

21st July 2021

RE: End of year message from the Principal

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. Our school community has shown great resilience in the face of challenge and have come through with much to celebrate. This term's edition of Our Journey will be published soon and it will really capture the fantastic opportunities our pupils have enjoyed this term.

End of Term

Thursday 22nd July will be the final day of term. The day will start as normal at 8:40 a.m., but will end at 12:10 p.m. There will be a mixture of normal lessons and celebration assemblies where pupils on site will receive attendance and house point certificates. Pupils who are self-isolating will be able to join remotely.

On dismissal, we expect pupils to be home and out of uniform within 20 minutes to ensure there is no loitering in the area after school. We would appreciate your support with this.

Summer Activities

We are sure that our pupils are all looking forward to a well-deserved summer break, however, there are some activities they might like to take part in.

Multi-Sports (an external company) will be running two holiday camps on our site for pupils aged 11-13. Compass School is pleased to subsidise the cost of places as follows:

- Year 6 pupils joining Compass in September
 - 50% discount for non-free school meal students - use code: **COMPASS-50**
 - 100% discount for those entitled to Free School Meals - use code: **COMPASS-100**
- Year 7 – 8 Compass pupils
 - 50% discount for non-free school meal students - use code: **COMPASS-50**
 - 70% for those entitled to Free School Meals - use code: **COMPASS-70**

For booking and more information visit: www.multi-sports.co.uk

- Year 6 summer school will take place for all our new intake from Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August. We have a full and exciting timetable planned for pupils, from getting to know the school and their teachers to working with Ballers Academy and other external professionals.



- Pupils should come in comfortable clothes and footwear, ready for the range of activities on offer
- Lunch will be provided free of charge
- Please email ewalkey-williams@compass-schools.com if you have any questions

GCSE Results

Results day is Thursday 12th August and our Year 11 pupils can collect their results on site from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The results belong to the student and can only be given to the student. If the student is not able to pick up their results in person, they must write a note or send an email to Reception to authorise someone to collect on their behalf. Alternatively, they can send an email to say they would like their results posted to an address. Please note that all accounts will need to be settled by this date.

Free School Meals

I am pleased to say that the provision of Free School Meals vouchers is set to continue during the summer holidays with cost being met by Southwark. This means that entitled families will receive vouchers totalling £81 per child, over the course of the holiday.

September Ready

COVID-19

In line with DfE guidance, secondary school pupils are required to test twice on site using Lateral Flow devices before returning to school. Please complete the consent form for your child:

<https://forms.office.com/r/deG8fiPSi5>

Timings for test 1:

Pupils will not need to be in school uniform.

Tuesday 31st August

- 9:00 a.m. Year 7
- 10:00 a.m. Year 8
- 11:15 a.m. Year 9
- 12:15 a.m. Year 10
- 2:00 p.m. Year 11

Timings for test 2:

Pupils **will** need to be in school uniform.

Friday 3rd September

- 9:00 a.m. Year 7
- 10:00 a.m. Year 8
- 11:15 a.m. Year 9
- 12:15 a.m. Year 10
- 2:00 p.m. Year 11

We want to ensure the return to school is as safe as possible as will continue with many of the changes we put in place this year. These include:

- Reduced pupil mixing through the use of zones at break and lunch zones for each year group
- Continuing the current arrangements for hygiene including cleaning and hand washing

Start of Term

- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September are staff training days
- Friday 3rd September will be Year 7 Induction from 8:40 a.m. and they will finish at 2 p.m.
- Monday 7th September all pupils return at 8:40 a.m.

For all dates for the 2021-22 academic year, please visit <https://compass-schools.com/for-parents/key-dates/>

The School Day – September 2021

All pupils will arrive via the main entrance. Year 7 and 8 will exit via the football pitch gate and year 9-11 via the main exit.

Year 7, 8 and 9

- Gates open 8:30 a.m.
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 a.m.
- School ends Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:50 p.m. and then 2:55 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays

Year 10

- Gates open 8:30 a.m.
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 a.m.
- School ends Mondays to Wednesdays at 3:50 p.m. and then 2:55 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays
- (Those studying Triple Science end at 3:50 p.m. on Thursdays)

Year 11

- Gates open 8:30 a.m.
- All pupils on-site by 8:40 a.m.
- School ends Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. and then 3:50 p.m. on Wednesdays to Fridays

Uniform

We will continue to uphold our full [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), piercings, colored or shaved patterns in hair. Please re-read the linked document to ensure your child's learning is not disrupted further due to a lack of correct uniform.

In addition, please ensure your child arrives ready to learn with the following:

- A large enough school bag to carry all their exercise books
- 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.

Next Year's Heads of Year

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce next year's Heads of Year:

Year 7 - Ms Hayward

Year 8 - Ms Henry

Year 9 - Mr Egbuchiem

Year 10 - Mr Haverty
Year 11 - Ms. Mohamed

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 black ink, appearing to be 'MH' with a flourish.

Marcus Huntley
Principal