VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
LASAGNE	£1.58
PASTA & PESTO (VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
SYRUP SPONGE	£1.01

Wednesday 1st October

CUMBERLAND PIE (G/F)	£1.58
CHICKEN ROGAN JOSH (G/F D/F)	£1.58
PASTA BASILICO (VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
RICE PUDDING	£1.01

Thursday 2nd October

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN (G/F D/F)	£1.58
BEEF STEW & DUMPLINGS (D/F)	£1.58
PASTA & ROASTED VEG (VEGAN D/F)	£1.58
BAKEWELL TART	£1.01

Friday 3rd October

BACON & ONION ROLYPOLY (D/F)	£1.58
CHILLI CON CARNE (G/F D/F)	£1.58
BUTTERNUT SQUASH RISOTTO (G/F D/F)	£1.58
CHOCOLATE & BANANA SPONGE	£1.01

<https://www.combertonvc.org/parent-and-student-information/catering.php>



TERM DATES

School Term & Holiday Dates 2025/2026 – Revised	
Mon 1 st Sept	Staff Training Day – school closed
Tues 2 nd Sept	Autumn Term opens for Yr 7 and ½ of Yr 12
Wed 3 rd Sept	Term opens for Yr 7 to 11, ½ of Year 12
Thurs 4 th Sept	Term opens for all years
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Open Evening (school open all day)
Friday 24 th Oct	Cross Trust Training Day – school closed
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term
Fri 19 th Dec	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2026	
Mon 5 th Jan	Staff training day – school closed
Tues 6 th Jan	Spring Term Opens
Mon 16 th Feb – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
Fri 27 th Mar	Last day of Spring Term
Mon 30 th Mar – Fri 10 th Apr	Easter Break
Summer Term 2026	
Mon 13 th Apr	Staff training Day – school closed
Tues 14 th Apr	Summer Term Opens
Mon 4 th May	May Bank holiday
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Fri 17 th July	Last Day of Summer Term
Mon 20 th July	Disaggregated Training Day – school closed