



**Compass School Southwark**

## **Community Bulletin**

**Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **Principal's Message**

As the new term progresses we are pleased with the start our pupils have made. Our teachers have been focussed on continuing to improve behaviour and teaching & learning; pupils are responding well to the new strategies being used as well as tools such as Show My Homework. It is great that both pupils and parents are always aware of the homework being set and the resources available to support its completion.

We received some fantastic feedback from the year 8 parent survey about the aspects of the school you feel are working well, as well as they areas we need to prioritise for improvement. We look forward to more mutual feedback during the year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. Please book your appointment through your child's appointment form to avoid any delays on the night. If you are not yet in a position to confirm appointment slots, then please come along at your convenience and you'll be seen during any gaps.

As we approach deadlines for Sixth Form and College applications for our year 11 pupils, we have secured independent careers guidance for each of them through our Careers Adviser, in order that they can make informed choices about their next steps.

Lastly, the school is proud to provide a free breakfast for all pupils in the morning, and a healthy lunch during the day which is free for those who qualify. I ask that those who pay for their lunches to keep their accounts in credit in order to ensure their child receives the full lunch offer available.

### **Year 8 Parents' Evening**

Year 8 Parents' Evening on Wednesday evening was very well attended, many thanks to Parents and Carers for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

### **English Trip to Old Vic A Christmas Carol 12<sup>th</sup> January**

The English department are taking a second group of students from Years 10 and 11 to The Old Vic to see Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' tonight. Students are permitted to wear their own clothes. Please ensure your child has handed in the required permission slip on time, has a valid Oyster Card and waterproof jacket. Please ask your child about this experience and encourage them to make notes as soon as possible after the performance as this will benefit them in their understanding when completing their English GCSE.



### **Master Classes**

Master Classes will take place this Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and every following Saturday at Compass School. Please remind your child to arrive on time to every session at which they are expected.

## Year 9 Parents' Evening Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

We look forward to seeing all parents/carers of Year 9 students from 4:30 – 6:30 next Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. To avoid queuing at Parents' Evenings, please encourage your child to make appointments with their teacher in advance.

## CommuniTeas

We have very creative students at Compass School, so it's likely we have lots of very creative parents and carers too! Please don't hide your talents and please get in touch with the school if you are interested in getting involved with any activities (such as a uniform sale, bake sale...), are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or have any questions you would like to ask! Please call the office and ask for Miss Quigley or email [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) . Please look out for an online parent survey, letters home and flyers for upcoming events.

## Brilliant Club Trip to SOAS University of London

On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January Ms Stone took students from Compass's Brilliant Club to SOAS University of London. SOAS staff put on a great welcome for our students whose behaviour was excellent throughout the day!



## Vivo Has Launched!

'Vivo Miles', is a rewards system especially designed to support student recognition, increase student engagement and drive positive learning outcomes.

Students are awarded Vivo points for exceptional work or behaviour, contribution to class, attendance, punctuality, involvement in extracurricular activities, community work, participation in sport, etc.

The Vivo points are added to their individual online account, where they can login and spend them on a variety of exciting products from our online shop, or save them to get a more expensive item later on. This receive/spend/save cycle is a great vehicle for teaching them about personal finance.

## Reminder: Free School Meals

Are you eligible for your child to have Free School Meals? It is worth contacting the school office to find out if you're in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

## Reminder New School Day

Please remember, the Compass pupils' day begins at 8:15. Years 7, 8 and 9 will now finish at 3:30 pm Mondays to Thursdays and at 2:30 on Fridays. The school week for Year 10 will remain unchanged. Year 11 will have their intervention sessions timetabled up until 5:30 Mondays to Wednesdays, 4:30 on Thursdays and 3:30 on Fridays.



## Show My Homework

**A new way to record, track and monitor homework at Compass School.**

**We launched Show My Homework officially on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.**

You will have been provided with login details to your personal account which is linked to your child's homework calendar where you will be able to see your child's To-do List and any homework that is overdue. Apps are available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices. Please get in touch if you are experiencing any issues.

To view all homework set without login details please visit <http://www.compass-schools.com/> the link for Show My Homework is on our '**For students' and then 'online learning' page**. Please note you will need to use the filter options at the top of the page to find your child's homework.

## Coming up next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Diversity Week</b>				
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Year 9 Parents'</b> <b>Evening</b> <b>4:30-6:30</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>

**13/01/18** – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

**17/01/18** – Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30 – 6:30

**01/02/18** – Harry Potter Night 4:00 – 6:00

**20/01/18** – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

**27/01/18** – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

**03/02/18** – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

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