

Community Bulletin

for Fortnight Ending 30/04/2021

A Shining Start to The Summer Term



It has been an action-packed fortnight since our return from the Easter break; I am truly impressed with how staff have gone above and beyond to provide such a range of learning opportunities, and how well pupils have engaged in these. Interviews with a leading journalist, mentoring with the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, a Year 10 work experience day, there has certainly been no shortage of opportunity! Parents have also played their part, with fantastic attendance to our virtual Year 7 parents' evening.

On our return to school, I led a whole school assembly reflecting on the festivals of Ramadan and Easter, both of which celebrate a new era for mankind. They each share the belief that man departed from God's plan and that God, through divine intervention, seeks to return man to the right path. For Muslims, there is the revelation of the Qur'an and for Christians, the death and resurrection of Christ.

For so many of us, plans have been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been restricted in who we can see, where and when we can work and even where we can learn. My message to pupils is, that while our plans might change, our aspirations must never be compromised. So, whatever your child's inspiration, whether it be faith-based or otherwise, in times of challenge they must keep going and continue in the pursuit of their goals; they can do so confident in the knowledge that our staff team are right behind them!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Year 10 careers interviews 7th, 11th & 14th May
Mental Health Awareness Week 11 - 14th May
Jamie's Farm residential 17th - 21st May
Year 10 Work-experience 24th - 28th May
Break up for half term 28th May, normal school day

JUNE

Return from half-term holiday 7th June
Year 10 Exam week 21st - 25th June
Pride 2021 25th June
INSET Day 28th June



Year 10 Work experience day was a joy for all!

Please see links to our [Twitter page](#), [Compass School Website](#) and for our [Facebook page](#).

The Pen is Mighty!

[Southwark News celebrates our young reporters!](#)

“No struggle can ever succeed without women participating side by side with men. there are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a third power stronger than both, that of women.” Malala Yousafzai



Many thanks to Mr May for organising a member of the local press, a journalist from Southwark News, to come in to school and interview some of our Year 8 students about their experience as budding reporters meeting Dame Jenni Murray!

BERMONDSEY'S BUDDING REPORTERS INTERVIEWED BY DAME JENNI MURRAY

"Year 8 students at Compass School on Drummond Road Greta, Lottie and Tye were interviewed on the podcast hosted by Dame Jenni Murray, the longstanding former host of Women's Hour on BBC Radio 4.

The girls have a practical journalism class once a week with former Financial Times journalist Antonia Cundy, who is also a producer on Murray's new show Now I'm Grown Up.

In the podcast, Greta, Lottie and Tye were asked about their experiences in lockdown, the differences between in-person lessons and classes on computers, and how school helps them prepare for the future.

"I learned quite a lot because [Murray] asked me a question that no one ever asked me," Lottie said. "She asked me what my favourite subject was and what subjects were really important for our future. And it was really hard because I never actually thought about that at the time. And I told her that it was a really hard question, but eventually I said that all the subjects are super important for working out what you want to be when you're older. You should pick the ones that you think are important and not just the ones your friends are doing."

Greta and Tye both later told the News they want to be journalists after they finish their education.

"I'd like to be a reporter, not an editor - I want to actually go out and interview people," Tye added.

"I've always sort of been interested in it, since Year 7. When I found out about the journalism enrichment I was really excited."

Greta said she also wants to be a journalist or an archaeologist, while Lottie wants to join the RAF, or become another kind of pilot.

The journalism class was part of Compass' "enrichment" programmes - compulsory non-academic lessons for students in Year 7 and 8. As well as journalism, options include singing, drama, film, and even leatherwork.

Ben May, who leads Compass' enrichment programme, welcomed the podcast as a "fantastic opportunity" for the girls. "I was very proud of the way they engaged and contributed, showing the very best of it means to be [a] Compass pupil," he added.

The six-episode show was produced by Now Teach, a programme that encourages people to become teachers after finishing another career.

The episode featuring Greta, Lottie and Tye is out on May 5. Also featuring are Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner, and Sir Kevan Collins, who has been appointed to help schools and students catch up with their disrupted education after the pandemic.

Listen here: www.nowteach.org.uk/now-im-grown-up/"

Wellbeing

Mental Health

Compass students are regularly reminded to take care to look after their physical and mental wellbeing. We have continued to encourage students to express themselves through the arts, through speaking and taking time out to walk, exercise, listen to audio-books or read for pleasure.

