

10 July 2020

End of term arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the course of the year. It has been a challenging time for our community with the Covid-19 lockdown, but one that we have responded to with great resilience. As a result, our virtual school goes from strength to strength with live lessons and Learning Family Time proving popular with pupils. Also, those who have returned to physical school from June 2nd have adapted brilliantly to the social distancing measures in place.

You will be aware that the government have announced that all pupils should return to school in September and the statutory expectations of attendance are reinstated. Compass School will be fully prepared to receive all pupils and will make some further changes to ensure this is done safely. These will include:

- Reduced pupil mixing through the use of zones for each year group
- Continuing the current arrangements for hygiene including cleaning and hand washing
- Opening 2 further entry points for the morning
- Gates opening at 8:30 am
- All pupils to have a large enough school bag to carry all their exercise books
- All pupils must have their own equipment (black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, sharpener, ruler, eraser, reading book (regularly updated), Casio Scientific Calculator, glue and a school planner.

To support our preparation, we will make some changes to our calendar to allow for 2 more training days at the end of this term, and two further training days in September. This means the summer term will end on Wednesday 15th July.

Prize-Giving Ceremony

We aim to release our Prize-giving 2020 video on our website on Wednesday 15th July at 5pm. This will present a fantastic opportunity to sit down with friends and family and celebrate our pupils' achievements. There will be a video for each year group and a keynote speech by published author and director at The Academy of Women's Leadership, Diana Osagie. The video will end with the announcement of the major prizes with awards of up to £200.

Inset Days

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July are staff training days with no pupils on site or live lessons. Virtual work will be set for pupils.

GCSE Results

Results day is Thursday 20th August and our Year 11 pupils can collect their results onsite from 11am. We are aware that this cohort were unable to say a proper goodbye to their teachers and peers so we will be laying on a celebration for them on this day. More information will follow in due course. Please note that all accounts will need to be settled by this date.

Support over the summer

Please encourage your child to get involved with the [Summer of Food and Fun](#) programme which Southwark and Lambeth boroughs are providing this summer.

Furthermore, the following networks of support may also be useful for you and your family:

- [Southwark Food Bank](#) 02077320007
- [Kooth \(online wellbeing platform for children\)](#)

Start of Term in September

- Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September are staff training days
- Friday 4th September will be Year 7 Induction from 8:45
- Monday 7th September all pupils return with staggered times
 - 8:30 – Year 7 and Year 11
 - 8:45 – Year 10
 - 9:00 – Year 9
 - 9:15 – Year 8

The School Day – September 2020

Our current plans for the school day are as follows, but this could change if our Covid-19 Risk Assessment requires it. We will communicate any changes with you well before the start of term.

Year 7, 8 and 9

- Gates open 8:30 am
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 am
- School ends Monday and Tuesday at 3:50 pm, and then 2:55 pm Wednesday to Friday

Year 10

- Gates open 8:30 am
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 am
- School ends Monday to Thursday at 3:50 pm, and then 2:55 pm on Friday

Year 11

- Gates open 8:30 am
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 am
- School ends Monday to Thursday at 4:45 pm, and then 3:50 pm on Friday

Uniform

We will continue to uphold our full [behaviour and uniform expectations](#) in September and I would appreciate parents' full co-operation to ensure pupils are school-ready. In previous terms, common issues have included black trousers instead of grey – trousers must be grey, colours in hair and piercings. Please re-read the linked document to ensure your child's learning is not disrupted further due to a lack of correct uniform.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer break and I look forward to welcoming back all pupils in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Marcus Huntley
Principal