

# Community Bulletin

for Fortnight Ending 05/03/2021



Compass  
School  
Southwark



## Back to School

**You are in safe hands!**

It has been a big fortnight for our school as we welcomed the announcement that pupils will be returning to face-to-face learning, this week (beginning 8th March). We are excited to be welcoming both staff and pupils back, but for many of us, school was never closed! As many as 45 pupils have been in and a quarter of our staff. We are well-used to the routine of bi-weekly testing, enhanced hygiene, and then, simply getting on with school life with as much normality as possible. The on-site provision has helped those pupils engage in their learning

as well as maintaining good mental and physical health. You can be confident that when your child returns, they can do so safely, and they will quickly settle into the new routines.

### GCSE 2021

We now have official confirmation that there will not be GCSE examinations this year and that teachers will determine grades for each pupil. We fully understand the responsibility this places on our profession to ensure pupils received the grades they deserve, that reflect their ability and helps them progress to the next stage of their learning. With June 18th being the deadline for submitting grades, our teachers will be working with year 11 to ensure our evidence base is robust, starting with the mock examination series from 22nd March.

### Record numbers apply to Compass

With offer day on the 1st March, we are delighted to have received a record number of applications and places for year 7 in September. This is tribute to the hard work of our staff and the endeavour of our pupils helping us fulfil our ambition to be that school of choice for our community. We look forward to kick starting our virtual transition programme on the 16th May.

We are proud

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

British Science Week 5th - 12th March  
International Women's Day - 8th March  
Year 8 Parents' Eve' - 18th March 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Red Nose Day - 19th March

### APRIL

Year 7 Parents' Eve' - 26th April 4:00 - 7:00pm

### MAY

Year 9 Parents' Eve' - 17th May 4:00 - 7:00pm

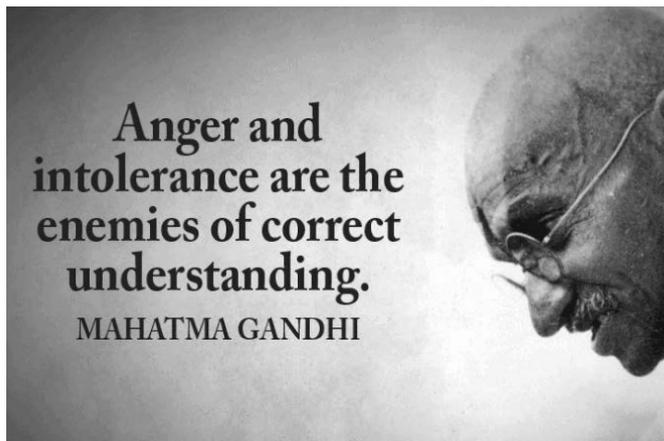


Students made a walking billboard to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ Month

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

# LGBTQ+ History Month

Compass school reflects on LGBTQ+ history



Well done to Regan in Year 8 for participating in Ms Ragusa's LGBTQ+ Month Art Challenge!



Students in physical school spontaneously made a walking billboard out of the box that had contained a new basketball hoop to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ Month. We are very proud that they chose to do this fun and thoughtful activity in their lunch break!



## This is Alan Turing.

Alan was interested in the way things work from a very early age. He is often described as a 'polymath', which is someone whose interests and expertise span a wide variety of subjects. He became interested in codes as a child, solving and puzzles and problems for fun.



## LGBTQ+ History Month - COMPASS IS PROUD!

As they are growing up, all children and young people will dedicate time exploring their identity and developing a sense of who they are. Being LGBT+ can feel like an extra pressure for children at school, they often worry that those around them will react negatively to who they are. LGBTQ+ History Month dedicates resources to create an inclusive environment, support the Compass community, challenge homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. Nobody should ever feel uncomfortable talking about LGBT topics. For this reason, Compass is proudly a member of Stonewall organisation, supporting all young people including LGBT+ children. At Compass we want every child to be happy, feel able to be themselves, feel included and part of the community and most importantly feel they have people to talk to. Mental health and well-being are at the heart of what we do for our young people. Compass is Proud! Ms Di Stazio

# Compass Careers!

## Virtual Work Experience was Real

This half term, Compass students have been incredibly busy engaging in a wide range of virtual careers activities. After submitting successful applications a number of Year 10 students took part in a virtual work experience placement during the February half term holiday.



## National Careers Week

From the 1st-5th March, Compass School celebrated National Careers Week virtually. All students participated in careers activities in LFT time this week, hearing about the different jobs their teachers have had previously, and what they learnt from these roles.