We have begun the month of May, the month of wellbeing, We will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week with lots of whole-school activities; we are highlighting plants; looking at the positive power of gardening and experiencing nature on our physical and mental wellbeing.



The Library Celebrated World Book Night 2021 with a Big Book Giveaway!

Why you should read more often!

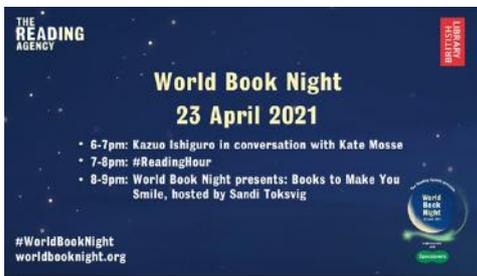
Reading increases your **emotional intelligence** and decreases stress! Reading expands your understanding of the world and develops empathy. 😊 Empathy is hugely important for building good relationships with others in all areas of your life and increases your own happiness.



• Please pass by the library to collect a free book to keep for yourself or give to a member of your family!

We have some World Book Day and World book Night books left!

Free books from toddler to adult are still available!



Click on the image above to watch the Kazuo Ishiguro Kate Mosse talk.

Ms Quigley continues to send emails to students with opportunities to engage with fiction, non-fiction, news and activities in as many different ways as is possible. Please encourage your child/ren to make time to read their emails, be curious and use their school value of exploration as often as they can! Please see the end of the bulletin for World Book Night freebies.

Audible is currently free to listen [here](#). Explore special author events [here](#), Escape Rooms [here](#) and Tedtalks [here](#).

Ms Quigley is a World Book Night book giver, please email squigley@compass-schools.com if you'd like a copy of ['Taking Up Space'](#) by [Chelsea Kwaye and Ore Ogunbiyi](#).

Excellent Exploration!

Well done to students who have explored their emails and received books to celebrate World Book Night 2021!



Well done to all the students making use of the library at lunchtime! We had a Year 9 three-board chess game and a two-board Year 7&8 Scrabble game last week!

Academic Excellence!

Awesome Art!

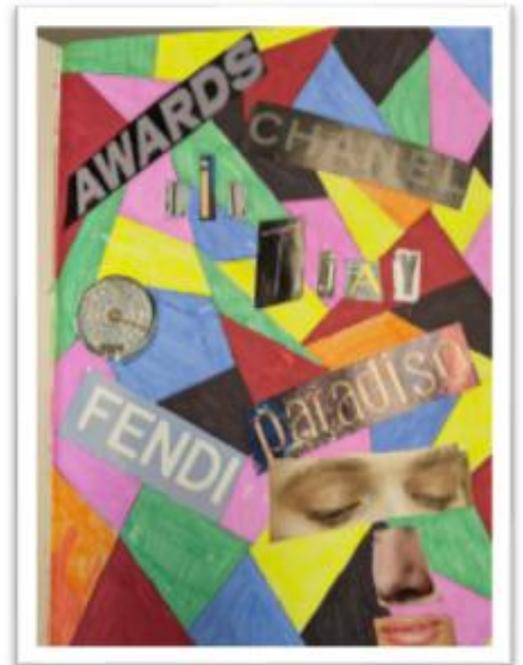
Amazing Aspiration!



A great piece of work for Art by Lily-Mae H in Year 11!



Well done to Eric in Year 11 for this fantastic study and inventive use of materials!



We're so impressed with this work from Year 8 Student, Camilla P!



An excellent, careful piece of work from Jacob B in Year 11!

Values Matter

Whether apart or together, on or offsite, our school values drive our community. Many congratulations to students who are extolling our values and accruing house-points!

Integrity and Exploraton! Recent House-Point Heroes



House Point Heroes!

Who has been displaying the Compass Values for all to see this week?

Year group	First place	Second place	Third place
Year 11	Abdul-Mateen Agiri	Cayla Henry	Kirsty Hong
Year 10	Oscar Malinowski	Keith Ayriss	Mariam Ajayi
Year 9	Omar Abbas	Nabeel Adam	Sarah Salim Omar
Year 8	Greta Pezzolato	Mohamad Ndiaye	Tai Anh Huynh
Year 7	Danny Carlisle	Nadia Mohamed	Yupeng Wang

The **highest aspirations**, the **strongest team**



Awesome Aspiration!

