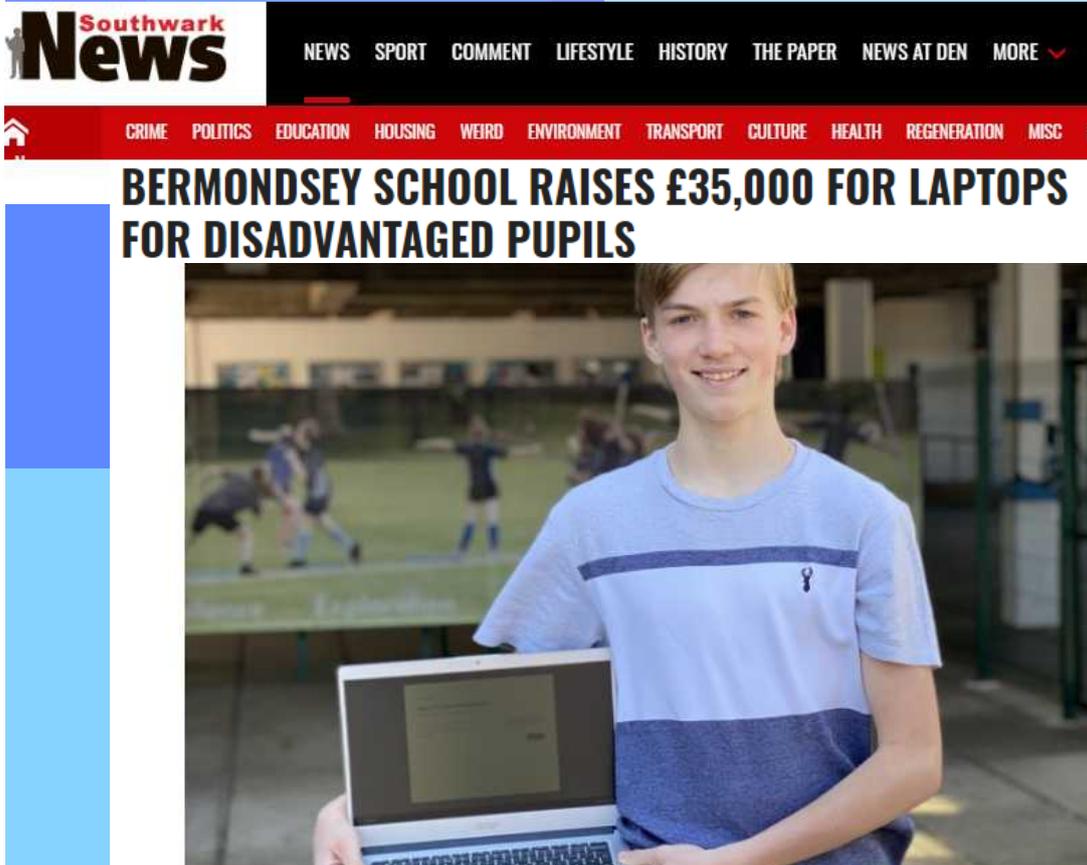




Compass
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our Journey



“She has aspirations to be a vet in the future...This means she can now keep on top of her homework.”

PARENT

“Now I can do all my work at the right time. A massive thank you to all those who have donated,”

FRANKIE - ASPIRING ENGINEER

Compass Hits Headlines With 35K Campaign

Our Just Giving fund launched at the end of March with a target of raising £10,000 to support our pupils to overcome barriers to learning during the school shutdown. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community who enabled us to achieve this target in just 2 weeks and the total has since reached £35K! Read all about it in the [Southwark News](#). A massive shout out to all donors, particularly the Shad Thames Residents' Association, John Virgo, Grosvenor, the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and the Curriers. You still can donate to the [Compass Hardship fund](#).

Compass Pupils Get a Headstart

During the February half-term break, Year 9 Headstart Action students completed work experience with construction company, Lendlease. Leon Leach, David Justice, Tilly Welch, Izel Mustafa and Casey Wayment spent two days with Lendlease and returned to school exuding renewed confidence. Casey was a big hit and the feedback from Lendlease was effusive: "...we wanted to share how incredibly proud we were of Casey specifically, he did the work of five people and wowed everyone with his charisma and charm." At the end of his time there, Casey was offered paid work experience when he turns 16. Congratulations to all of these students for their hard work and integrity!



Principal's Message

Marcus Huntley



In January I welcomed staff and pupils back to school at the start of the 2020s; the decade in which our pupils would come of age. You do not need reminding of our goal that everyone in the Compass School community will confidently reach the destination to which they aspire. For us, this means having the right values and qualifications to be successful adults. By the end of this decade, many of our current Year 7 will be close to graduating from university and our Year 11s will be firmly established in working life - an exciting thought!

A resilient community!

Life is unpredictable, and none of us could have imagined that by March there would be a national lockdown with schools closed and GCSEs cancelled. However, we are a resilient community of pupils, parents, staff and governors, and all have played their role in getting our Virtual School off to a flying start.

It has been pleasing to see the range of activities on offer to pupils. They have been able to continue their learning across all subjects using Microsoft Teams and Show My Homework; they can still visit our (Virtual) Library, and take part in a range of fun activities including the community quiz and [Joe Wick's PE sessions](#). Pupils have risen to the challenge of virtual schooling and hundreds of postcards have been sent to reward those who have gone above and beyond. I have also enjoyed my Friday phone calls to those pupils who have really impressed.

I know that this is a time of anxiety for our community and the school has been proactive in providing pastoral support for our pupils. Whether it's the weekly phone call, or home visits, I hope you know that Compass School is with you at this time.



Year 11

Our year 11 cohort are also in our thoughts at this time, having not seeing the year through to its natural conclusion. While we look forward to them celebrating their GCSE results and having a prom when things return to normality, I was pleased to see many of them on the final Friday, marking their last day at Compass School by signing shirts in the customary way and bidding each other and their teachers farewell.

Personal highlights

With the events of the last month, it is easy to overlook the many amazing things that happened this term. Notably the future of Compass being secured through the [Mayor of London's decision to grant planning permission for our new building](#). Our resilience over the years has paid off and exciting times lie ahead!

I have also been fortunate to have been involved in a number of fantastic activities. These included seeing our Compass Debate team perform brilliantly in an external tournament, working with Year 10s on their First Give social action project in which the winning class secured £1000 for the Salmon Youth Centre. I was delighted to visit our pupils at Jamie's Farm during their week's residential and see first hand how well they took to their farm duties, working together during this life-changing experience. Our final event of the term was the Year 6 Welcome Evening. It was fantastic to meet with so many families and their children, all excited at this new stage in their journey. A sense of togetherness was tangible as staff, current pupils, prospective pupils and their families mingled in the canteen to share goodwill and positive experiences. Compass School continues to be a strong, resilient and creative community and I hope you will enjoy reading all about it in this edition of our newsletter.

