

22nd October, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this half-term draws to a close, I am writing to thank families for their continued support for our school this term and also to share some important messages for next half-term.

Reports

A copy of your child's first Compass Values Report is included in this mailing. This report will be sent at the end of the first half of each term and will focus on your child's attendance, house points and how they have exemplified our core values of aspiration, integrity, exploration and resilience. Find out more about these values [here](#). Be sure to discuss this report with your child, recognise the things they have done well and set them targets for improvement.

Head of Year 11 Message

The Year 11 students have been an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their families, with the fantastic behaviour shown by the vast majority since we have resumed physical schooling. Lessons have been learned, good habits have been adopted, and post 16 destinations have been targeted and planned for, and students are building the right foundations to get the grades they desire next summer.

"You don't start climbing a tree from the top, neither do you go up the stairs from the second floor, you start from the ground floor. Don't despise the days of small beginnings, stop desiring the end goal without going through the process".

Keep going Year 11. You have made it easy to lead you so far this term, especially on the back of what we have all faced this year.

We see great things in your immediate futures. (Mr Egbuchiem)

GCSE 2021 Webpage

Although we were unable to go ahead with our parent information evening last week, you can get all the information you need to help you support your child in the coming weeks and months from our GCSE 2021 webpage: <https://compass-schools.com/for-pupils/gcse2021/>

Year 11 mock exams begin on the 2nd November, the first day back after half term. These are especially important because they provide evidence of your child's progress. If GCSE are cancelled as they were last year, the mocks, your child's classwork and homework will potentially be an important part of deciding a GCSE grade.

With your support, they can confidently reach the destination to which they aspire. If you have any questions about GCSEs this year that are not answered on the page, please complete the contact form and we'll post responses.

Homework

Completing work outside of school is an important activity for all Compass students. All students have a Show My Homework (SMHWK) account which informs them of the homework set by each subject. Parents can also access this information by logging onto the SMHWK website or by downloading the SMHWK app to their phone from either Google Play or the App store. All students are expected to complete their homework on time and to their best of their ability. Subject teachers will reward excellent effort and issue detentions where students do not meet expectations.

Detentions

Both 30 and 60-minute detentions are continuing to be held after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Due to Covid19, detentions are much smaller in size so that we can allow for social distancing. Therefore, students may not sit the detention on the day that the detention was issued. All students are expected to demonstrate the Compass value of integrity and attend detentions when they have not met our expectations.

Uniform changes - Year 11 PE Kit

You will all be aware of the changes we put in place at the start of term to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. This has included requiring pupils to attend school in PE kit on the days they have PE. It is our ideal to have all year 11 in the correct Compass School kit, but we appreciate that it is the final year for Year 11 at Compass and it is likely that in January the practical PE element is likely to be reduced in order to allow for additional GCSE interventions.



With this in mind, we are more flexible with Year 11 PE kit than with the rest of the school. On the days they have PE, **we would prefer pupils in Year 11 to wear:**

- A Compass School PE t-shirt or rugby top
- A Compass School tracksuit top or school blazer
- Compass School shorts and/or Compass School tracksuit bottoms



Pupils may also wear a plain black or blue base layer under their t-shirt or rugby top if they chose.

As an alternative for Year 11, we will allow pupils to wear:

- A plain black or blue t-shirt
- A plain park blue or black tracksuit top to be worn in the PE lesson. A small logo is allowed.
- Dark blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with a small logo. Large logos, stripes or other branding will not be permitted.
- A school blazer to be worn during lessons if your child does not have a Compass tracksuit top.



Please ensure your child follows our uniform expectation to ensure there is no disruption to their learning. Where pupils are not in correct uniform, they will be unable to attend lessons and we may send them home to change or ask that you bring in the correct uniform.

Compass School PE kit can be purchased from [Price&Buckland](#) and is very competitively priced with shorts costing just £6.25. Socks can be purchased from the school for £2.



On behalf of our staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a pleasant half-term break.

Yours faithfully,

Marcus Huntley
Principal



Compass School Southwark

PE Kit Year 11

Clothing	Acceptable	Examples
Tops	Compass School tracksuit top Alternative: Compass School blazer (to be worn over PE top during the day A plain black or blue tracksuit to be worn in the PE lesson	
	Compass School PE T shirt OR Compass School Rugby top Alternative: Plain black or blue t-shirt Plain black / blue base layer (can be worn under the Compass School T Shirt)	
Bottoms	Compass School Shorts/ track suit bottoms Alternative for Year 11 Dark blue or Black Plain tracksuit bottoms/ shorts. A small logo is acceptable, stripes or other branding is not accepted.	
Socks & Trainers	Blue football socks Sports trainers	

All our PE Kit can be ordered online at Price and Buckland:
<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/compass>
 Sports Socks can also be purchased from student services at a cost of
 £2