## National Careers Week!

To celebrate, you will be taking part in a range of activities in LFT time, including hearing from a local university and a local apprenticeship provider. You will also be learning about how careers link to your different school subjects through different activities. Here is a taster of what there is to look forward to:

- Year 7 – CYT Sustainable Design session on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Science Lesson P4 12 15 – 1 10 PM**
- Year 8 – Bank of England – **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Maths Lesson P4 12 15 – 1 10 PM**
- Year 9 – Gowling WLG session on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Relating/Computing P2 10-10 55am**
- Year 10 – Civil Service (focus on BAME experiences) on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**English Lesson P4 12 15 – 1 10PM**
- Year 11 – London Screen Academy Post-16 session session on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Humanities P2 Lesson 10 – 10 55am**



“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

# Wellbeing

## Mental Health

Compass students are regularly reminded to take care to look after their physical and mental wellbeing and the last few weeks has been no exception. 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. Please remind them at home to explore these opportunities and express themselves.



"It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives, but what we do consistently."

## Excellent Exploration!

Well done to students who wrote to Ms Q to request one of these free books!



Be kind, be curious, be courageous

A small snippet of Ms Quigley's book story!  
Which books would appear in yours?



## Academic Excellence!



Michael Rosen  
Author  
Professor of Children's Literature, Goldsmiths

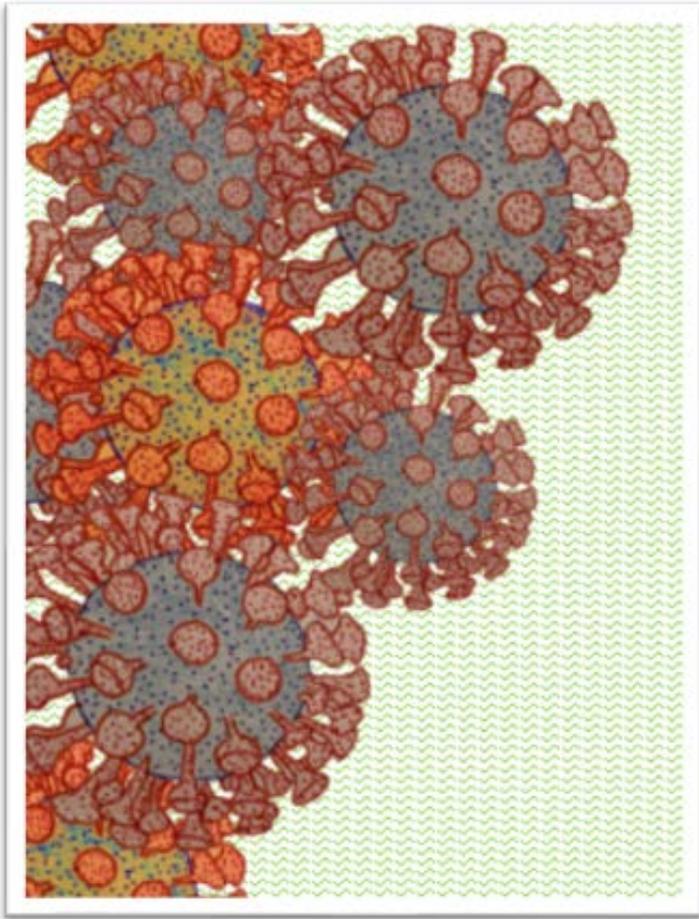
You can click on these images to hear about the benefits of reading! from Michael Rosen and a 9 year old expert!

Ms Quigley has continued to send emails to students with opportunities to engage with fiction, non-fiction, news and activities in as many different ways as is possible. World Book Day was an email palooza! 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!

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

# Awesome Art!

Amazing Aspiration!



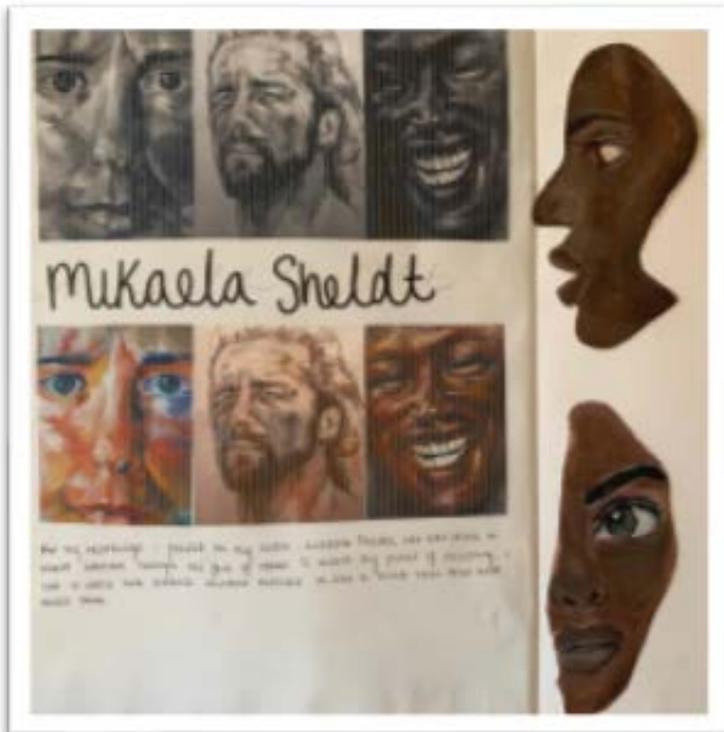
We're so impressed with your science and art project Fatima!