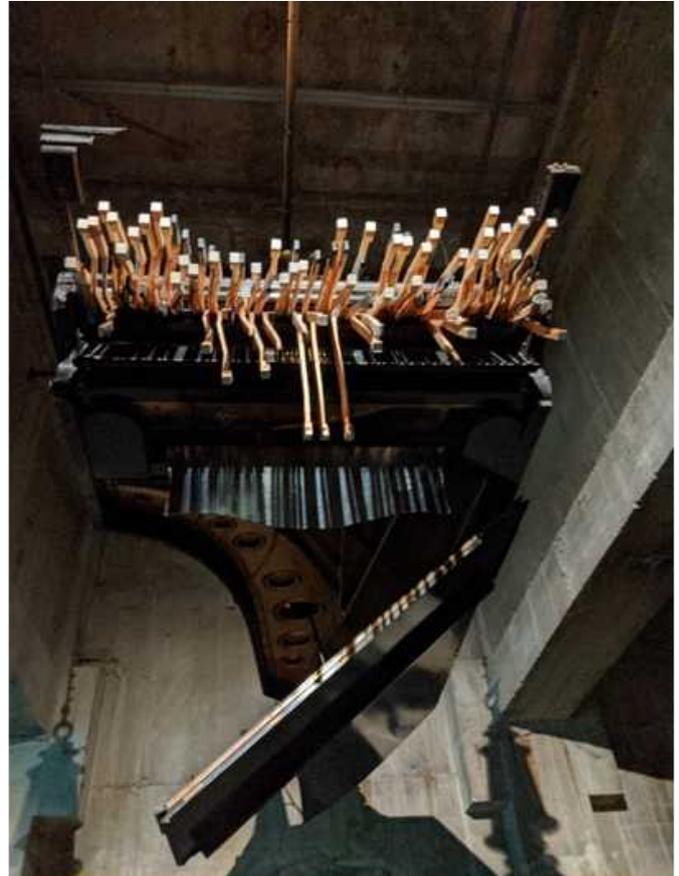
Year 11 Tate Modern and City Walk

by Ms Ragusa, Head of Art

On Monday the 13th of January a group of Year 11 Fine Art students went on an art trip to research for their externally set exam project.

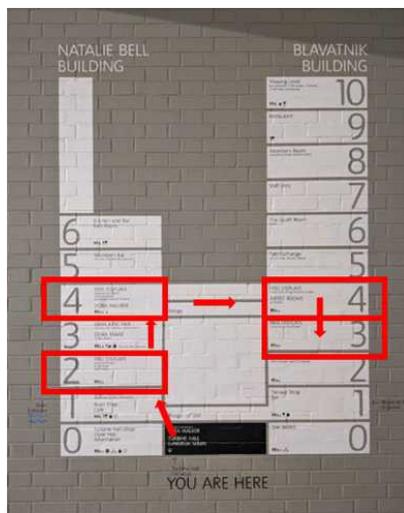
The topic starting points for the GCSE this year included: *Crowds*, *Expression*, *Paper*, *Concealment*, *Rhythm*, *Moment in Time* and *Moving Objects*.

Students were tasked with taking photographs relating to their chosen starting point and exploring the work of artists to use as inspiration for their projects.



Thoroughly inspired by some incredible works of art in various forms and by our fabulous city, they made a great job and were perfect ambassadors for Compass!

[Take a tour of Tate Modern's Blavatnik Building.](#)



Year 10 Mentoring with Gowling WLG

by Mr Jones, Assistant Principal

In January a group of students in Year 10 met with their mentors from Gowling WLG UK for the first time. It was a great morning; they began the day with very meaningful one-one discussions in our wonderful library. Students gained valuable tips on preparing for interviews, delivering presentations and speeches. Their mentors covered everything, even down to starting your day well; exercise and eating porridge were both widely endorsed!



Students returned the favour by giving their mentors a guided tour of Compass! Later in the term, members of Gowling UK returned to give a careers talk to students in Year 8. The pupils gained an insight into the working life of lawyers at this top practice which has global reach in many fields of the legal profession. We are hugely grateful to Gowling UK for this awesome opportunity for our students!



First Give. Year 10 Dazzles!

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

The culmination of Year 10 students' social action project happened with a fantastic assembly to deliver their final presentations and endorse their respective charities. Students had worked incredibly hard for weeks to raise awareness and funds for their carefully chosen charities. The passion and dedication with which they worked was evident and a source of conversation for staff throughout and since, we are impressed!

Judges from [First Give](#), Young Advisors and Barclays listened carefully to the students' pitches, they retired to deliberate and returned with the decision that Mr Huntley's team was triumphant! Whilst the judges were out of the room, I was very touched by pupils' sense of community, "it doesn't matter who wins, the money is going to a really good cause." they said.

The panel congratulated all of the participants, saying that it had been very close and duly awarded the winners a giant cheque made out to Salmon Youth Centre for £1000. This was kindly funded by the [Jack Petchey Foundation](#)! Mr Huntley was delighted!



Student Voice

First Give

by Year 10 Student, Bumayo Brimah

Have you tried talking to someone about how you feel and got an uncomfortable response or advice that makes you want to stop speaking out? A lot of people face this challenge and it must stop! Many end up having bad thoughts about themselves like suicidal thoughts and even end up committing suicide. Mental health refers to our conduct, emotional well-being, the way we act, think or feel. Bad mental health is a disorder that affects your mood, thinking or behaviour. We often see people who say they are depressed and this is a result of bad mental health. [Young Minds](#) is the charity I supported for First Give because they are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered. In this project my group competed to win £1000 towards this charity to be able to achieve their strategic aim to promote good mental health to more children and young people than ever before. An average of 3 in 4 children with a mental health condition do not get access to the support they need, we can help them get the support they need. TOGETHER WE CAN!

Thank you for reading my message and I hope this information makes you understand why [Young Minds](#) is a great charity to support.

YOUNG MINDS

fighting for young people's mental health



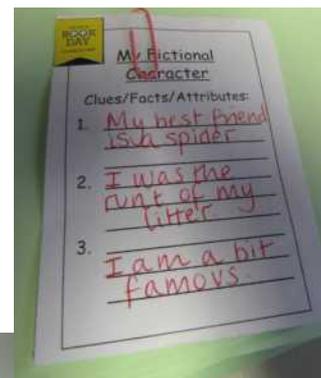
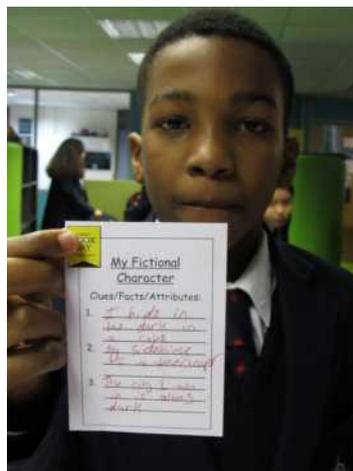
Year 10 students organised their own screening of 'Inside Out', a film about emotions, to raise money for Young Minds. Key Stage 3 students filled the seminar room to watch it. They even served in-seat refreshments!



