

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Update from the Careers Team - Setting your child up for success post 16**

I am pleased to be able to share with you some of the great work we have been doing with year 11 this term and what lies ahead at this most important time in their school career.

**This half-term's focus has been on supporting all year 11 students to make the right decision for their post-16 provision and with their applications. Activities have included:**

- A careers assembly to inform students of the post-16 decision-making and application process, and to outline a timeline of key dates
- A computer room session to research and record their post-16 intentions on Unifrog (online careers platform)
- A virtual assembly delivered by Construction Youth Trust to provide information about how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- A virtual assembly delivered by Noel-Ann Bradshaw, the Head of Computing and Digital Media at the London Metropolitan University to provide information about A level choices and university courses
- 1-1 virtual careers interviews with an independent, qualified careers adviser (the results from these have formed an Action Plan and saved onto each student's Unifrog profile, so they can be accessed at any time)
- Up-to-date information about virtual college open days
- Personalised support with applications
- Parental guidance given at the Year 11 Information Evening regarding post-16 applications. Please note this event will now be virtual given the move to COVID Tier 2 for London. Details to follow

**Next half term brings a focus on their progress with post-16 applications. They must:**

- Research local sixth forms/further education colleges/apprenticeship, create a list of their top 5 and the **application deadlines** dates
- Attend open days (either virtually or physically) for local sixth forms/colleges/further education colleges
- Read the post-16 Southwark Prospectus for in-depth guidance about how to choose a post-16 qualification and information about local sixth forms and colleges in the borough
- Complete an application for at least 3 local sixth forms/further education colleges/apprenticeships
- Use Unifrog to research career options, university courses and post-16 options

If your child requires additional support with making their post-16 choices, then they should speak to their Learning Family Tutor as a first point of contact. If your child requires specialist support with making applications, or requires a reference, then they should speak to either myself or Mr Egbuchiem, Head of Year 11.

### **Helpful Links and Resources**

**Visit our GCSE 2021 webpage** <https://compass-schools.com/for-pupils/gcse2021/>

At this time, pupils need all the support they can get to provide as much certainty about next year as possible. By engaging with the activities above and with your support, they can ensure they can confidently reach the destination to which they aspire.

Kind regards,



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**Head of Careers**