



Compass School Southwark

## Community Bulletin

Week Ending 26 November 2017

### Principal's Updates

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

As a school firmly rooted in our community, we are committed to providing a voice to our parents, and representation on the Governing Body is a great way to do this. The closing date for expressions of interest was today **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017** and I look forward to updating you on the outcomes of this and details of the election process.

#### New Site News

I'm delighted to inform you that planning permission has been submitted for the former Peek Frean Biscuit Factory and Bermondsey Campus site which will include our new school. Please support the application by making a comment on the link below by **4<sup>th</sup> December**.

Plans and all supporting documents can be viewed at

<http://planbuild.southwark.gov.uk:8190/online-applications/> by entering reference number 17/AP/4088.

#### Changes to the School Day

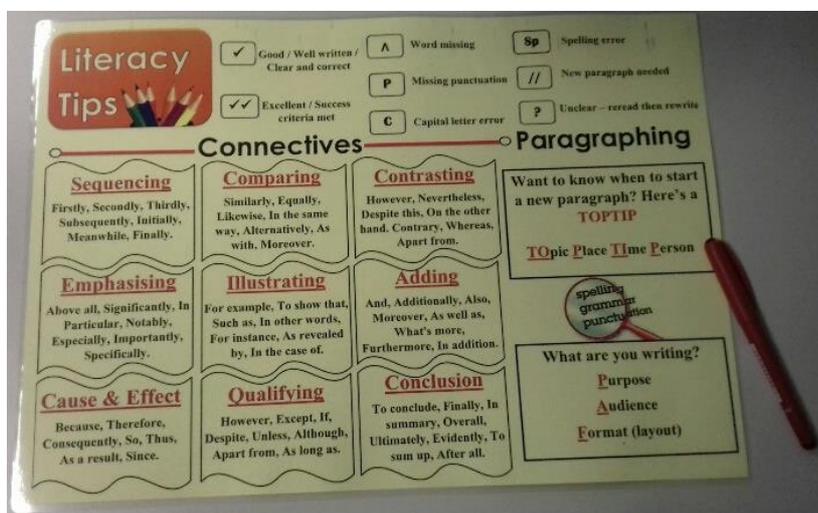
I have recently written to all families regarding necessary changes to the school day effective from **4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. If you have not received this letter by the middle of next week then please contact the school at your convenience or visit the Parents section of our website where you can view all recent letters.

#### Record Applications for 2018

Finally, I'm very pleased to announce record numbers of applicants for September 2018. This is a testament to the hard work of all staff at Compass and indicates how highly the school is regarded by visitors and the local community.

#### Literacy Tips

Fantastic literacy mats like the one pictured, have been created for every classroom in Compass School Southwark. Please have a look at your child's homework to see that they are putting into practise key objectives for literacy in all their subjects.



## **Creative Writing at Compass**

This half term we have launched two externally judged creative writing competitions at Compass; the first is 'Stranger Sagas' a 100 word (only half an A4 page!) story. Students can win up to £200 for themselves, £1000 for the school as well as a say in how it's spent in addition to having their work published! This competition has a choice of 8 intriguing sentences with which students can begin their saga – closing date 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The second of these competitions demands 500 words and students can win £300 for themselves! This challenge is based around the idea of Jekyll and Hyde – with the focus on creating tension and drama in the Gothic Horror style! Don't have nightmares, the closing date is 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018! Please encourage your child to enter these competitions.

## **The Power of Reading**

### **Book Clubs**

This week at Compass the usual focus on reading has been underlined. In addition to our usual expectations that students have a reading book at all times (which they read daily and change fortnightly), we have two Staff Student book clubs running until the last week of term. Years 7 and 8 are invited to read John Boyne's book. 'The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Rooker' with the Year 10s invited to read 'All Our Yesterdays' by Cristin Terrill'. Year 9 students can choose between the two book clubs and any Year 11s who have time and would like to join in are also welcome. Many students and staff have already signed up and begun reading their chosen book, but it's not too late, please encourage your child to take part. Any parents wishing to read these books or to take part in a parent book club please contact Ms Quigley.

