



Compass School Southwark

## Community Bulletin

Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Principal's Message

This week, Compass School has been bustling with activities ranging from our delightful Harry Potter night, to sampling some delicious cuisine as part of the Africa Day in our canteen. Our pupils spoke out on a topic of their choice as part of the Jack Petchey Award, and indulged themselves in the Samba drumming as part of our Performing Arts provision. We have also had a future focus, getting pupils set for public exams, as well as meeting with apprenticeship providers to ensure a broad range of pathways are open to Compass pupils post 16. But perhaps the greatest highlight for me this week was the arrival of our own minibus which will further enable our pupils to explore beyond the local community with an even wider array of trips and visits.



### Exam Preparation for Mocks in March

Year 11 is flying by and in just under 10 school weeks, Year 11 will be sitting their GCSE exams. In 12 months, Year 10 will be in exactly the same position and we want to ensure they can approach their final examination with confidence that they will reach the destination to which they aspire.

We want to ensure that your child has as much practise as possible of the types of papers and questions that will determine their level of success next year and develop the habits of preparation now. We will therefore be running our first set of Mock Examinations from March 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. These will consist of the sections of actual GCSE papers for which they have studied in their curriculum; these will provide the best indication yet of how they are performing academically.

They need your support. This is now the time to focus on maximising your child's performance and every minute must count.

Please ensure your child/ren:

- Attend school every day with the right attitude so nothing distracts from their learning.
- Ensure they attend all interventions as these are essential for them to catch up on work missed in previous years.
- Plan their revision at home using their revision timetable.
- Utilise online platforms such as GCSE Pod, MyMaths and Show My Homework.
- Ensure they get plenty of exercise, sleep and eat healthily.

This is critical time in your child's educational career and excelling in year 10 is the best possible preparation for year 11. It is therefore critical that no time is wasted in our collective endeavours to help them achieve their goals.

Cramming at the last minute is the least effective revision strategy, while little and often will give them the best chance of success.

## Africa Day in Compass Canteen

On Wednesday this week, staff and students at Compass were treated to some delicious dishes from Africa. The delights on offer included Peri Peri chicken, Jollof rice, homemade coleslaw, vegetarian Bobotie and Malva Pudding! The canteen was decorated with festive balloons, African fabric and artefacts. Students and staff alike, thoroughly enjoyed the food and the atmosphere created by our fantastic catering team! We are all looking forward to another such event, Kass, Lirdi, Laila and Osama from Year10 said, 'we loved the food, the decorations and the smells!' These students said they'd like students to be able to suggest a cuisine to celebrate and plan to raise the idea with the Student Council.



## Jack Petchey School Final

In October 2017 two speakers from Speakers' trust in collaboration with Jack Petchey, visited Compass and worked with Year 10 students. They spent an entire day training students in developing content, structure and delivery in public speaking. Students then presented their speeches towards the end of the workshop. At the end of the day, the trainers selected 3 speeches from each group, the students responsible for writing these 6 speeches went forward to the assembly stage of the 'Speak Out' challenge. Two students decided not to go any further. The four remaining students worked hard with Ms Mohamed and were also supported by Trudy-Ann Smith, who won the regional final last year. Trudy-Ann impressed the organisers to such an extent, that she has been invited to be on the judging panel for her region! We congratulate all students who participated in this exciting experience! Particularly well done to our finalist and reserve, Bobbie and Abdul, we wish them every success going forward! This year's regional final is on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at Harris Girls School East Dulwich 6:30pm.

## Key Stage 3's Sambatastic Tuesdays!



Mr May has arranged for external provider Southwark Music Services to come to Compass every Tuesday for the coming weeks.

"We're delighted to be hosting Pablo Paracchino and Simon Clarke at Compass for 5 Tuesdays over the next three months. They will be teaching the Brazilian percussion music of Samba. Students who have drama and choir on Tuesdays will have the opportunity to develop their drumming and movement skills. They will be making a great deal of music!"

Please see a short clip of the first session here: <https://twitter.com/twitter/statuses/958370818773397504>



## Future Frontiers Continues...

Last Tuesday, Year 9 students began working with Future Frontiers; this week they have continued building on these initial meetings. Please ask your Yr 9 child about this.