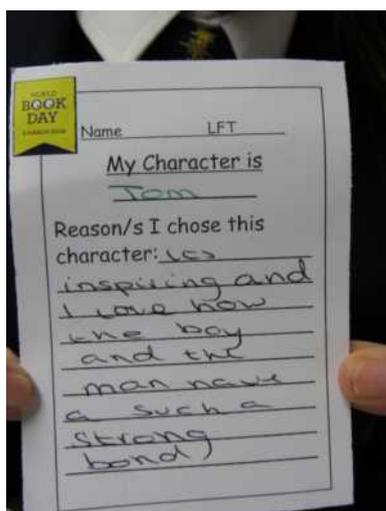
World Book Day 2020

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

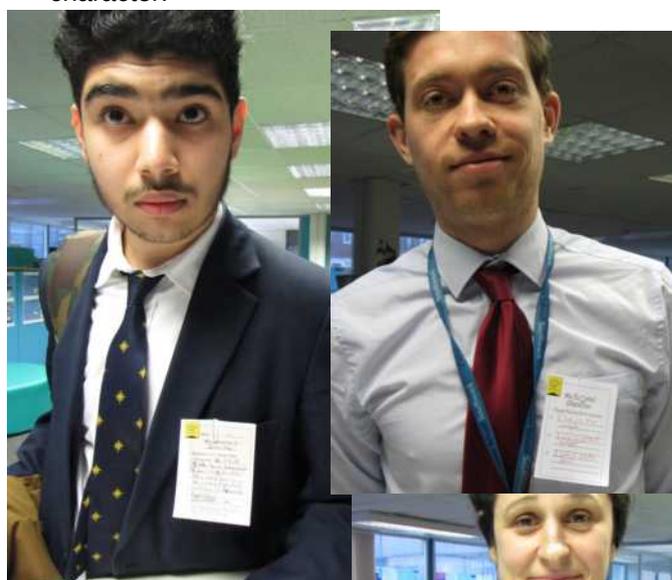
World Book Day took place on March the 5th. The annual global event is marked at Compass with a challenge for students and staff to wear a small card with three clues to a character of their choice which decrease in difficulty for others to guess.



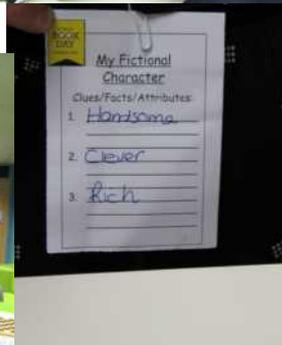
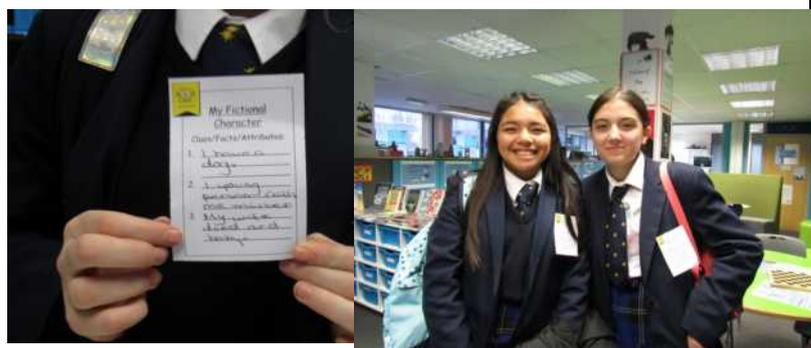
This year the reverse of the card asked for reasons behind this choice of character. The challenge always sparks conversations between everyone about books and reading, but this year we got to know more about why staff and students chose their characters and clues.



All students received a World Book Day book token and/or a free book. I hope they have enjoyed reading a new book and look forward to entries from more whole-school events, even virtual ones like the current one, to design a business card for a fictional character!



Some clues were devilishly tricky, some chose classics as they hoped to be obvious or deliberately cryptic, others chose a character from the book they are currently reading as they were loving it and wanted to let everyone know about a less well-known title. I was thoroughly impressed with the effort and enthusiasm on the day and am looking forward to more of the same next year!



Community at Compass

By Ms Walkey-Williams, Assistant Principal

As somebody who has always called Southwark home, being Assistant Principal of Community is something that makes me immensely proud. I have first-hand knowledge of how special our local community is and am always looking for ways to strengthen links between the school and the wonderful area in which we serve.



I never thought, however, that we would be in the situation we currently are. What I did know is that, no matter the circumstances, our community could always be counted on to come together. Looking at the photos of students working hard from home, speaking to them and their families and reading the excellent work that has been submitted reminds all of us of how incredible our students are. Everyone should be so proud of how they have adapted to this new way of working.



We have been blown away by the donations made to our [Hardship Fund](#) – currently over £35,000! We have already been putting that money to good use, making deliveries of food parcels to those members of our community who need a little extra support. We are already beginning to provide students with no access to technology with laptops in order to support their virtual schooling and books to ensure that they do not fall behind. Keep in touch with our community by following us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

New Look Parents' Evening

by Ms Walkey-Williams, Assistant Principal

In January we held our first new-look Key Stage 3 Parents Evening. This is the first time we have combined the event for all year groups following on from the success of our Key Stage 4 Parents Evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, eager to speak with teachers and support staff. The hall was buzzing with activity as parents met with teachers to discuss their child's progress, celebrate their achievements and found out how to help support their child at home. Prefects were fantastic in supporting with directing families and making lots of cups of tea!



Library News

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

It was a very busy term in the library at Compass; we had Harry Potter night, World Book Day and a great start to the Southwark Book Awards. As a new addition to our annual events, I'm delighted to report that this is a programme that celebrates books and reading whilst connecting us to other south London schools.



I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm shown by: Betty Dixon, Taylor-Rae Philips King, Ronnie Scowen-English, Mohamed Ndiaye, Greta Pezzolato, Amie Edmond and Faruk Bello! They accepted the challenge to read six books without knowing what books they would be! A huge well done to them for their exploration and aspiration! It is a great list of books, having read half of them myself so far and hearing feedback from these students, I can highly recommend them!

Our students continue to be offered the chance to enter external writing competitions via the library and again we have had fantastic news regarding the short stories written by Mariam Ajayi, Amelia Goldstone, Blake Van Best-Barnes and Lily-Rae Whipps! Their entries for 'Hunted' have been accepted to be published in Young Writers' upcoming publication of the same name.

Shortly before we had to close, I received delivery of the students' Library Wish-list and a great selection of French and Spanish books to expand our current provision. When we return to the building, these will be ready and waiting to be enjoyed, in the meantime, students and parents can visit [Compass Virtual Library](#) where there are activities and links to several fun and useful websites like [Audible](#) to listen to many books in English, French or Spanish and [Classoos](#) where textbooks can be accessed. Please also visit the [Southwark Book Awards](#) website to read students' reviews of the six books and look out for our group's additions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to share a very thoughtful email I received from a student in Year 11; Shanelle Maligisa wrote, "...I'll be sure to keep on reading, I have finally come to understand the importance and I wouldn't have had that last push if it wasn't for you!" I wish Shanelle and indeed all of Year 11 every future success!



I was delighted to congratulate students in Year 8 and 9 seen here having just received good news about their short stories!

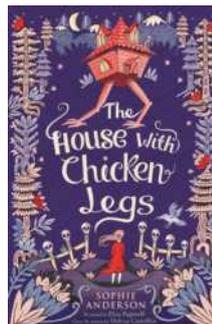
Reading or listening to an audio book can be a good, relaxing distraction as well as being entertaining and educational. Please let me know if you are having any difficulty accessing books during this period and I will do my best to help; please also contact me for recommendations for any age group. With warm wishes for your health and happiness. squigley@compass-schools.com Students, check your emails too for fun challenges and activities! :-)

Peer Reading Students have Continued to Impress!

