



Compass School Southwark

Community Bulletin

Week Ending 3rd December 2017

Principal's updates

A big thank you to those parents who came along on Tuesday evening to discuss our plans for the new school day. Your feedback, support and understanding was much appreciated. There will be a second opportunity to discuss the plans on Wednesday 6th December at 3:45 in the library.

We have yet to receive an application for the parent governor role. If you would like to be involved then please email chairgovs@compass-schools.com by Wednesday 6th December.

It is important that we have successful communications channels with parents and this bulletin is a key aspect of keeping you in the loop on what is happening at CSS. We also send frequent letters through the post, email and send text messages. Please ensure the school has up-to-date contact details to ensure you are not missing out. Copies of all letters are now included on our website <http://www.compass-schools.com/news-and-events/letters-communication/>.

We are excited about our imminent launch of "Show My Homework" and VIVO Miles Rewards. We have suffered from technical issues with both packages, but hope to have these resolved soon. Meanwhile, thank for your patience.

Year 11 History Trip to Greenwich

Year 11 historians had a fantastic (if slightly chilly) day in Greenwich visiting the Royal Observatory and the Planetarium yesterday! They conducted themselves beautifully, made impressive amounts of notes from observations they made, asked intelligent questions and generally immersed themselves in the 1600s! Cassie, Jodi and Stephen particularly shone in both their conduct and enthusiasm for learning throughout the day and so receive a special mention here in addition to awards given by Ms Milburn yesterday.



Saturday Master Classes 2nd December

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.

Mock Exams Assembly Tuesday 5th December

On Tuesday morning Year 11 students will have a special assembly where they will receive the results from the Mock GCSEs sat in recent weeks. Each student will be given an envelope containing their grades and as far as possible the experience at this assembly will mimic GCSE results day. Parents will receive Yr 11 full reports with students' grades and marks for attitude to learning at Yr11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 6th December.

Year 11 Parents' Evening 6th December 16:45 – 19:15 in the Canteen

If your child is in Year 11, please ensure your child has made appointments for you to see each of their teachers this coming Wednesday.

Year 11 6th Form/Careers Advice Fair 6th December 16:45 – 19:15 in the Library

At the same time parents are meeting teachers in the canteen, the library will host GT Scholars™ <https://gtscholars.org/> who will be offering careers advice, mentoring and tutoring opportunities. Their services are free for children who receive free school meals and are means tested for all other students. There will also be independent careers advisor Yvonne Levene-Fearnside on hand to give guidance and advice to students throughout the evening, please allow time to take advantage of this event.

A Free Book for Every Year 7 Student

Year 7 visited the library this week to collect their free books and take part in some creative research activities. All students interacted with the tasks with enthusiasm and not only went away with a new book to keep, but fresh knowledge of the world ranging from extraordinarily cute sea slugs to life in Paris in the 1400s and 1940s! Well done to Year 7 for their impeccable conduct and in particular to George, Oliver, Casey, Dylan, Vesam, Mohamado, Millie, Alfie, Reggie, David, Maddie, Tommy-Lee, Shannon, Amelia, Ameer and Frankie for outstanding effort!

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 by **December 8th** latest please.

Winter Show 8th December

Showing at **Old Vic Workrooms** on Drummond Road at **7.00pm**, this year we are re-telling Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol set in our day and age. If you haven't already got your tickets priced at £1 for children £2 for Adults, please ask your child to buy them at Student Services.

January Yr 10 trip to Old Vic Christmas Carol £7.50 tickets still available!

Please ask your child to speak to a member of the English Department as soon as possible if they're in Yr 10 and interested in going on this trip!

London Youth Games 2018

Love sport?

Aged 7 to 18?

Live or go to school in Southwark?

Be part of Team Southwark 2018! There are over 30 sports to take part in - from athletics to weightlifting - so there's something for everyone. Please see the [Sports List 2018](#) (pdf, 41kb) for all sports.

'Last year saw an incredible 1,406 Southwark children take part in 30 different sports, with 427 of those selected to represent the borough at London Youth Games open competitions across the year. Southwark finished in 11th place overall among the 33 competing London boroughs, picking up plenty of silverware along the way, including a team gold medals in the BMX cycling and male para-games football events.'

If you want to help Team Southwark place in the top ten this year, [online registration](#) for the London Youth Games 2018 is now open!

The deadline for the expressions of interest is 5pm on 30 March 2018 however, please note that the cricket competitions take place in February and March 2018. You can express interest for this sport before **Friday 15th December 2017**. Once registered, you'll be sent information regarding trial and competition dates.

Coming up next week – Week Ending December 10th 2017

Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
Always a Chance				
	Yr 11 Mock Exams Results Assembly	<p style="text-align: center;">06/12/17 – CommuniTea! Parent Forum - 15:45-16:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 11 Parents' Evening 6th December 16:45 – 19:15 in the Canteen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 11 Careers Advice Fair 6th December 16:45 – 19:15 in the Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">06/12/17 – Winter show dress rehearsal 17:00</p>	07/12/17 – First Issue of 'The Compass Gazette'!	<p style="text-align: center;">08/12/17 – Deadline for registering interest in parents' workshop with Esteem™ Please see above for details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08/12/17 – Winter Show at Old Vic Workrooms 19:00!</p>

Dates for your diary

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

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

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

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