

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year at Compass School Southwark. The 2017-18 academic year promises to be a transformational one for our school community which will see its first cohort of year 11 pupils, and us having the opportunity to join the highest achieving multi-academy trust in the country, the prestigious City of London family of schools. Our new state-of-the art building due to open in September 2020, is also a step closer with a planning application pending in the coming weeks.

I am delighted to have the privilege of leading the next stage of the school's development as Principal, and want to take this opportunity to outline my aims for the academic year and request your support in order to make it a successful one for our school community.

This is an extremely important year for the students in year 11 as in May 2018 they will begin sitting their GCSE examinations. Success in these examinations is a vital part of your child confidently reaching the destination to which they aspire, ensuring they have options and opportunities ahead of them that will set them up for life.

Academic excellence

My staff team will focus on ensuring your child has the opportunity to achieve their potential through great teaching in the classroom, setting frequent home learning activities, and providing regular feedback to pupils and parents to enable them to know how well they are doing and how they can get better. The first set of mock examinations will take place in the week commencing the 20th of November. These will allow us to accurately assess where your child is in each subject and how they can improve to meet their aspirational GCSE targets. There will be a second set of mock examinations in the week commencing the 29th of January. In return, I request your support in supporting and actively promoting our values of aspiration, integrity, exploration and resilience. These result in:

Excellent attendance

All pupils should ideally attend 100% of the time and be punctual to school. Instances of non-attendance and lateness mean pupils miss out on learning, other pupils' learning is disrupted, and resources are diverted away from teaching and enrichment to address the problem. Every lesson, every day counts in your child's learning journey and I don't want anyone to miss out. We will be working with WPA Education Welfare Services to ensure that all pupils maintain high levels of attendance. Please also support your child with their home learning, ensuring it is completed on time and they give it their best shot. They can expect a range of activities to be set for them to do each week.

Great behaviour

Excellent behaviour is a strong indicator of academic and social success, both of which open up opportunities that would otherwise be closed to pupils. Conversely, poor behaviour removes opportunities for pupils to learn and achieve. Please support the school in ensuring excellent levels of behaviour and attitudes to learning. Our FOCUS strategy aims to ensure pupils always arrive to school organised with the right

equipment, uniform and are: ready to learn; communicate appropriately and engage fully in class.

Rewards

I would like to ensure that all pupils are rewarded for doing the right things to support their own learning and helping to make the Compass School a special place to learn. As a result, we have joined the VIVO Miles rewards programme that enables pupils to convert rewards into cash values which they can spend through an online catalogue.

Working with parents

We are here to serve this community and strive for the best possible opportunities for our pupils. No school can do this without the active support of parents and I would like you to get more involved with the school. There are a range of events planned over the course of the academic year including workshops to help you support your child with their revision and exam preparation. The dates of these informational workshop events are included in this letter along with the dates for the parents 'evenings where you can speak to your child's teachers about their individual progress and mock results.

Further to these, I look forward to establishing an active Parents' Association and also providing regular opportunities for parents to drop in for a hot drink and talk with myself, or members of the leadership team, about what's going on, what we are doing well and what we can do even better. We will keep you posted about these opportunities, but it might also be helpful to also keep in touch by following us on Twitter: **@CompassSE16** and **@huntleymh**. Finally, attached to this letter is the list of Learning Family Tutors and Heads of House along with their email addresses. Please do contact your child's LFT if you have any queries.

I wish you and your child the very best for the year ahead,

Yours faithfully,



Marcus Huntley
Principal

Compass Parent Support Sessions 2017 – 2018

Date	Who should attend	Information evening
21 st September, Thursday	All parents of Year 10 and 11 students.	<p>KS4 evening Supporting your child in English, Maths and Science. 5:30 – 7:00 Introduction and then 20 min 'lessons' in each subject to find what your child does in school and how to support them.</p> <p>KS3 evening Supporting your child in English, Maths and Science. 5:30 – 7:00 Introduction and then 20 min 'lessons' in each subject to find what your child does in school and how to support them.</p>
28 th September, Thursday	All parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students.	
19 th October	All parents.	<p>Revision workshop with your child 5:30 – 6:30 Learn about the different techniques to revise and a chance to practice with your child.</p>
14 th November	Parents of Year 10 and 11 students.	<p>Supporting your child in their options subjects A chance to hear from the option subjects about the course your child is studying as well as the best way to support your child including recommended resources.</p>
23 rd January	All parents.	<p>Internet safety - keeping your child safe in the virtual world</p>
28 th February	Parents in of Year 11 students.	<p>Revision workshop – There will be two options at this session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repeat of the October workshop – for those that missed it 2. Further support and preparation for the 'real thing'- for those that attended the October workshop but would like more advice.
6 th March	Parents of Year 9 students	<p>Options evening 5:30 – 7:30</p>
13 th March	All parents but especially those of Year 11 students.	<p>Student wellbeing Exam stress busters. Ideas for apps, exercises and strategies for coping with exam stress.</p>
1 st May	Parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students.	<p>Literacy Reading and the importance of literacy across the curriculum.</p>
26 th June	Parents of Year 10 students.	<p>Year 10 only - Preparation for Year 11</p>

Dates for Parents Evenings 2017-18

Please also add these dates to your diary:

- 2nd of October: Year 11 Settling into GCSE Parents Evening
- 12th of October: Year 7 Settling into Compass Parents Evening (with Learning Family Tutors)
- 18th of October: Year 10 Settling into GCSE Parents Evening
- 6th of December: Year 11 Mock Results Parents Evening
- 10th of January: Year 8 Academic Parents Evening
- 17 of January: Year 9 Academic Parents Evening
- 21 of February: Year 11 Mock Results Parents Evening
- 18th of April: Year 10 Academic Parents Evening
- 25 of April: Year 7 Academic Parents Evening
- 10th of July: Year 10 End of Year Exams Concerns Parents Evening (by invitation)

Learning Family Tutors and Heads of House 2017-18

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