Well done Tyler, this is exquisite!



Super sketching Evans!



Excellent course-work Kirsty!



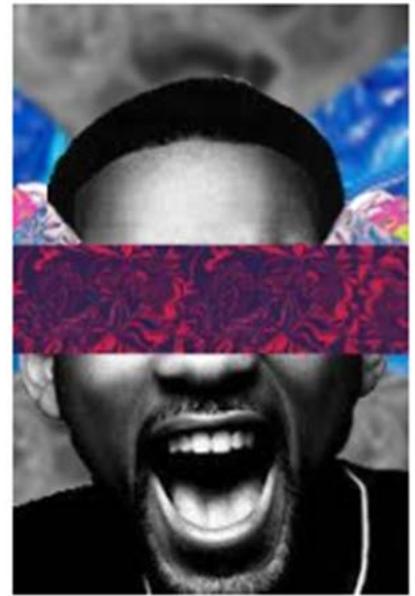
Beautiful design work Cayla!

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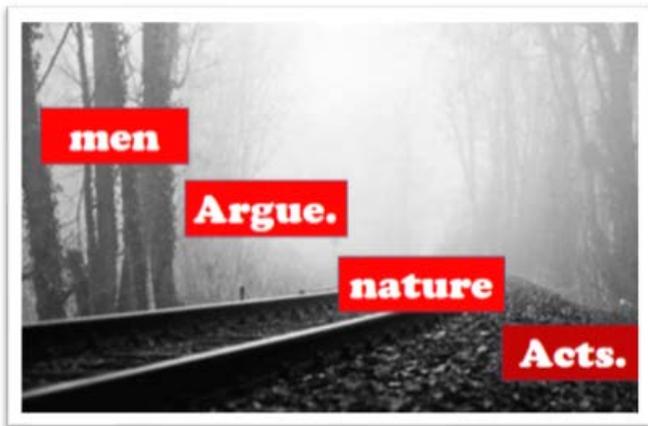
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My inner thoughts are my inner monsters - Fantastically insightful work looking at the art of Barbara Kruger Mohamad N in Year 8!



Year 9 continued their Identity project with some digital responses to the work of Maria Rivans. Well done Junisa!



Well done Harry L in Year 8 for your exploration and this mature piece of work celebrating the artist, Barbara Kruger!



Well done Greta! This thoughtful piece of art looking at Barbara Kruger's work belies your youth!



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# 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	Cayla Henry	Abdul-Mateen Agiri	Archie Diamont
Year 10	Keith Ayriiss	Casey Wayment	Dylan Kappo-Fleming
Year 9	Elias Sudani	Raylonda Atobra	Olivia Vaudeau
Year 8	Vivian Atobra	Greta Pezzolato	Mohamad Ndiaye
Year 7	Danny Carlisle	Nadia Mohamed	Souber Elmi

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



### Awesome Aspiration!

### Exceptional Enrichment!

We are so proud of the way students have been working online and onsite in their enrichment subjects to create and express themselves! Well done to these students who worked with such focus to create some exceptional pieces in Leatherwork!

## 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 term to share with everyone!

### Stuffed Peppers

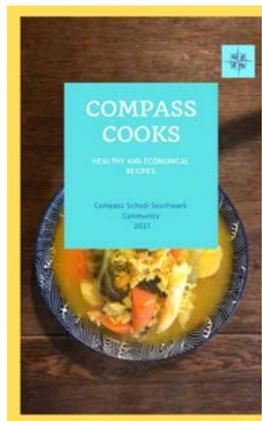
Wash and chop your vegetables (except your peppers), rinse and cook your choice of rice. When cooking your rice you can add (dried or fresh) herbs, tarragon is nice with this especially if you choose to include fennel.

Pre-heat your oven to 180. When your rice is cooked cut the top off the peppers, carefully removing all the seeds (you can plant these!). Mix together in a bowl your rice, nuts, chopped vegetables, squeeze in some lemon juice add some garlic to taste, salt and a splash of olive oil. Place in a baking tray, cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Eat, enjoy and star-rate, then email your opinion (and a recipe) to Ms Quigley [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com)

### Eat This and Beat This!

#### Ingredients

- A pepper
- Red onion
- Mushrooms
- Courgette
- Rice
- Garlic
- Olive Oil
- Salt
- Herbs
- Fennel
- Chopped nuts
- Lemon/lemon juice





## 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.

## Observing International Women's Day - March 8th Celebrating Women's History (or Herstory) Month

"I do not wish [women] to have power over men; but over themselves."

Mary Wollstonecraft

Mary Wollstonecraft (1759 - 1797) was an English writer and early women's rights advocate. Her most well known work is her feminist writing, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792) in which she opposed the presumption that women have a natural inferiority to men. This position was extremely controversial in an era where women had prescribed roles in society which placed them below men. She was also mother to Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author of the Gothic novel *Frankenstein* (1818) and another boundary-pushing woman of her time.

