

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year at Compass School. I hope you've all enjoyed the summer break.

### **Much to celebrate**

The 2019-20 academic has started with some fantastic developments for our school community:

- Our GCSE results are a cause for celebration with our Progress 8 measure in line with national expectations and improvements across the board.
- We have upgraded our facilities with the resurfacing of outdoor play spaces and a new artificial grass surface due to be installed in October replacing our concrete football pitch.
- Our enrichment offer has been enhanced with the employment of a full-time table tennis coach, provision of music instrument lessons and many more activities to enrich our pupils' learning.

### **100% culture**

We approach the new year with great energy and determination to build on the past years' successes and strive for even better this year. I firmly believe that education is the best gateway to successful and prosperous lives through the qualifications pupils achieve and values that are instilled. I therefore ask that you, as parents and carers, support the school in instilling a 100% culture in our young people.

This means they:

- Always give 100% in the classroom, with homework and in their behaviour
- Aim for 100% attendance and punctuality
- Are in full uniform 100% of the time
- Always have the right equipment
- Always act with integrity and communicate respectfully with others

These are the foundations for successful learning that will transform our pupils' lives. Families and school staff must work together to enforce and reinforce these expectations through setting the right example, rewarding pupils and through the use of sanctions where necessary.

### **Working with parents**

We are here to serve this community and strive for the best possible opportunities for our pupils. No school can do this without the active support of parents and I would like you to get more involved with the school. There are a range of events planned over the course of the academic year to help you support your child's learning (see key dates). Further to these, we are inviting applications for two parent governor roles. The deadline for applications is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and there will be a briefing for interested parents on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 6-7 pm.

### **School Meals**

All pupils have access to a free breakfast before school and fruit during morning break. A healthy lunch is provided free of charge for those that qualify for free school meals. Compass School does not permit packed lunches. Please find out if you are entitled to Free School Meals by completing the short [application form](#) accessible from our website – search for Free School Meals. You could save over £400 per year. If you do not receive free school meals, please ensure your child has adequate funds on their Squid account to cover the cost of their lunch, currently £2.20 per day, as they will no longer be allowed to incur debt. Please contact [info@compass-schools.com](mailto:info@compass-schools.com) should you have any concerns about payments.

### **Pupil Safety**

Your child's safety is paramount to us and we will co-operate with local agencies and follow best practice to ensure that Compass School remains a safe place for pupils and staff. Alongside our routine fire drills which are well established, we will also practice our "Lockdown" procedure and co-operate with the Police initiative to tackle knife crime by instituting periodic searches and knife arches as required. Parents can be reassured that any possession of a knife or blade on site will result in the pupil leaving our school permanently.

### **Keeping in touch**

Keep in the loop with what is happening at Compass School by following us on Twitter: @CompassSE16, subscribing to our weekly bulletin via email to [squigley@compass-schools.com](mailto:squigley@compass-schools.com) and visiting our website frequently. Also ensure you never miss out on communications by keeping the contact details we have for you up to date. We intend to go paper-free for our communications later this term, so it is vitally important that your contact details include an email address.

I wish you and your child the very best for the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Marcus Huntley  
**Principal**

## Key Contacts

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## Key Dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 and 11 early finish (Staff Training)	3:50pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening (School day ends 2:55)	5:00 – 7:30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	4:00 – 5:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Prospective Parent Governor Briefing	6.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 RAF Wittering Residential (Group 1)	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening (School day ends 2:55)	5:00 – 7:30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 RAF Wittering Residential (Group 2)	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Governor Application Deadline	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Supporting Your Child in Year 10 and 11 – Information Evening	4:00 – 5:30pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-Term Holiday	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Work Experience	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 and 11 early finish (Staff Training)	3:50pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week /Year 11 Mock Exams	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 and 11 Parents' Evening	4:30 – 7:00pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair	5:00 – 6:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends – Early Closure	1:05pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term	