

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### End of term letter – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the final few weeks of this term, I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and ensure that you are aware of our end-of-term events and arrangements.

### Community Christmas Fair - December 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

We'll be marking the festive season with our Community Christmas Fair on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. There will be an exciting range of activities including stalls, live music, sports, arts and crafts, as well as, a 36ft inflatable assault course and slide! There are also some great prizes on offer in our raffle and tombola. Could you be the lucky winner of one of the luxury hampers or JD Sports vouchers?

Entry is by donation and we are raising funds for Time and Talents, an incredible local charity who have supported the people of Rotherhithe and Bermondsey for over 100 years, bringing people together for mutual support, fun and friendship.

A warm welcome (and a warm drink) awaits!

### End of term reports

All parents and carers will receive an e-mail with the end-of-term report showing your child's progress and attainment based on recent assessments and exams. There is also a section showing how your child is exemplifying the Compass values in each of their subjects. Teachers will also be updating the DPR app so you can also have a close-up view of the areas of strength for your child in each subject, as well as, those they need to improve. You can view the DPR report by logging into the app using the log in details given to your child at the start of the year from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Please discuss these with your child.

Looking ahead, there is a Year 7 Parents' Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> January at Compass.

### Christmas Holiday Dates

- School will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12:15 p.m.
- All students to come in for COVID testing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. More details below.
- All students return to start the Spring term on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40 a.m. in full school uniform.



## Testing

In line with Government guidance, all secondary pupils should be tested once on-site at the start of the Spring term, and once at-home 3 to 4 days later.

As a result, students will come into school for their on-site COVID test on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please send your child in at the times below. Students should enter school using the back entrance on Webster Road. They do not need to attend in school uniform. This will be followed up with a test at home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Year Group	Time
7	12:30- 13:00
8	13:00- 13:30
9	13:30- 14:00
10	14:00- 14:30
11	14:30- 15:00

## GCSE exams

All of Year 11 will have a formal, external GCSE exam for iMedia on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Some students will have a Sports Science exam on the same day, these students will be notified. Please support your child to prepare for these external exams as they will contribute to their GCSE grade in these subjects.

## Attendance Matters

At this time, many of you may be planning holidays or visits to friends and family. As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day. We want to ensure there are no spikes in your child's absence either before or after the Christmas holidays. We know that just a few missed days here and there add up to too much lost learning time and puts your child behind in school. It also sends the wrong message to your child about the importance of attendance.

Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until the holiday starts and the first day back. This Christmas, ensure your child has the gift of education and the habit of excellent attendance.

***Requests for holidays during school time are always declined and referred to the Education Welfare Officer for action.***

## Student Christmas Lunch

Each year we have a festive lunch with all the trimmings! This year the Christmas lunch is taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the Christmas lunch is £2.20 (free for students who are eligible).

## Spotlight on Rewards

What a year we have had for positive points! Students have all come together to achieve as many positive points as they possibly can in the hope of getting some great rewards.

Which year group is leading the way? Below are the total numbers of positive points so far:

	<b>POSITIVE PONTs</b>
Year 7	30,813
Year 8	27,116
Year 9	24,604
Year 10	22,382
Year 11	18,255

### **Attendance and Punctuality Rewards**

A number of rewards are planned for the coming weeks to celebrate that fantastic attendance we have seen from our students. Students have worked hard to maintain excellent attendance and have made significant improvements in both attendance and punctuality to school.

Particular congratulations to the students that have achieved 100% attendance. This is no mean feat and we are very proud of them and their families who have worked hard to make this possible.

### **Celebration Assembly**

We will celebrate the successes of this term in Year group assemblies with all the members of the year group on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will be followed by a celebration with Learning Families before students are dismissed for the Christmas Holidays at 12:15 p.m.

### **Good Causes**

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper of their choice (alongside their uniform) if they bring a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We hope everybody participates to raise as much money as possible for such a good cause!

### **Southwark Free School Meals Christmas Offer**

We are pleased to say that Southwark have set aside funding to support pupils entitled to FSM during the Christmas holiday. The period covered is 11 days from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 inclusive, and includes the 3 bank holidays. The school will provide vouchers valued at £3.00 per meal, £33 in total for the 11 days of the Christmas holiday.

### **School Communication**

Every fortnight we send our Compass Community bulletin for parents and carers by email. Please ensure that we have the correct email address for you, so that you can be sure to be kept aware of the exciting events and important notices shared by the school. A copy is also uploaded to the parent area of the school website, along with copies of letters sent home to parents.

We are also now on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please like, follow and share our page. Also look out for the Christmas edition of Our Journey which promises to be packed with stories and pictures from a fantastic Autumn term at Compass.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and the very best for 2022.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MH', written in a cursive style.

Marcus Huntley  
**Principal**