

Tuesday 4th 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 27th September and there will be a briefing for interested parents on Tuesday 17th 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 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 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

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Key Dates

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