

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 9 Message

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light" Albus Dumbledore, Prisoner of Azkaban

In these dark uncertain times I believe our light has been the return of all students and staff to Compass School. The resilience that has been on display by all students in year 9 has been nothing short of phenomenal with students following the guidelines to ensure each other's' safety. Having chosen their GCSE options last term, year 9 are already getting stuck into GCSE content and we have seen some real aspirational learning. I have been particularly pleased to see the dedication put in by our students who have begun Triple Science and also the beginning of a number of mentoring groups with Year 9. The return of every student has made me immensely proud to be part of the Compass Community. (Mr Haverty)

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 – 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. In order to ensure we maintain high standards of uniform the following changes will apply after half-term:

On the days they have PE, uniform requirements for pupils in Years 7 – 10 include:

- 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
- Light blue football socks



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



We will allow pupils to wear plain dark blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with a small logo up until Christmas. Large logos, stripes or other branding will not be permitted.



After Christmas, full Compass PE kit will apply.

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



Clothing	Acceptable	Examples
Tops	Compass School tracksuit top Alternative: Compass School blazer (to be worn over PE top during the day No other tracksuit tops are permitted.	
	Compass School PE t-shirt OR Compass School rugby top Plain black / blue base layer (can be worn under the Compass School t-shirt)	
Bottoms	Compass School shorts/ track suit bottoms Alternative: (suitable until Christmas) Dark blue or black plain tracksuit bottoms/ shorts. A small single logo is acceptable. Stripes or other branding is not accepted.	
Socks & Trainers	Blue football socks Sports trainers	

All 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