## Internet Safety Advice Workshops for KS3 Boys

Hayleigh Lewis and Rosy Clements from CSE Police, together with the school nurse Carly, came to Compass School on Tuesday to speak to our KS3 boys about how to keep themselves safe from dangers online. In year groups, KS3 boys participated in workshops designed to alert them to the possible dangers of being online and how to keep themselves from harm. Students said of the event, that they hadn't realised beforehand that boys were just as vulnerable as girls to dangers online.

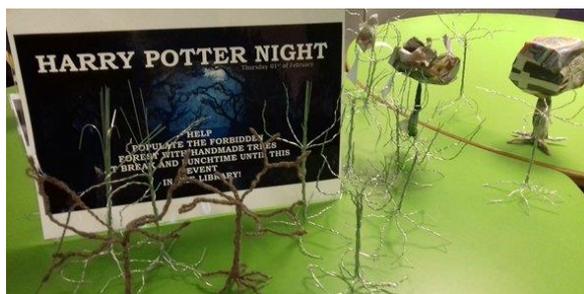
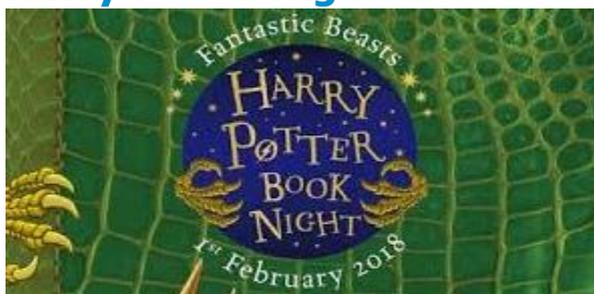
## Yr 9 Livery Careers Visit Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

This vibrant event is aimed to signpost students to a broad range of career paths and job opportunities across many disciplines which will appeal to students of all abilities and ambitions. Mr Guilherme, Ms Sharif and Ms Quigley will accompany selected Yr 9 students to the Guildhall.

## Saturday Master Classes

Master Classes will take place this Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and every following Saturday at Compass School. Please remind your child to arrive on time to every session at which they are expected.

## Harry Potter Night!



Last night was 'Harry Potter Night' at Compass school and a great time was had by all who attended! Laila Dehiles Yr 10 was an amazing asset to the evening, she helped the younger ones throughout the event and read a Harry Potter excerpt beautifully. Laila has received 10 House points and some flowers for her lovely contribution to the happiness of others!

Mr Huntley was on hand to help students with the engineering side of model-making! Along with some Jelly Beans, it was felt that he deserved to be the proud new owner of the resulting art (pictured above)!

The entrants to the model-making task were unanimously judged equal winners, so all won prizes chosen by the Sorting Hat for their creature creations! In particular, the model creatures made by Tilly, Sheriece and Millena were dressed to impress!

'Best Costume' was won by an amazing Harry Potter lookalike in Year 7! His prize was a framed photograph of himself in full Harry Potter regalia and some nice and not so nice Jelly Beans!

Millena singlehandedly won the quiz with over 1000 points! Joshua Agboola and Edu Garcia-Ballonga working as a team, came a very close second and won a Subbuteo football game!

It was great to see the Compass values of teamwork and exploration so brilliantly demonstrated by everyone at the event and also by those who helped make the forbidden forest in advance of it!

## Coming up next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>E - Safety Week</b>				
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Yr 9 Guildhall Livery Careers Visit 8:45</b>	<b>Communita Parent Forum 3:45-4:30</b>		

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

**10/02/18** – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

**07/03/18** – Communita Parent Forum – Parents/Carers monthly chance to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team -3:45-4:30. Please email [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) if you'd like to attend.

**14/03/18** – Compass Creative Communita – Parents/Carers and Compass younger siblings are invited to Compass School Library for creative activities, tea and cake. 3:45-4:30. Please email [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) if you'd like to attend.

Please visit the school website and follow us on Twitter for further information.

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## **Reminder - Show My Homework**

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

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.