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

This initiative continued to go very well and is something of which all participating students can be very proud. Over the term many in the group have been reading a very strange but wonderful book by Sophie Anderson, 'The House With Chicken Legs'.

The older students have listened and prompted younger students in a way that will support and develop them as independent readers. This mutually beneficial arrangement has allowed older students to feel a sense of community, continuity and pride. In turn it has encouraged our Year 7 students to feel cared about by older students, safe and confident in their reading. Older and younger students have all been brilliant!



Faruk Bello Y7 deserves a special mention, his enthusiasm has been exemplary; he even jumped at the chance to take part in the Southwark Book Awards. Leon Leech Y9 also, for never failing to arrive with full commitment and a conscientious attitude! Jack Aspinall Y9 and Amy Jacques Y7 for stepping outside of their comfort zone and Vivien Atobra has been steadfast in her approach to learning new words! Superstar Year 10 Prefect Kati Philips said, "Helping other students with their reading has helped with my listening skills and patience. It's a great experience."

Harry Potter Night 2020!

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

Our annual Harry Potter Book Night took place on Wednesday the 12th of February; it was an evening of creativity, fun and community spirit. Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended along with Ms Clapham, Ms Hayward, Ms Russo, Mr Haverty, Mr Huntley and his family.



They began by being sorted into houses, all were happy with the choices made by the surprisingly insightful Sorting Hat! Everyone then settled down to make Harry Potter characters by decorating dolly-pegs. There were some excellent creations perched on tiny drinking-straw broomsticks; some students made versions of themselves as a Hogwarts student and Michaela even made a mini me! Whilst getting creative, students were treated to hearing an excerpt from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets kindly and beautifully read by Year 10 Prefect, Kati Phillips.

They went on to have a game of 'Grounded Quidditch' as the broomsticks just weren't working and Mr Huntley said our School Premises Manager, Mr Xavier probably wouldn't think flying in the library was safe. The adults threw in 'Bludgers' while the students tried to reach the Golden Snitch! Despite being on the floor, it went down well and the evening ended with the Harry Potter quiz!



All the activities were punctuated with treats of 'Butter Beer' (ginger beer and squirty cream), jelly beans, edible wands (bread-sticks), chocolate frogs and pizza was a final treat from Mr Huntley, who attended with his family! There were prizes for best costume, best contributions to the quiz, most courteous guest, and best character creation, well done to all: Edu, Roan, Tai, Harry, Jason, Nicola, Regan, Lily-Jay, Michaela, Saxon and Willow! Special thanks to Kati Phillips and everyone who made it such an enjoyable evening! As they were leaving, students were already asking about Harry Potter Night 2021! [Check out fun activities from Harry Potter World!](#)



Senior Prefect Kati Philips in Year 10 said, "Harry Potter Night was an evening filled with imagination, creativity and fun activities involving teamwork!"



Doubly prize-worthy for being the most helpful and for best costume!

Jamie's Farm 2020!

by Ms Hazlewood, Michaela, Regan and Steven

[Jamie's Farm, Lewes](#), is a stunning farm sitting at the foot of the South Downs, offering tranquillity and far-reaching views. Compass students had an incredible week at the farm. They got involved in every single farm activity. These included: cooking family meals, creating garden paths, mucking out animals, delivering lambs, making horse pens, feeding chickens, collecting fire wood and many more.



The evenings were spent playing Dobble (Alfie is the King of this game), sitting around the fire, performing songs to each other and watching films. The students all demonstrated the Compass values during this week and I hope that they bring their new skills and increased confidence back to Compass. We would like to thank all of the staff (and animals) for making us feel so welcome. Ms Hazlewood



"My week at Jamie's Farm helped me have a more positive attitude towards things that I normally don't like doing. Being at Jamie's Farm changed my mindset from negative to positive because at the farm I tried and enjoyed almost every task that we were given. Although I did hesitate at first, I ended up enjoying it when I didn't really think that I would. The best thing that I did at Jamie's farm, and that I have been doing now that I'm back home, is my daily walk which is very nice to do. Overall I think that my experience at Jamie's farm has made me a more positive person." Regan, Year 7



"My favourite activity was the wood chopping because it was fun to be wielding the axe. Having a clear goal that needed strength and sticking with it was really good. It kept my mind focused because I really wanted to split the wood!" Steven, Year 8



"At Jamie's Farm we all got a chance to feed the animals, some animals were greedy and some were not. It was a great way to get to know all the animals which were pigs, sheep, goats, cows and chickens. If I had to choose a favourite I would choose, Mercury the goat because he was calm and fun to be around. Also, when we entered the pig pen in was very noisy! Michaela," Year 8

Leather-work Students' Fantastic Trip to Northampton University!

by Ms Quigley, School Librarian

On Wednesday the 22nd of January a group of sixteen students spanning Years 7 to 9 went on a trip to Northampton University with Mr May, Mr Osman and myself. Last year ahead of the completion in September of this state of the art facility, our enrichment students were invited by Rachel Garwood, Director of the **Institute for Creative Leather Technologies** and member of the Worshipful Company of Curriers (who very kindly funded this trip).



They were exposed to the fascinating scientific processes necessary to prepare this most versatile material and learned that leather-workers are the original recyclers, utilising by-products of the meat trade. Each student came home with at least two objects they had worked to create alongside expert technicians and knowledgeable lecturers. It was a real pleasure to see these young people enjoying everything Northampton University has to offer for any future aspiration they may have to attend this unique department.



It was a brilliant day, setting off early for the long journey at 9am and returning to Compass at 6:15pm. All of the students behaved impeccably whilst travelling each way and during the two fantastic hands-on workshops. Throughout the break for lunch, where they were well looked after by very kind catering staff, they enjoyed a real taste of student-life getting to play pool, table football, giant Jenga and Connect Four!



Due to their excellent conduct, they have an open-door to return to this fantastic university department and thanks to their courtesy at Northampton station, they were invited to travel home in style with a First Class carriage to themselves!

We are very grateful to Rachel, the Curriers and the team at the University of Northampton and very impressed by all of the students. A special mention goes to Sarah, Raylonda and Terry-Dean for their outstanding creativity! Mr Osman, our fantastic leather-work expert has devised a course for our leather-work enrichment students to complete remotely. We very much look forward to seeing what they create!

History Trip to The Imperial War Museum

by Ms Melling, Teacher of History

A group of Year 10 historians visited the [Imperial War Museum](#) this term. Here, they had the chance to consolidate their knowledge of the Cold War, from looking at items found after the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, to Soviet propaganda posters and film. This was followed by a Holocaust workshop and exhibition tour, where students discussed the poignant nature of the event through testimony, objects and key vocabulary. You can carry out research from their collection whilst at home [here](#).



Girls' Football This Term

by Ms Melling

Compass girls have been continuing to improve on their football skills in their weekly sessions with the help of [Ballers Academy](#).

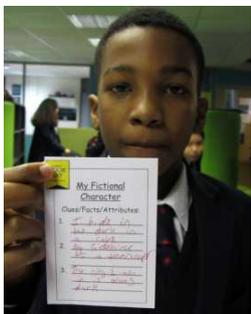
They have been working on their kick-ups and various other drills. They have substantially increased their abilities and are quickly becoming all round footballers. This is something they look forward to putting into practice when school returns to normality, with the promise of regular local fixtures and tournaments! We'll be rooting for them! In the meantime they can keep up their fitness with [Joe wicks](#) and [Ballers Academy](#).



