# **Community Bulletin**

for Fortnight Ending 28/05/2021



# **Farewell to Year Eleven!**





Our school community says not goodbye, but au revoir to the eldest students of Compass School Southwark as we will soon see them again. Over their five years at Compass, we have enjoyed watching them grow into this fine, well-mannered, lively and often, hilariously funny group of young people. Many of our staff team remember their arrival on their first day of secondary school, back in 2016 and how quiet and nervous they (briefly) were; they are certainly 'out of their shells' and sharing their greatness.

We have all been particularly proud of how well they have coped with the disruption of Covid on the last two academic years and how well they have extolled the Compass values in navigating this global interruption to normal life, exams and assessments.

We very much look forward to being with them again at the prom celebration in July and sharing their results day together on the 12th of August. We have recently cemented a new process for our student alumni, so will expect to see these young people at alumni events to hear about how they are doing. On behalf of my whole staff team, I wish them all the very best in their next steps.

Finally, after saying goodbye recently to Ms Hazlewood as Assistant Principal for Pastoral, we now welcome back a familiar face, Mr Edd Snoxell in this role and look forward to his enthusiastic energy for excellent behaviour at Compass.

Marcus Huntley

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 10 Exam week 21st - 25th June Pride 2021 - 25th June INSET Day - 28th June

JULY

DofE expedition - 9th - 11th July Prize-giving - 15th July 5pm - 6:30pm Sports Day - 19th July

DofE expedition - 20th - 22nd July

Last day of term - 22nd July early close 2:55pm

Year 11 Prom - 22nd July 7pm

**AUGUST** 

Year 11 GCSE results Day - 12th August



Year 11 signing shirts in the playground during their last breaktime!



Mr Edd Snoxell Assistant Principal for Pastoral and Designated Safeguard Lead

Please see links to our <u>Twitter</u> page, <u>Compass School Website</u> and for our <u>Facebook</u> page.



Students have enjoyed presentations and activities to celebrate and highlight Pride 2021 in Learning Family Time since we returned from the half-term break. In lessons, there have been investigations into the contributions and challenges of figures from the LGBTQ+community.





History lessons last week, looked at the contributions of the brilliant Alan Turing!

# Write on! Year 8 Journalists' Powerful Pieces Published!

Lottie O'hara, Tye Hulbert, Greta Pezzolato and Leslie Brigette Castillo-Caicedo have continued to impress with their writing skills.

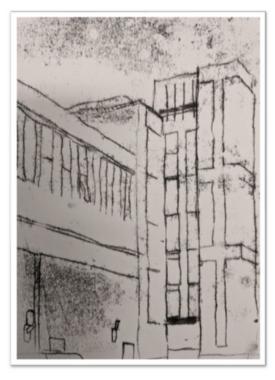
In their weekly enrichment sessions with Financial Times journalist, Antonia Cundy, they have explored issues that are important to them and honed their articles to a professional level.

We are bowled over with pride to read their insightful and important articles on mental health, sexual harassment and the gender pay gap. You can read the full articles as published in The Southwark News <a href="https://example.com/here/news/here/">here/</a>.



# **Awesome Art!**

#### **Amazing Aspiration!**



Well done to Fonti in Year 7 for this great monoprint of the Biscuit Factory.



Well done to Naomi in Year 9 for this detailed clay portrait!



Well done to Ben in Year 7 for this fantastic monoprint for the Biscuit Factory project!



Well done to Vivian in Year 9 for completing this excellent piece of stencil work!



Well done to Samuel in Year 8 for completing this eponymous artwork!

If you're feeling creative, you might like to try The Royal Academy Sketch Club it's free and goes on for the next two weeks.

# Wellbeing

#### **Mental Health**

Compass students are regularly reminded to take care to look after their physical and mental wellbeing. We have continued to encourage students to express themselves through the arts, through speaking and taking time out to walk, exercise, listen to audio-books or read for pleasure. Throughout May, the month of wellbeing, we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week with lots of whole-school activities; we are continuing to highlight the power of plants;

looking at the positive power of gardening and experiencing nature on our physical and mental wellbeing.



Despite leaving, Year 11 students have returned to Compass on Friday afternoons to keep up their fitness and wellbeing with a choice of activities! It's great that so many are taking up this opportunity; it's always a pleasure to see them!



Students in Years 7 to 10 have been keeping an eye on how well their seeds are getting on, which sunflower will be the tallest?