Exceptional Enrichment!



Year 10 mentoring with the Worshipful Company of Pewterers!

Healthy Family Meals for Around Five Pounds! Contribute to our Cookbook!

Have you got a cheap, cheerful and healthy recipe you'd be willing to share with the Compass Community? We are aiming to create a cookbook this year to share with everyone!

Spiced, Baked Aubergine

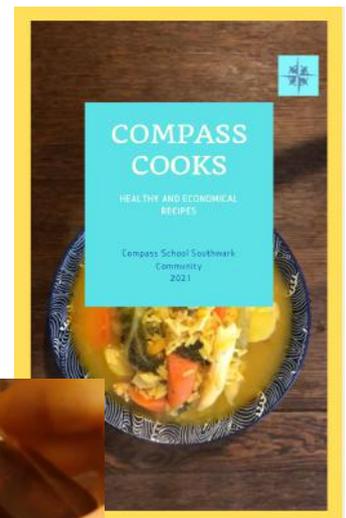
Pre-heat your oven to 180. Wash, halve and score your aubergines (half an aubergine per person). Place in a baking tray/dish, spread honey, garlic paste and chilli paste over the aubergine halves. Drizzle with sesame oil, lime and soy sauce, cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes. Before serving, sprinkle generously with sesame seeds. It's lovely on a big plate of raw spinach if you're avoiding carbohydrates, but it's good with rice too! For added flavour, you can add a sprinkle of chopped, fresh coriander. Before baking you can also surround the aubergine with other vegetables you want to use up - parsnips are delicious baked in this way!

Eat, enjoy and star-rate, then email your opinion (and a recipe of your own if you'd like) to Ms Quigley squigley@compass-schools.com

Eat This and Beat This!

Ingredients

- Aubergines
- Honey
- Sesame Oil
- Sesame seeds
- Garlic
- Soy sauce
- Chilli sauce, paste or flakes
- Lime juice/1 lime
- Coriander bunch
- Rice and/or Spinach





Exploration Anyone?

Opportunities for Students to be Inspired to Express Themselves

For some time we have been explicitly observing Mental Health and the importance of young people being able to express themselves. It is right that this is highlighted, as in these times more than ever, it's great for students to take opportunities to participate in open discussions and be creative in expressing what is important to them.

Here are some opportunities in addition to those in previous issues of the bulletin, on our [Virtual School Page](#) and our [Wellbeing](#) guidance.

Parental Zoom Sessions – May 2021

During the summer term, Compass is pleased to host a number of parental webinar workshops which aim to support parents/carers at home to tackle topical issues affecting young people such as relationships, internet safety and drugs. These webinar workshops form part of our wider wellbeing provision for students, staff and parents/carers. The sessions will focus on how to inform and support you, your child and your family to have meaningful, reassuring conversations on these subjects. We know that these conversations can be awkward but our aim is to support you to take the necessary steps to keep your child safe now and in the future.

Our first session will be looking at 'healthy relationships and sex.' This session will be delivered by ESTEEM, the organisation that also delivers our PSHE curriculum. ESTEEM have over 25 years of developing and delivering relationship and sex education and they believe that building healthy esteem is key to the work that they do. Due to the nature of this topic we will be delivering two different sessions tailored for different year groups:

- 11th May, 6p.m. – 7p.m. for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 families

- 18th May, 6p.m. – 7p.m. for Year 7 and Year 8 families

Please click the following links to attend one of these sessions, alternatively we will resend the link through text and email on the day:

Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 - 11th May (<https://zoom.us/j/97132750364?pwd=K3JkWINacVpCM0wxV21OUm1TQjVZZz09>)

Year 7 and Year 8 - 18th May (<https://zoom.us/j/99917057508?pwd=M3hyUnB3ams1bkg0MVA4VzI3OUtaQT09>)

Should you have any specific questions, please email those directly to me at jhazlewood@compassschools.com and I will share these with the facilitators ahead of the event so that they can cover them in the talk. If you would like further information about these or upcoming sessions, or have any other safeguarding concerns, then please speak to your child's Head of Year or to Ms Hazlewood, the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Additionally, safeguarding concerns can be reporting anonymously on the school's website by clicking this [link](#).