Year 7 Takes Part!

by Ms Hayward Head of Year 7

The Year 7 students have been working hard on their academic work since they returned from the Christmas break and this is evident in the amazing work that they have been producing and that has been shown in the weekly Celebration Powerpoints. Great work Year 7!



Taking part in World Book Day.

Our junior prefects, Jaziah, Ronnie and Eden, have been developing their leadership skills as well as practising their diplomatic skills during their prefect meetings. All the skills they have been learning and developing will help in their continuing role as junior prefects and also hopefully as they make the transition into senior prefects when they get to year 10. I cannot wait to see how these three students will shape themselves and the school through their passion and ideas!



Taking part in World Book Day.

Year 7s were also lucky enough to be able to take part in the exciting Harry Potter Night that was organised and run by Ms Quigley. All students that took part had great fun taking part in a range of activities and drinking lots of yummy butter beer! Well done to Regan, Tai, Harry and Saxon for sharing your enjoyment of Harry Potter and for getting involved in all the different activities with excitement and enthusiasm.



Taking part in Harry Potter Night!

I'm very proud of all the Year 7 students attending Peer Reading every Wednesday: Jake Anderson, Vivienne Atoba, Nathan Bamgbose, Faruk Bello, Kwarme Dartey, Can Mustafa, Tendai Mutymbizi, Ella-Rose Lee, Harry Hardiman, Amy Jaques and Harely Medhurst - Well done to you all! I look forward to hearing what you've been reading at home!



Taking part in World Book Day.

Another exciting event that two of the Year 7s were involved in was the trip to Jaime's Farm! Blue and Regan got the opportunity to spend a week on a farm in Sussex and got the chance to work with the animals as well as learning some great life skills. Well done to both of you!



Beautiful lanterns made at Jamie's Farm for the evening BBQ.

Finally, I just want to say that I am proud of all of you especially in the way that you have shown resilience and have adapted to the unique situation we find ourselves in. I am so grateful that I have had the privilege of being your Head of Year this year and I cannot wait to see what happens for you all in the remaining time we have together at Compass. Keep working hard, communicating with your teachers and I hope to see you all soon!



Poppy has been sewing to create these fictional characters at home! Impressive sewing! Can you name them?

Year 8 Continues to Impress!

by Mr Haverty, Head of Year 8

I wasn't sure at the start of 2020 how Year 8 could impress me more than they already had in the previous term. I'm so pleased to say that they did and they continue to make me proud! The list of students stepping up to build on the success of last term is long; Year 8 has taken the values of our school to heart and are showing this in their actions in and out of class as the year progresses.



One of our Year 8 students planned ahead and spent weeks making a beautiful leather folder as a birthday present for a friend!

Year 8 students have continued to work on cementing good relationships with their peers and their teachers; learning the benefits of kindness and listening. Our student leaders have been showing the way and how to make the most of what Compass has to offer! They've been getting involved in sports, competitions, creative, and energetic pursuits as well as helping others. I've been really impressed to see how so many have represented the school in external competitions and been rewarded with success and invitations to further inspiring events! I've noticed and heard great things about so many Year 8 students and am very pleased with what I've seen and heard and how this is continuing!



Year 8 students were invited to the English Mad Hatters' Tea Party!

Year 8 students go to events! I was proud to see Lily-Jay James and Michaela Phelps when they took part in Harry Potter Night in February! Lily-Jay James, Blake Van Best-Barnes and Lily-Ray Whipps have also done well to be published this term in [Young Writers'](#) publications. Ollie Martin, Olivia Vaudeau and Blake Van Best-Barnes have done so well in their English lessons they were rewarded with a lunchtime in Wonderland!

Another exciting event for Year 8 students, Betty Dixon, Michaela Phelps, Steven Hubbard, Demi Stern, Ibrahim Jalloh, Jason Adeboye, Ben Barfo-Bonney, Shay Holden and Alfie Arnold Cox was a week's stay at Jaime's Farm in Sussex! They shone as ambassadors for Compass,



WE Day and World Book Day!



Lego Club with Inclusion is a weekly favourite!

trying everything from feeding goats to chopping wood; I know it will be a week they will never forget for all the right reasons!

I have been incredibly proud of the way Year 8 has taken opportunities to shine. I've been impressed with their enthusiasm not only to work hard in class, but to participate fully in everything that Compass has to offer!

I would like to mention particularly students taking part in Eco-club, Girls Football and Badminton and Future Men, you are all doing brilliantly! A massive well done to all of Year 8; they are making me very happy to be their Head of Year! Keep up the great work in Virtual School!



Blake is the fastest to look up new words when playing Scrabble! Year 8 impressed our visitors from Construction Youth Trust!



Year 8 has some talented writers! Lily-Jay won the six-word story competition with, "Like a flower, she flew away."

Katie Lucas (who continues to impress across the board) said, "Mr Haverty is an amazing Head of Year as he always helps us work hard in lessons and around the school. He always wants us to push ourselves to do all of the stretches and all of the challenges that we can!"

Year 9 Works Hard!

by Ms Di Stazio, Head of Year 9

It has been a busy and unusual second term for Year 9, but they've made me very proud! So many of them have taken opportunities with both hands and I can't ask for more than that!



Year 9 student has short story published!

Congratulations to Leon Leech for getting involved in so much at school this term! Leon never hesitates to take part in activities to broaden his knowledge and world view or to help others. We are all very proud of the way Leon harnesses the Compass values of *Integrity, Aspiration, Exploration, Team, Community* and *Resilience* to name just some! He has helped with Peer Reading every Wednesday morning without fail, joined Mr Christie's Astronomy Club, taken part in World Book Day and signed up for Duke of Edinburgh! Keep up the great work!



Year 9 students participating in Mr Christie's Astronomy Club.



Year 9 students and their families at the DofE meeting.

I am very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by Year 9 students! George Thomas has continued to raise money outside of school, planning to walk for charity as well as pursuing his interest on a higher level in Astronomy Club! I am very pleased with students who attended the March Foundation meeting to take part in the [Duke of Edinburgh challenge](#). I very much hope they will be able to continue with this exciting project very soon; Leon and George both have a great head start with their volunteering! Good luck George, I see you have raised £250 for the National Autistic Society!



Participating in World Book Day.



Year 9 students participating in World Book Day and Harry Potter Night and George Thomas' photograph of The Moon!

There have been truly great successes! For Mariam who has had her short story published in a book, Casey has been offered a paid internship, Omar has done amazingly well in improving his English and making good friends. Edu won the top prize for best costume (and most helpful student) on Harry Potter night and David made a fantastic choice for his character on World Book Day. David said that he has really loved studying *The Crucible* and is looking forward to attending the Mock Trial when it takes place once we are all back together again!

I am immensely proud of Year 9 as individuals and as a whole Year group. I will look forward to seeing them all!