Students have been using the library more and more of late and we've been especially delighted to see Year 9 and 10 students' increased participation in reading for pleasure and wellbeing! Our female-focus books arrived to great delight from students and staff, the additions to our art section have been particularly welcome, as female artists have been so overlooked by history, we welcome Herstory and what that means for equality in all areas of society.

> "Reading this book is brilliant! Page 127 was awesome! I love it, Thank you!"

**Excellent Exploration!** 









#### **Academic Excellence!**

Students have been exercising our values of exploration, aspiration and academic excellence playing Scrabble, honing their dictionary skills and mental maths!





Ms Quigley continues to send emails to students with opportunities to engage with fiction, non-fiction, news and activities in as many different ways as possible. Please encourage your child/ren to make time to read their emails, be curious and use their school value of exploration as often as they can! Audible is currently free to listen here. Explore special author events here, Escape Rooms here and Tedtalks here.

Ms Quigley is a World Book Night book giver, please email squigley@compass-schools.com if you'd like one of the remaining copies of 'Taking Up Space' by Chelsea Kwaye and Ore Ogunbiyi.

# Year 9's Basketball Victory Against Bacon's! Amazing Aspiration, Exploration, Resilience and Teamwork!





Well done to the Compass Year 9 basketball team! They worked together to great effect scoring 39 points in a close game to Bacon's 36! They fought hard for this victory and we're hugely proud of their aspiration, exploration, resilience and teamwork!



# **Values Matter**

Whether apart or together, on or offsite, our school values drive our community. Many congratulations to students who are extolling our values and accruing house-points!

# **Integrity and Exploraton!**

# **Recent House-Point Heroes**

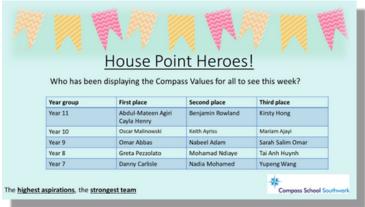


Impressive Integrity!

**Exceptional Exploration!** 



#### Awesome Academic Excellence!



# **Healthy Family Meals for Around Five Pounds!**

**Contribute to our Cookbook!** 

Have you got a cheap, cheerful and healthy recipe you'd be willing to share with the Compass Community? We are aiming to create a cookbook this year to share with everyone!

#### **Energy Balls**

Put everything (except the cocoa powder and desiccated coconut) into a blender or smoothie maker and mix. The mix needs to be dry enough to hold together, if it's too wet you can add more ground almonds. Scrape the mixture out of the blender and into a bowl. Line a tray with cling film or baking paper. Roll each ball into the size you want, roll them in cocoa powder or desiccated coconut and put on the tray. Chill in the fridge for two hours until firm.

This recipe was kindly created by our chefs from Catering Academy and donated to our Compass Cooks cookbook!

Eat, enjoy and star-rate, then email your opinion (and a recipe of your own, if you'd like) to Ms Quigley squigley@compass-schools.com

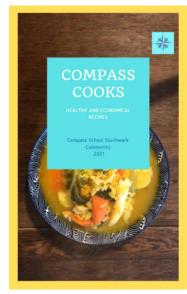
# Eat This and Beat This!

8 dates (stones removed)

#### Ingredients

100g mixed nuts
(cashews are great, but
feel free to experiment!)
100g ground oats
150g crunchy peanut
butter
4tbsp honey
2 tbsp Oil (coconut has a
lovely flavour, but regular
oil is fine)
4tbsp ground almonds
Cocoa powder or
desiccated coconut for
dusting









### **Exploration Anyone?**

#### **Opportunities for Students to be Inspired to Express Themselves**

For some time we have been explicitly observing Mental Health and the importance of young people being able to express themselves. It is right that this is highlighted, as in these times more than ever, it's great for students to take opportunities to participate in open discussions and be creative in expressing what is important to them.

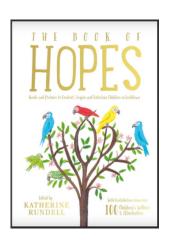
Here are some opportunities in addition to those in previous issues of the bulletin, on our <u>Virtual School Page</u> and our <u>Wellbeing</u> guidance. You might like to try <u>The Royal Academy Sketch Club</u>, it's free and sessions are every Saturday for the next 6 weeks!

## Please encourage your child/ren to take part!

We are looking forward to inspiring students with quotes from sources to reflect our diverse community. Please encourage your child/ren to take part in this and other opportunities like this.



A walk by the River Thames.



Read a free ebook like <u>this one</u> created to honour the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone working in hospitals. You can also try: <u>Many Books</u>. You can enjoy a less busy walk than usual along the river whilst the Euro 2020 football matches are being played. Remember sunscreen and water!





