



Compass School Southwark

Community Bulletin

Week Ending 21st January 2018

Principal's Message

Next week is Staff Wellbeing Week and in this edition I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our staff team. In just the first 3 weeks of term, they have racked up countless hours of additional time including daily interventions for year 11s including Saturdays. They have stayed late for two parents' evenings, and remained behind last Friday for staff training as they do most Fridays in the year. Then of course, there is the planning and preparation and marking to help pupils improve their work. Our team of support staff also work hard behind the scenes to keep the wheels of Compass School turning with services including the canteen, library, student services, premises and the admin team.

So next week is all about promoting the wellbeing of our dedicated staff team through yoga, fitness and mindfulness sessions, and random acts of kindness.

Please join us in boosting staff morale during these cold winter days by carrying out your own random act of kindness. You'll be amazed at the difference a positive message from a parent or pupil makes to a colleague's day!

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 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 12th January

The English department took a second group of students from Years 10 and 11 to The Old Vic to see Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' last Friday. Students were a credit to Compass School Southwark and a fantastic evening was had by all. Please ask your child about this event and encourage them to read over any notes they have already made. This experience and these notes will be invaluable when students revise for their English Literature GCSE.



Master Classes

Master Classes will take place this Saturday, the 20th 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.



Online Safety Workshops Tuesday 30th January

Tuesday 30th January - sessions in school with KS3 Boys

Tuesday 30th January - lunchtime drop in sessions for all students
Tuesday 30th January - 3.30 - 4.30pm, Parent forum, drop in and workshop

Further to a recent very successful day with our KS3 girls, we will be running workshops for KS3 boys on Tuesday 30th January to educate and explain the risks and dangers associated with young people's use of social media around sexual exploitation and the law around consent and distribution. We are working in partnership with our school nurse and Southwark Police to ensure that all our students have the advice and information they need to keep themselves and their peers safe when using social media.

There will be a drop in session for all students at lunch on the 30th January and we will be running a parent forum/workshop/drop in with school staff and outside agencies to help support parents in understanding the law and how they can best safeguard their children. We will be giving more information about two programmes, YOTI and QUSTODIO which are online resources you can use to monitor your child use of social media

Internet Safety Advice for Parents/Carers Evening 30/01/18

This is an important part of our ongoing safeguarding work for students and look forward to sharing this more widely with you on the 30th, between 3.30 and 4.30pm

In the interim, this link to the NSPCC has useful advice for parents/carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>



THE GT SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

GT Scholars at Goldsmiths University Saturday the 27th of January

GT Scholars are hosting a **Ready, Set, Go: Acing Your Exams** workshop for young people between the ages of **11** and **16**. All Compass School Southwark students are welcome!

Exams and tests are some of the greatest challenges that young people face during their academic careers.

But, just like most other challenges, young people can be successful with exams by simply being equipped with the right tools, strategies and techniques.



This full-day workshop aims to help young people conquer and excel at exams and tests. The workshop will look at how to improve and build better study skills and revision techniques, better time management, how to stay motivated and how to get into the right mind-set when preparing for exams. It is tailored to young people that want to get excellent grades in their examinations but may be concerned about how to manage the stress and demands of examinations, coursework and extracurricular activities.

The event will be taking place at **Goldsmiths University** in New Cross on **Saturday 27th January** from **10am to 4pm**. If your child is in Year 11 and invited to a Saturday Master Class on this date but you would like them to attend, please contact your Head of House to let them know prior to booking your ticket. Tickets are **free** to those already in the **GT Scholars Programme** and **£5** for all other students aged 11-16. Lunch will also be provided.

Please follow this link to book tickets, and please be aware tickets are limited.

www.gtscholars.eventbrite.com

Harry Potter Night 4pm-6pm Thursday 1st February 2018

Save the Date!

This has always been a great fun event at Compass, so please encourage your child/ren to attend. Students will be given letter to take home, the slip attached must be completed and returned to Ms Quigley by Tuesday the 30th January; this will then be swapped for tickets – Students can invite up to 4 family members to join them for a quiz, doing activities such as drawing, building or decorating a wizard, drinking 'Butter Beer' and for the adventurous...eating earthworm, earwax and soap flavoured Jelly Beans! We look forward to seeing you!



Vivo

'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. Please encourage your child to gain Vivo points for effort in all areas of school life.

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.

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
Wellbeing and History Week!				
22nd	23rd	24th Student Council Elections in LFT	25th Student Council Elections in LFT Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Mentoring 3:30-4:45 Seminar Room	26th

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30/01/18 – Tuesday 30th January - 3.30 - 4.30pm, Online Safety Drop-In and Workshop for Parents/Carers

01/02/18 – Harry Potter Night 16:00 – 18:00

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

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

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