Maths Marvels!

by Ms Clapham Head of Maths

The Maths Department has had to up its game to keep our very talented mathematicians on their toes! Additional Maths began in January, sixteen of the top set students volunteered to take on the challenge of Additional Maths: a qualification which serves as a stepping stone to A Level Maths and beyond. The students have been fabulously dedicated, staying after school each week, without fail, to take on some very tricky topics and questions. The move to Compass Virtual School has not stopped them either, and assignments are being submitted; the students join Miss Clapham and Miss Russo for their weekly live lessons.



A group of Year 11 students who will be going on to study A Level Maths have also started the course since the opening of the virtual school. This is serving as valuable preparation for their future studies and is putting their resilience to the test!



The Year 7 Maths Booster classes focus on key topics that will enable students to make rapid progress in maths. The sessions began on the 30th of January and had Chau, Maisie, Arman, Vivian, Thomas, and Justin in attendance. These students were assisted by two Year 9 students, Millena and Juliet, and Year 10 student, Ashleigh. The sessions were so highly thought of that it was not too long before we saw two new pupils, Lilly and Courtney, join this mathematical journey. After hearing students' reviews of the sessions, they wanted to be a part of the phenomenal experience. They then invited Terry-dean from Year 8 who engaged in a session too. Students are engaged in 30 minutes of highly challenging and motivating tasks weekly and are also assisted with maths homework during the sessions. Activities range from reading the clock/telling the time, adding and subtracting numbers whilst exploring number bonds. This is fascinating learning for our younger pupils and they are wildly enthusiastic about the sessions. The sessions have also benefited pupils academically: their Improvement Prompt results and assessment results have been positively impacted. We are looking forward to continuing these sessions virtually so students can continue to benefit from exploring the world of mathematics together.



In conjunction with International Women's Day, Yasmin Desai and Eleri Rhidian came to Compass School to talk to our Year 9 and 10 girls about how important maths has been in getting them to where they are now in their careers. They shared their experiences from their school days right up to how they use maths in their jobs every day. They even stayed behind to answer questions from our girls and some very powerful discussions were had. Well done, Year 9 and 10 girls!

At the very end of last term, Think Maths presenter Zoe Griffiths came to Compass to give inspirational presentations to all of our students. Year 7 and 8 were wowed with tricks and shapes, Year 9 focused on maths in technology (and even learned a few tricks to play on their friends!) while Year 10 and 11 looked at 'freaky probability'. The students enjoyed the day as it showed them a side to maths they had not considered before. I'm sure the students were talking about it for days!

Making Mr Egbuchiem Proud

by Mr Egbuchiem, Head of Years 10 and 11

2020 brought the final round of mock exams for Year 11; a time of great stress and worry. Year 10 were not exempt from this, sitting a number of exams along with the Year 11 students to get a sense of what's coming up for them in the near future.



It was incredible to see how hard the students worked, treating the exams with the utmost seriousness and showing the resilience required to make it through the process. Staff were impressed with the attitudes shown and the level of commitment demonstrated – well done, Key Stage 4!



Ms Clapham's Additional Maths students have continued to shine this term, working hard in their sessions on complex and advanced mathematics – it has been a pleasure to witness their dedication.

The First Give Project completed by Year 10 was another display of 100% culture and dedication! Our Year 10 social activists were tasked with increasing awareness for charities that they had mindfully selected, with a secondary goal of raising money for their respective organisations. This task was to be completed with thorough planning, which included activities to fund-raise, in addition to writing and delivering pitches. One of the most challenging tasks was to build confidence for public presentation and speaking.

At the start I had a number of students asking me to give permission for them to do the most outlandish things like skydiving, and sponsored walks during school, to doubling down and asking for time after school to practice and research for their pitches. We were all so happy to see the development in maturity and application throughout the journey towards presentation day. This project finally culminated with all students representing the school excellently with their resilience and community spirit shining through at the end.



A massive shout out also has to go to Kati, Sophie, Sekouba, Louis, Maurycy, Archie and Nancy for taking part in the Year 7 reading scheme. These students spend 20 minutes every Wednesday morning peer reading with a younger student. Their contribution to our school community and the education of others is a beautiful thing to witness and I hope that these students are as proud of themselves as we all are of them!



I am a very proud Head of Year as not only myself, but the whole staff team witnessed and commented on the passion to help others coming from these young people! I could only answer that I felt the same and more; really, I am truly impressed and looking forward to seeing what they do next!

Year 10 Prefect Kati Philips said, "Being in Year 10 seemed like it was going to be stressful and hard, but it's really just like any other year because Mr Egbuchiem our Head of Year is really supportive, he helps us to focus on important work."

Making Mr Egbuchiem Proud

by Samuel Enchill Year 11 and Kati Philips Year 10

Year 11 have been preparing for their exams all year. Shanelle and Linorah, for example, have been spending a lot of time using the library, showing their maturity as they worked towards their end goals. It is so unfortunate that we find ourselves in our current situation. The fact that Year 11 will not get to show what they can do in the summer seems unfair and I know that some of them will feel as if they were robbed of something and this feeling is natural. We are all facing uncertainty at the moment but it is really important that Year 11 remember this:



Key Stage 4 drama students had a visit from film-star, John Boyega.



Year 11 prefects helping at Key Stage 3 Parents' Evening.



Year 11 students have spent time with our fantastic neighbours, [Construction Youth Trust](#) learning carpentry and construction skills.



Economist Bridget Roswell's working lunch with pupils interested in economics and the effects of Brexit on the UK economy.

Please know that guiding and teaching you all has been, on most days(!), nothing but a joy and we are going to miss you all a lot. We have learned lots together and need you to know that it has all been worth more than an exam grade.

In our classrooms you have debated, visited different places, met different people and engaged with the world through our curriculum. Please remember the laughs as well as the messages that we have always sought to impart through teaching and our school values but, for now, just know that we are thinking of you all. We're looking forward to seeing you so come back and see us when you can.

Year 10 Jack Petchey

by Holly Parkinson, Teacher of English

Year 10 were lucky enough to have a special, whole-day workshop as part of the [Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge](#). The Jack Petchey challenge is the largest speaking competition for young people globally. Jane, who has worked with previous Compass students entering this project, coached the pupils on their posture, voice and speech content before they performed for each other. She selected three winners who will be in with a chance of going through to the regional final where they will compete against other pupils in the borough later in the year.



Year 11 Maths Fest

by Ms Russo, Teacher of Maths

Back in early February students in Year 11 attended the 2020 Maths Fest at Kensington Town Hall with 600, mostly A' Level students from a number of schools across London. They picked up revision skills and saw a number of talks on advanced mathematics including 2D and 3D shapes of constant width, Tribonacci numbers and the hidden maths of The Simpsons! I was very proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the day; they focused on the lectures and were excellent company to boot! I wish every one of them every success and look forward to hearing what they do in future!



Maths in Action

by Ms Cogher, Teacher of Maths and Careers Lead

Between Monday 10th February and Friday 14th February, all Year 8 students took part in a quantity surveying workshop during one of their maths lessons. The workshop was led by an organisation called [Construction Youth Trust](#), who raise awareness about the apprenticeship route and the broad range of career opportunities available in the construction industry.

