



Compass School Southwark

## Community Bulletin

Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Principal's Message

Firstly, welcome back, I hope you all had a nice break! It's great to see pupils back, responding so well to the new school day and new classes. As we start this new year we are continuing our drive for excellent behaviour, focussing on the positive to create and promote a positive and optimistic climate. The focus of teachers will be to continue to stretch and challenge students to apply deeper thinking to their learning. In recognition of the commitment to learning and fantastic behaviour shown daily by the majority of Compass pupils, our big push for reward and encouragement is further supported by our launch this week of Vivo.

In engaging with us in this way, we hope that students will feel increasingly that they are a part of this journey and parents and carers also by engaging with all that Compass has to offer. CommuniTea Parent Forums are a great way to get involved; 'Parent Voice' is very important to us.

We are looking forward to seeing all parents/carers of Year 8 and Year 9 students at Parents' Evenings on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January respectively. To avoid queuing at Parents' Evenings, please encourage your child to make appointments with their teacher in advance.

### Vivo Has Launched!

'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.

### English Trip to Old Vic A Christmas Carol

The English department are taking students from Years 10 and 11 to The Old Vic in Waterloo to see Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' tonight and next Friday evening, January the 12<sup>th</sup>. Students are permitted to wear their own clothes. Please ensure your child has handed in the required permission slip on time, has a valid Oyster Card and waterproof jacket. Please ask your child about this experience and encourage them to make notes as soon as possible after the performance as this will benefit them in their understanding when completing their English GCSE.

### Master Classes

Master Classes will take place this Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parent Forum and Parent/Younger Sibling CommuniTeas

Parents/Carers have been invited to attend CommuniTeas at 3:45-4:30 on the first and second Wednesdays of the month since October 2017. We are very grateful to those who have attended so far but to gain the best insight, and make the most impact on school improvement and community development, higher levels of attendance to these and other such events is needed. Please contact Ms Quigley on 020 3542 6506, [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) or ask at the office if you would like to attend these Teas, would like to be involved in future school events and activities or have any questions you would like Ms Quigley to ask SLT on your behalf if you are unable to attend at these times; in addition, we will include an online survey in the next Community Bulletin.

## 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.

We are excited to have launched **Show My Homework**, an online tool to help you keep track of your child's homework. Show My Homework 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 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.

**We launched Show My Homework officially on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.** 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.

## Coming up next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>New Year Welcome!</b>				
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Y9/10 Spring Brilliant Club Launch trip to SOAS university</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>KS3 Girls' Safety and Wellbeing Workshop P2-P5</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Year 8 Parents' Evening 4:30-6:30</b>  <b>CommuniTea Parents/Carers Younger Siblings 3:45-4:30</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Yr 11 English trip to The Old Vic 'A Christmas Carol' 5pm-10:30</b>

## Dates for your diary

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

**10/01/18** – CommuniTea! Parents/Carers, please bring younger siblings to The Idea Factory! 15:45-16:30  
Please confirm attendance with Ms Quigley [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com)

**10/01/18** – Year 8 Parents' Evening 4:30 – 6:30

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

**17/01/18** – Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30 – 6:30

**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

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