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Welcome to the Coombeshead Academy Open Evening

As a school we pride ourselves on our values of academic achievement, endeavour, positive attitude, community and enrichment. These values are at the core of everything that we do at the school in order to develop well qualified, rounded individuals who can make a positive contribution in later life. Our strapline at the school is inspiring excellence and I will never apologise for setting the highest of expectations for all students from the simpler aspects, such as uniform and being appropriately equipped for a day of learning, to the more challenging of achieving simply outstanding outcomes above and beyond what may be expected of them. I will always set expectations high and never compromise on these, as a school this ensures that both our culture and our behaviour is exemplary. Whilst not ever compromising on expectations, we always provide additional support so that everyone can achieve their goals.

Tonight is an opportunity for you to get a feel for what Coombeshead Academy stands for and to ask questions ensuring that this very important decision for the next stage of your child's education is as informed as possible. My commitment as Head teacher will be, to provide each and every student with an enriched curriculum, providing opportunities they would not ordinarily have making their school days some of the most exciting they will have.

Here at Coombeshead Academy every day is an open day, following this evening please do not hesitate to contact us, I would encourage you all to return, at a time appropriate to you. This can be arranged by contacting the school, you can see a live school day and visit lessons. Talk to our students and see first-hand what a typical day is like.

I would like to thank you for attending this evening and I hope you have a very enjoyable time with us.

Andrew Hulbert,

Headteacher





Change for anybody can sometimes be difficult. For new Year 7 students the jump from primary school to secondary school is a really important step and one that we have to ensure, as a school, is as smooth and supportive as possible. At Coombeshead we believe that the transition is not just about a couple of days in school before you start in September, but something that has been building slowly, but surely, for a long time.

We place great emphasis on the primary programme that is run throughout the academic year for children of all ages at primary school. Opportunities range from talented Mathematicians days, sports spectaculars, Science days and workshops, History master classes and Music taster sessions, to name but a few.

There are Getting Started clubs for children that have chosen to come to Coombeshead Academy, 'Away Days' for the most worried children and a two day school induction in the latter part of the summer term.

The aim for us at Coombeshead Academy is for children to feel that they already know us before they even arrive. That way, there is nothing to worry about and everything to look forward to!

Brian Whiffen,
Assistant Headteacher



Head of Year 7

I have had the pleasure of seeing another cohort of year 7s go through the school.

The first day with it's nerves and little worries, turning into beaming smiles by the end of the first day.

We have been to camp - an overnight residential at Hannahs Seale Hayne, with team building and fun activities, not forgetting songs around the camp fire.

Year 7 have already achieved so much during their first year, from making new friends, joining clubs, to representing the school in Sport and Expressive Arts.

The students have raised money for charity, some have become Community representatives for their tutor group and will go on to represent the year group on Student Councils.

Several students have also been successful in their application for the Sport and PE Gifted and Talented Academy.

The term finishes with Christmas celebrations and assemblies, and many students win awards within tutor groups for attendance and epraise.

As Head of Year 7 I am always so proud of the students and how well they settle in and enjoy all the opportunities that available to them throughout the year.

Miss Emily Hardingham,

Head of Year 7



My First Year



My name is Rosie

My first year at Coombeshead has been an amazing adventure.

Some of my best memories are being the captain of the netball team and being the first to be given the 'head of year award'.

My favourite lesson is Sport & PE because I love sports and my other favourite lesson is Drama because I like to be able to express myself.

I am now ready to start a new adventure as a year 8 student.

Rosie Arnold
7CMW

Coombeshead Academy currently uses epraise as a rewards system for our students. Students gain points both in lessons and around the school, the points then turn into real prizes with real value that can be spent in a number of ways online or in epraise auctions.

HOW DO YOU EARN POINTS?

In almost anything you do around the school as long as you have done it to a high standard.

Academic Excellence - you can do a piece of work to an exceptionally high standard.

Attitude - you have an exceptionally positive attitude either to work.

Community - you do something exceptional to help the school or the local community.

Endeavour - you try exceptionally hard at anything, especially anything you normally find difficult.

Enrichment - you participate and contribute exceptionally well to the school enrichment programme.

HOW CAN YOU SPEND YOUR POINTS?

There are a variety of things you can do with your points:

- You can **buy useful items for school** in the epraise school shop with them, pens, pencils, rulers and sketch pads are some of the items available.
- You can buy **Give it a Go** experiences using the School shop, allowing you to have a go at new and interesting things.
- You can enter **prize draws** for bigger items: such as footballs or Coombeshead lego figures, you only need to use two points to buy a ticket.
- You can **give the points to charity**, points translate into real money that can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.
- You can save them up for the biannual **epraise auctions** in assembly.

epraise.co.uk

The award winning school reward system



Anti-bullying

STOP PRESS...

Coombeshead Community Leaders receive National Award.

Our Community Leaders who represent the student body and lead on issues such as anti-bullying, combatting discrimination and promoting working as a community have recently been awarded a Diana Award.

The Diana award is presented to "Outstanding young people selflessly creating and sustaining positive social change". Our community leaders have staffed safe zones in the school, they've led assemblies and been a key part of the anti-bullying strategy within the school. They've challenged other young people over using derogatory and offensive language to improve the environment for all of us here at Coombeshead Academy.

Our Community Leaders include students from sixth form right to Year 8 and in preparation for the future, we are currently looking for more students to take on the challenge next year.

Get involved

The Student Council for Newton Abbot (SCNA) is a group made up of representatives from over a dozen primary schools in the Newton Abbot and surrounding area.

Coombeshead Academy is proud to co-ordinate this council which acts to encourage the children to understand the role of government at local, regional and national level and to celebrate 'what makes their primary school special' in the local community.



Bushell Youth Community Orchestra

On Tuesday 28th March, we ran our Spring Showcase from the community orchestra here at Coombeshead Academy.

This was an opportunity for our local young musicians to perform the music we had been working on for the past 3 months. The performance involved over 150 local

- Coombeshead Academy
- Teign School
- Chudleigh Primary
- Ipplepen Primary
- Canada Hill Primary
- Rydon Primary
- Blackpool School
- St. Joseph's Primary
- Decoy Primary



Our overall aim is to have as many young people learning and developing on orchestral instruments. We currently have over 60 young musicians who join us every week on developing their instrumental skills by working with our visiting teachers. These instrumental group lessons are free and we have just been awarded our second year of funding so we can keep developing and building on what is already a successful project.



Extra Curricular Activities

Great opportunities - something for everyone!

A sample of some of the clubs that are available.



- Badminton
- Book Club
- BYCO
- Chess & Board
- Creative Writing
- Debating
- Dodgeball
- Drama Club
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Folk Group
- Football
- Girls Football
- Green Team
- Gymnastics
- History Club
- IT Club
- Journalism
- Karate
- Legography

- Maths Help
- Mindfulness Zone
- Musical Theatre Club
- Netball
- Netball
- Photography
- Rugby
- Shakespeare Schools
- Soul Band
- Spanish Club



- STEM Club
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taiko Drumming
- Ten Tors
- Volleyball
- Wind Group



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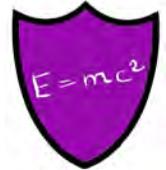
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