Year 8 students received a talk from a quantity surveyor who works in the local area and learnt about the varied nature of the role. The students also gained insight into the different pathways for entering the construction industry. During the workshop, they were given the challenge of using their mathematical skills to calculate the cost of materials required for a building plan. The pupils worked in small groups to measure the lengths of walls and floors on a scale drawing and then converted their values into real-life measurements using a calculator. Students impressed our visitors with their thoughtful questions and problem-solving ideas throughout the workshop. Well done year 8!



Eco - Regrow Grows and Recruits!

by Ms Ragusa, Head of Art and Student Leadership Coordinator

The Eco-committee embarked on a new aspect of their prime goal to reduce the use of single use plastic in the school community. Whilst the use of single use plastic has reduced in school with the introduction of veg-ware products in the canteen, students wanted to do something with the single use plastic that was still being used. For this part of the scheme, about re-purposing single-use plastic, students created a small enrichment group that did just that.

This group have been creating planters from plastic bottles, a herb garden from milk cartons and are on our way to creating a chandelier from the base of bottles.

During the second half of the term students shared their goal and projects with the school via an assembly and have since had a few more recruits to the Eco Committee! Many thanks to our wonderful gardener, Natalie for all her help and botanical wisdom and a very well done to all of the students for their passion for our planet!



WE Day Celebrations at Wembley 2020

by Katie Lucas Year 8, Blake Van Best-Barnes Year 8 and George Thomas Year 9

On the Wednesday the 4th of March 2020, some of our student leaders went on a trip to Wembley Stadium. While we were there, we saw many famous celebrities like Idris Elba and Lewis Hamilton. Each celebrity talked about things like having a healthy mindset and how we can all help to make the world a better place if we all work together. This also gave us student leaders many ideas for our Eco-committee and anti-bullying ambassadors. We all had a great time and were all very inspired by what was said to us. Katie Lucas Year 8



"There were lots of famous celebrities that talked about things like changing the environment and helping others through things that are a little tough. Lots of people attended. We had a very fun time and made a lot of memories." Blake Van Best-Barnes Year 8



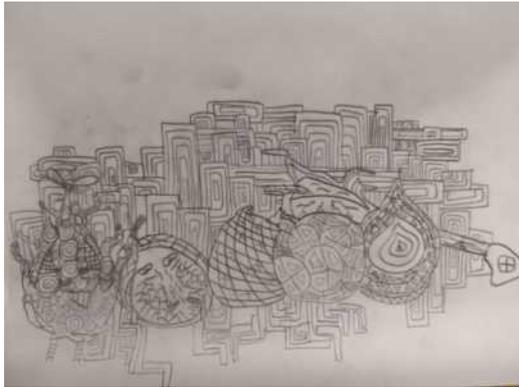
"WE Day 2020 was a really good event. It had lots of motivational speakers and some people singing. Some of the famous people that went were: Idris Elba, Lewis Hamilton, Jamie Oliver, Leona Lewis, Laura Whitmore and many more. Calum Scott also went, he performed some of his songs like: 'Dancing on my Own' and 'You are the Reason'. This amazing, inspiring event wouldn't have been possible without Miss Ragusa and Miss Monsell." George Thomas Year 9



Art at Compass

by Ms Ragusa, Head of Art

Year 7 students have been working on a transforming project, they developed their drawing skills by completing studies of fruit and vegetables. They then had to use their imagination to transform the studies into city-scapes. With the use of a viewfinder students zoomed in on a section, enlarged it and added features linking to the artist Hundertwasser. Students were then introduced to colour theory with the plan of painting their enlarged section.



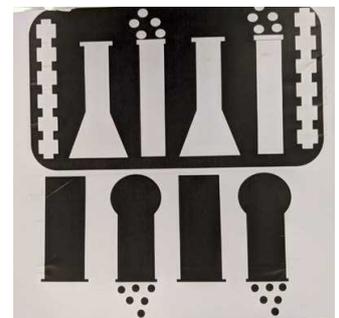
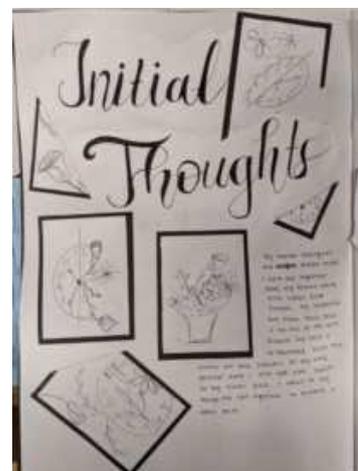
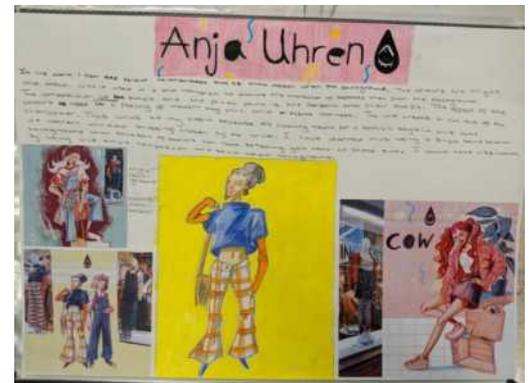
Year 8 students have been exploring cells. They explored different ways to record from imagery including pencil, coloured pencil and inks. After studying the work of Suzan Shutan students created beautiful paper cell sculptures.



Year 9 students continued with their food project this term with a focus on 3D work. Students first started with paper relief pieces and went on to create 3D paper food sculptures. Next they worked in clay, producing a clay tile design and textured clay piece.



Year 10 students started their sustained project this term. Fine Art students began with the starting point of interiors whilst Graphics students chose between *human figure*, in which they had to design a paper doll figure and clothing or *the elements* where they were designing for a science themed restaurant.



Year 11 students have made some amazing pieces, but we will have to wait to share these until later on this year!

GCSE Drama

by Mr May, Head of Creative Arts

When I got the call from the agent of Star Wars star, John Boyega asking if we would like to have him visit our students, I was thrilled. I thought I would organise a surprise visit and that it would be great for our young people to have this as a boost before their GCSE drama exam. I managed to pull it off with the help of John of course and our fantastic staff team. The ruse worked, students were not only surprised, they were absolutely delighted. John Boyega was absolutely brilliant; he is a local boy from Peckham and a lot of our children have grown up in a similar area so they are familiar with his journey.

During his speech to students, John urged pupils to take full advantage of their time in school, saying, "...it only happens once." Another of the things I remember him saying was, "You've got one chance, so make the most of it." and "A film employs a village of people. " This was good for students to hear, because it gives them focus to work as a team. I was immensely pleased to see the joy created by this occasion and the energy with which our students delivered their exam performances not forgetting the fabulous tech crew backstage.

I look forward to a time when we can all be together and have John Boyega back at Compass to see us all again!



Mad Hatters' Rewards!

by Ms Walkey-Williams, Assistant Principal

The English department held a celebration lunch for KS3 students this term to recognise those who had consistently demonstrated the Compass values in their English lessons. Teachers were able to nominate two students from each of their classes to attend The Mad Hatters' Tea Party! They were given an invitation which told them to 'not be late' and arrived into their very own Wonderland on Thursday 13th of February where they were met by large pizzas, garlic bread and a colourful array of sweet treats!