### **Bermondsey Bookstop on Clements Road**

Several members of the Compass community are already donating and swapping books for adults, as well as books for young children with people in the local area via the Bermondsey Bookstop. Please join in!

### **Storytelling Communita!**

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

### **A Free Book for Every Year 7 Student**

Earlier this term, every Year 7 student selected a free book from a choice of twelve titles given by Book Trust™. These books have now arrived! Year 7 will be invited to the library to collect their free book in one of their English lessons next week when they will also have the chance to enter a bookmark/book review competition!

### **Mock Exams**

Year 11 mock exams have continued throughout this week with exemplary behaviour from all students. Many thanks for your continued support!

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

Year 10 Parents' evening was very well attended, there was a buzz in the air from start to finish! Many thanks to parents and to students for your enthusiastic support and commitment to learning respectively.

### **Year 10 Debating**

Year 10 have been working hard since September towards debates that were heard on Thursday and Friday of this week. Under the direction of Mr Huntley and Mr Haverty they have been exploring the issues of Crime and Punishment in their Relating classes. Both teams conducted themselves with courage and integrity. Armed with an impressive range of facts

articulated well, students on both sides made the decision for the judging panel very difficult in these debates which explored capital punishment and the effectiveness of prisons. Massive congratulations to all who took part!

### **Saturday Master Classes**

Attendance and effort in Saturday Master classes last week were both excellent. Maths Master Classes will be taking place for Year 11 students tomorrow; please remind your child to arrive on time to any session at which they are expected.

### **Year 11 History Trip to Greenwich**

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** we have an exciting opportunity for all Year 11 History students to visit the Royal Greenwich Observatory to accompany their module on Restoration England, 1660-1685.

In their exam on Restoration England, 1660-1685 students will be expected to identify key features of the Royal Greenwich Observatory and understand their connection to the wider historical context of the specific historical period.

During our visit the following aspects of the site will be considered:

- The location
- The function
- The structure
- The people connected with the site e.g. the designer, originator and occupants
- The design
- How the design reflects the culture, values, and fashions of the people at the time
- How important events/developments from the depth study are connected to the site.

Students will also be going to a planetarium show that will further explore the astronomical reasons for the building of the observatory in the first place and Charles II's high regard for scientific exploration.

### **Esteem™ Parents' Workshop**

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](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) by **December 8<sup>th</sup>** latest please.

### **Step into Dance Trip to C.O.L.A.**

Compass students who have been taking part in the 'Step into Dance' enrichment programme worked imaginatively and collaboratively with students from Bacon's College yesterday. Both groups worked incredibly well together. Many thanks to the City of London Academy who kindly and courteously hosted this event.

### **Winter show 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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 coming up soon!

Tickets are on sale at student services; **£2.00** for adults, **£1.00** for children. Please ask students to get any tickets you would like as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed!

## Coming up next week -27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>What makes someone inspirational?</b>				
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>History Trip To Greenwich Royal Observatory and the Planetarium 8:15</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Great Men Workshop 8:15</b>

## Dates for your diary

**24/11/17 – Deadline for Parent Governor Application Today**

**02/12/17** - Masterclasses for Year 11 9:00 Maths

**06/12/17** – Yr11 Parents’ evening 16:45-19:15

**06/12/17**– CommuniTea! Parent Forum - monthly invite to meet with SLT over tea and cake. 15:45-16:30

**06/12/17** – Winter show dress rehearsal 17:00

**07/12/17** – First Issue of ‘The Compass Gazette’!

**08/12/17** – Winter Show at Old Vic Workrooms 19:00!

**08/12/17** – Deadline for sign-up to Parents’ workshop with Esteem™ [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com)

**12/12/17** – Yr8/9 Trip to Goldsmiths

**13/12/17** – Communithea! Storytelling tea for siblings and parents 15:45-16:30

**15/12/17** – Last day of term 12:00 finish for students

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