



Compass School Southwark

Community Bulletin

Week Ending 10th December 2017

Principal's Updates

As we enter the festive period we have a number of celebratory activities. We hosted St James' Primary School and Rotherhithe Primary School's year 5 pupils for the matinee performance of "A Christmas Song". They had a fantastic time and I look forward to seeing a full house in attendance tonight. We'll celebrate our pupils with 100% attendance once again with a fried breakfast on Friday, but before that, they'll enjoy a trip to Winter Wonderland if they signed up. An early finish on Friday (12pm) marks the end of the longest term of the year. A big thank you to families for all of your support this term. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

New School Day

Please remember, pupils return on January 3rd at 8:15 to a new timetable brought on by the changes we have made to the school day. Year 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.

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



Show My Homework

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

We are excited to be launching **Show My Homework**, an online tool to help you keep track of your child's homework. Show My Homework will allow you to see the details of the tasks

your child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status and grades. We have decided to bring on this system to improve the way we communicate with parents and give you greater visibility into the homework we set.

You will be 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.

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.

We'll be launching Show My Homework officially on the 3rd of January but it is available to use from now for Year 11. We hope that this service will provide parents with a deeper insight into the homework your child receives. More importantly, we hope that it will improve your child's organisation, time-management and help them to keep on top of their workload.

Anyone who would like their login details before the Christmas holidays to explore show my homework please email Mrs Kennedy at pkennedy@compass-schools.com



Great Men Workshop last Friday for Year 9 and 10 Boys

'Great Men Value Women' is a project from gender equality charity 'The GREAT Initiative'. Their aim is to challenge stereotypes of masculinity and to engage men and boys in the movement towards gender equality. This workshop addresses gender stereotyping and associated behaviour. The charity questions the way that young boys view each other and how they interact with girls and women. Our students reported that 'this workshop encouraged them to consider and challenge gender stereotypes society has traditionally placed on men; that these stereotypes can cause stress which could lead to issues with mental health.'

Storytelling Communita!

For younger siblings of Compass students we also have our next 'Storytelling Communita!' on 13th December from 3:45 – 4:30. Please contact and confirm with Ms Quigley squigley@compass-schools.com for this winter themed event and see the school website for further details.

'Stranger Sagas' 100 Word Short Story Competition for 11-18 Year Olds

A few weeks ago at Compass we launched two externally judged creative writing competitions. 'Stranger Sagas' is a 100 word (only half an A4 page!) writing task. Students can win up to £200 for themselves and £1000 to spend on the school in addition to having their work published! This competition has a choice of 8 exciting starters to inspire students to write! We have had some excellent entries so far!

Closing date for entries to be sent by Miss Quigley is **Wednesday 13th December 2017**. Students can send entries (along with a school entry form) up until 22nd December to: FREEPOST RSLY-AUJA-RAHY

Young Writers SS
Remus House Peterborough
PE2 9BF

Or upload work by the same date at:

www.youngwriters.co.uk/multiple-uploads

Please encourage your child to enter this competition.

Mock Exam Results

Year 11 mock exam results were given to Year 11 students in a special assembly on Tuesday. There was a lot discussion in break time following, students shared their feelings with each other and with staff and were honest and courageous in planning their next steps. All students came away thinking about what they now need to do to. Please continue to support your year 11 student and encourage them to ensure they have their subject login details for GCSEPOD™, PiXL™, ClickView™ (and all other websites in use at Compass – please see flyer at the end of the bulletin) to help with their revision at home.

GT Scholars™ at Year 11 Careers Fair

On Wednesday evening the library hosted a careers evening for our Year 11 students. Temi and Jasmine from GT Scholars™ provided details of what they do and took email addresses from parents/carers of those students wanting to take advantage what they have to offer. Please watch their information video at <https://gtscholars.org/> which includes first-hand accounts from students who have benefited from their free and means tested tutoring and mentoring. If you are interested in this for your child, please contact GT Scholars™ directly before the **22nd of December** as this is the deadline for their intake for next year beginning January.

Student/Staff Book Clubs

At Compass we focus on reading as a daily habit for ourselves and our students. A few weeks ago, we launched our first Staff Student book clubs of this academic year to run until the last week of term. Years 7 and 8 were invited to read a John Boyne book. Year 10 were invited to read 'All Our Yesterdays' by Cristin Terrill'. Year 9 students have been able to choose between the two book clubs and any Year 11s who had time, could join in also. Many students and staff signed up and have been reading their chosen book. These book clubs will meet to share their opinions of the books on Thursday 14th December; displays based on thoughts shared will follow. Any parents wishing to take part in a parent book club please contact Ms Quigley.



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Esteem™ Parents' Workshop Deadline today!

Esteem™ parents' workshops equip parents/carers with the knowledge and confidence to tackle the topics of relationships and sex education themselves. These topics are handled in an age appropriate and positive way; during these workshops they explore:

- The relationships and sex social landscape children are growing up in
- The importance of meeting children where they are in their development
- The key messages you want to share with your family
- Practical suggestions and ideas of how to get started

If you are interested in attending an Esteem™ parents' workshop in February, please contact Ms Quigley squigley@compass-schools.com **today** please.

Trip to Goldsmiths

On Tuesday the 12th of December Ms Stone will be taking 30 Year 8 and 9 students to Goldsmiths University to give them a taste of the university experience. Goldsmiths Student Ambassadors will provide workshops and lectures for our students on the day.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December for Save the Children

Students and staff are invited to pay £1 to wear a festive jumper on Friday the 15th of December, all proceeds go to Save the Children. Please encourage your child to take part – A plain jumper in a festive colour or colours is perfectly fine!



Winter show tonight! 8th December 7pm!

The re-telling of Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol set today and showcasing the talent and creativity of our school community with song and dance is tonight! If you'd like to attend, there are still a few tickets left! Doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7pm! We're looking forward to seeing you on what promises to be a brilliant evening for all!



Coming up next week – 15th Dec 17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aim High!				
11 Reward trip to Winter Wonderland For 100% Attendance	12 Yr8/9 Trip to Goldsmiths	13 Communithea! Storytelling tea for siblings and parents 15:45- 16:30	14 Book clubs meet to share their opinions of the books.	15 Christmas Jumper Day! £1 to Save the Children Last day of term 12:00 finish for students

Dates for your diary

02/01/18 – Staff CPD day

03/01/18 – Students return to Compass for the new term

03/01/18 – Communithea! Parent Forum 15:45-16:30

06/01/18 – Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00

10/01/18 – Communithea! Storytelling tea for siblings and parents 15:45-16:30

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

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

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

<http://www.compass-schools.com/>

https://twitter.com/CompassSE16?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.compass-schools.com%2F

Revision Resource	Summary	Login details
	<p>Website / app where teachers will share homework, revision resources and deadlines. Parents can access through the Compass School website and the app.</p>	
	<p>Knowledge revision apps for: Geography History Maths.</p>	
	<p>Revision app for Science which if used correctly guarantees a Grade 4 or above with 80% use!</p>	
	<p>Bitesize videos to chunk subject knowledge in short, manageable clips. Resources are organised by specification and exam papers.</p>	
	<p>Educational videos shared by teachers through Show My Homework.</p>	
	<p>Revision tool for modern foreign languages.</p>	
	<p>Revision tool for maths.</p>	