Of course, no tea party would be complete without mad hats, and students enjoyed the selection of crazy head-gear – posing for many photos in front of our special selfie wall! Ollie Martin in Year 8 commented that this was the 'best lunch time ever!' while the rest of the students were eager to find out the plans for the next celebration lunch! Continue showing those Compass values and hopefully we'll see you next time!



Table Tennis

by Mr Hoang (Coach Simon)

At the Central London Individual School Championships



In February of this year, a group of selected pupils from Compass attended a table tennis tournament held in [The Greenhouse Sports Centre](#), London. All of the students chosen to take part had demonstrated commitment and in this challenge, got the chance to show what skills they learned over just five months of training.

This dedication enabled them to compete against professional club players in London. I am incredibly proud of how they performed and would like to say a huge well done to all, particularly to Eliman and Tianea for reaching the quarter finals! This result is an indication of their passion and commitment to Table Tennis at Compass School Southwark! I look forward to more of the same soon!

Compass' Basketball Brilliance!

by Mr Flowers, Head of P.E.



Our Basketball Team Members

- Sahr Meniour
- DeSean Bouake
- Tyreese Williams
- Oscar Malinowski
- Frankie Nazer
- Teddie Hitchcock
- Fabrizio Pintea
- Mecca Samuels
- Dylan Kappo-Flemming



I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to every student who has represented the school so well this term. Although you are all sporting superstars doing brilliantly with Joe Wicks, I'm going to talk about the fantastic effort from our Key Stage 3 boys basketball team!

They are 3 – 0 up in the Southwark Boys Basketball League; this term they faced Bacon's College, Charter School and Walworth Academy securing three wins! The boys showed fantastic resilience in their first match versus Bacon's college where they were losing at half time by 8 points, but overcame this deficit to win by 2 points. This followed a dominant display in the second match against Charter with a convincing 30 point win. Finally they faced their hardest opponent in Walworth, but their intensity and focus saw them through; they led from start to finish!

The team has shown what practice, teamwork and hard work can do so keep up your fitness, because there will be matches to be played and you'll be ready to keep up th Compass winning streak!

Boys' Futsal

by Mr Flowers, Head of P.E.

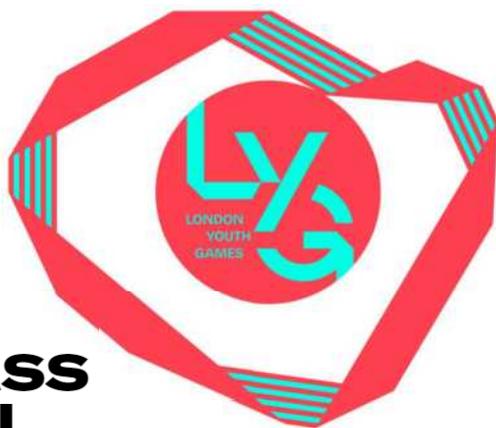
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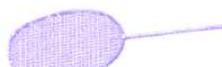
It has been a very intense and committed few months training with Ballers Football Academy every Wednesday. We started off with working on individual ball skills and have had an excellent uptake with on average 16 boys attending come rain or shine. The boys have learned a lot about the importance of control and ball manipulation. We had another fixture in the Boys' Futsal League where the boys in Year 8 competed well, losing to a well-organised team from St Michael's school. The positives they can take from this was their determined attitude and effort throughout the match. We will now be working more on organisational aspects of the game, focusing on defensive shape and putting pressure on the ball. With the regular involvement of the boys, their continued attention to fitness and future attendance of this club, I'm sure they will be turning out some more victories! We'll be backing them all the way!

Brilliant Badminton! Competing at the London Youth Games

by Mr Flowers, Head of P.E.



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BADMINTON

Our Badminton Team

Members

Girls team:

Katie Lucas

Lucy Lucas

Elleigh Wade-Kendrick

Boys team:

Teddie Hitchcock

Frankie Nazer

Tyreese Williams

Oscar Malinowski

This term, Compass entered its first badminton tournament where we took KS3 girls and boys down to Harris East Dulwich for the [London Youth Games](#). Each team all had to play 1 singles match and 1 doubles match against each participating school, the team who won overall would represent Southwark in badminton. It was an excellent performance from both our girls' team, and boys' team. Firstly the girls, this, although their first ever badminton tournament, their confidence and attitude was exceptional. They lost 4 of their 6 matches but they fought very hard and had the correct, positive attitude throughout the whole tournament. What was even more impressive was that our girls were all in Year 8 and were facing only Year 9 girls throughout! I am sure that next year, they will have learned a lot from this experience and will be able to compete for the opportunity to represent Southwark.

They boys fared better in their tournament, winning all their matches until the final against Dulwich College where they lost out. Again, this was their first tournament, but as an older team, their competitive instinct, desire and tactical understanding led them to win four of their matches against the other state schools in Southwark. We hope that next year, with some further training, we can go one better and represent Southwark with this team. [Practice at home and keep up your fitness!](#)

Well Done to the Compass Debating Team!

by Mr Beard, Head of Humanities

Our debating team has done very well in two rounds of the [Debate Mate](#) challenge this year. A new fixture to the Compass suite of activities for students, their inaugural foray was impressive, winning handily against Norwood School. Our team then had mixed fortunes in their second round on Monday the 2nd of March at Sydenham School. They lost when asked to oppose the first motion: "This house believes that billionaires should be banned." But won the second motion arguing for "This house believes that the use of social media as a sole source of news does more harm than good." We're very proud of the way they have worked together to formulate their arguments and presented these with enthusiasm and clarity and we look forward to their future efforts with interest!



Go Golden Lions!

by Ms Ragusa, Student Leadership Coordinator

The student leadership groups of Junior prefects and Anti-bullying ambassadors came together to create a lunch time group they have called the Golden Lions. The aim of the Golden Lions club was to bring students together to create new friendships and build on team work. The club has been entirely organised and run by the student leaders. I'm hugely proud of how they have worked together in this way and look forward to seeing what they do next!



Chair of Governors' Message

by Martin Deutz

This edition of Our Journey reports on the many wonderful events and experiences that Compass School provided for students during the last term. Many of these take place outside the core curriculum and do not add directly to academic results but they are central to our mission that everyone in our community will confidently reach the destination to which they aspire.

We believe very strongly that experiencing the wider world is central to building the confidence and informing the aspiration that will propel our students into the best possible future for them. Visits to places of interest, universities and careers events expand students' understanding of the possibilities open to them and help them to understand how their learning at Compass will give them access to fulfilling futures.

Cultural events and personal reading open up different ways of experiencing and thinking about the world and about ourselves. New experiences help us realise that we can all do things that we never dreamed of, if only we have the chance. The world has not stopped because we are confined at home, and it will still be there when we return to normal life. So Compass remains as committed as ever to keeping our students moving along on their journey through the wider world, albeit online.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for all they do to put together the enrichment programme and to arrange the logistics for it, both physically and online – on top of their curriculum work. They are an inspiration to us all. I know that when school reopens there will be fantastic new experiences to celebrate and I look forward to reading about them in future editions of Our Journey!



Year 7 student winner of most courteous guest on Harry Potter Night!



Students and their families at the March Foundation Duke of Edinburgh meeting in February.



Year 7 History trip to Charter House in February.

Compass School is proud of our continued association with the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and Worshipful Company of Curriers. We thank them for their kind support of our community.





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