

Welcome to the Compass Community!

Dear parents, carers and new members of our school,

Congratulations on being offered a place at Compass School. I'm pleased to be officially welcoming you into the Compass community. This is an exciting time for you and for us as we welcome a new cohort into our community. We hope your child's journey with us will be one where they excel academically, personally and make lasting friendships.

We opened in 2013 with the ambition to become an outstanding local school. In a short space of time, we have become the school of choice for many families in our local community, and we are providing a fantastic education in a unique, small school setting. We move into our state-of-the-art new building on the site next door during the summer 2023, so your child will soon have access to the very best of facilities.

However, we have always been much more than a building. We are a community, and so we look forward to supporting you through this important period of transition, getting to know you all along the way to ensure that by September, your child can start their journey with confidence and excitement.



Compass School Southwark

Everyone at Compass School holds the belief that every child can achieve their full potential given the right support and challenge. This is reinforced in our vision, "Everyone in the Compass Community will confidently reach the destination to which they aspire."

Our core values will help your child fulfil their ambitions: Aspiration, integrity, exploration and resilience. All aspects of school life are focused on supporting these core values.

Please take your time to read over the information enclosed in this pack, complete the enclosed forms and please do contact us should you require any support.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Huntley'.

Marcus Huntley, Principal



Aspiration **Integrity** **Resilience** **Exploration**

Transition Timeline

Actions/Events



Complete the Admissions Pack

A stamped addressed envelope has been provided for your convenience. Please do complete and return this document as soon as possible.



Attend our Welcome Event, Wednesday 9th March, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Information about this event will be sent in your welcome email.



Attend our Pupil Transition Day, July (exact date for Southwark schools TBC)

On this day, all pupils in Southwark will be visiting their new secondary schools to experience a full day as a secondary school pupil! We will be in touch with more information when Southwark confirms the date.



Introductory Zoom Calls, June

Book an individual meeting with one of our senior leadership team where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have and we can get to know you a bit better!



Order Uniform

We have included information about our uniform supplier. Please ensure that you order in good time and do contact us if you have any issues. We will also have a selection of lightly used uniform for sale on the transition day.

What's new?

New building

Work is well on the way on our new building which was approved by the Mayor of London last year. With state-of-the-art learning and sports facilities, the new Compass School building will facilitate fantastic education for our young people.

The school is an integral part of the Grosvenor Britain & Ireland's masterplan for the area and it's being built first. That means pupils can move into a brand-new bespoke campus and get learning as soon as possible!

From Science labs to a rooftop multi-use games arena and exceptional visual and performing arts facilities, the new Compass School is an inspiring learning environment, with everything pupils need to thrive.

Zones

Your child can look forward to a dedicated social-time zone when arriving at Compass! This adjustment has helped our previous Year 7 cohorts to thrive, allowing pupils to adapt to their new lives at secondary school more easily and form friendships more quickly. Pupils have their own playground with brand new table tennis tables, basketball nets and AstroTurf to make break times even more enjoyable!



“Amazing support from Compass. Thank you to all the teachers and staff doing their utmost best. You have fully supported us!” (Parent)

Reading

At Compass, we have established a culture of reading, meaning that all pupils are well supported, challenged and celebrated. Through the use of digital curriculum, Accelerated Reader and Bedrock Vocabulary assist us in monitoring pupils' reading progress. Pupils are equipped with lifelong skills to confidently reach the destination to which they aspire.

Class Charts

At Compass, we use a system called Class Charts to reward our pupils for doing the right thing. This is used by all staff in every lesson to make sure that pupils are rewarded for their excellent work, behaviour, manners and so much more. We also use it to give corrections, when needed. As a parent, you can see how your child is doing in school with real-time updates, communicate directly with teachers and keep up to date with key announcements. With 100% approval rating from parents, Class Charts will make sure that you are involved in your child's learning throughout their time here.



**"I love it here. I enjoy the learning, because it is always presented to us in the best way possible."
(Pupil)**



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