Community Bulletin

for Fortnight Ending 14/05/2021



Exploration and Wellbeing are Key to Thriving!



The Compass School community has been in reflective mode as mental health and well-being has taken centre stage. Pupils and staff have enjoyed activities such as "Midday Mindfulness", seed planting at Learning Family time, smoothie making by pedal power and family cooking sessions. These activities have given us all a boost and we look forward to these continuing during the school year.

Our Muslim pupils have had the additional challenge of fasting for the holy month of Ramadan. It has been fantastic to see their resilience as they participated, and I hope they are inspired to be the best they can be throughout the year. As a school, we want to ensure we are supportive of pupils' faith, and I was pleased to welcome the Revd Canon Jenkins to Compass School to discuss closer links with St James' Church and I hope to make links with other faith communities in the near future.

Ms Hazlewood is due to depart on maternity leave at half-term and is currently working remotely until then. I would like to pay tribute to her hard work and fortitude as a teacher of geography and pastoral leader over the past three years. We are indebted to her and want to wish her the very best as she begins a new chapter. I am delighted to be welcoming Mr Snoxell back to Compass School in June to replace Ms Hazlewood as Assistant Principal, Pastoral. Mr Snoxell worked with us from September 2018 to August 2020 and made a great impression on our school. We look forward to having him back!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Parent/Carer Zoom Session 18th May 6pm-7pm Jamie's Farm residential 17th - 21st May Year 10 Work-experience 24th - 28th May Break up for half term 28th May, normal school day

JUNE

Return from half-term holiday 7th June 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



We hope that everyone celebrating Eid last week had a wonderful time!

Wellbeing Week at Compass!

Nature and nurture, from smoothies to seeds, plants have been our inspiration for blossoming, flourishing and thriving!





Many thanks to Ms Mohamed and the rest of the Compass staff team for organising the events and activities that made it such a special and enjoyable week for everyone! Mid-day mindfulness, lunchtime and after-school fitness sessions, delicious healthy food for breakfast, break and lunch, planting and growing; we look forward to continuing to enjoy some of these as an ongoing goal to a healthier mind and body for everyone in the Compass community!















Farewell to Ms Hazlewood!

We will miss you!

It's not every day that Elton John comes to Compass School Southwark, but we had the pleasure of seeing him carried in the arms of Ms Hazlewood on a fairly regular basis! He was a visitor throughout Ms Hazlewood's time with us, he is of course, her miniature Doberman and like Ms Hazlewood, much loved by so many of us for his enthusiasm for exploring and getting to know as many of us as possible. We will remember Ms Hazlewood for her brilliant behaviour management with the introduction of Compass Coins, extraordinary geography displays - getting the students to build 3D homework and for her dedication and kindness, going above and beyond throughout lockdown to ensure our community was well-equipped to learn and safe and sound!









Ms Hazlewood came to Compass three years ago as a supply teacher, after just one day she was drawn to our community as much as we had taken to her. Ms Hazlewood has been a beacon of integrity, supporting our most vulnerable students and their families in addition to being a fantastic geography teacher and valued team-player. We wish Ms Hazlewood the very best of luck with the safe arrival of her baby and with her move!



The Library Celebrated Harry Potter Night! Belated but Brilliant Fun!

In February, it is traditional at Compass to celebrate Harry Potter night in style! We were unable to do this due to the national lockdown. It is also a tradition at Compass to do whatever we can to enrich our students' lives and learning experiences, so rather than just postpone it, Ms Quigley designed English lessons for Year 7 to engage students in wizardry teamwork, creativity and exploration. We may not have had butter beer and chocolate frogs, but there was Quidditch and creativity!









Students engaged in activities that tested and enhanced their collaborative skills, each team had dictionary delvers, creative crafters and at least one Quidditch queen (or king)! They were tasked with ensuring they worked as a team and were scored on their harmonious discussions as well as their performance! There were bonus points for reading a passage from Harry Potter and for integrity.



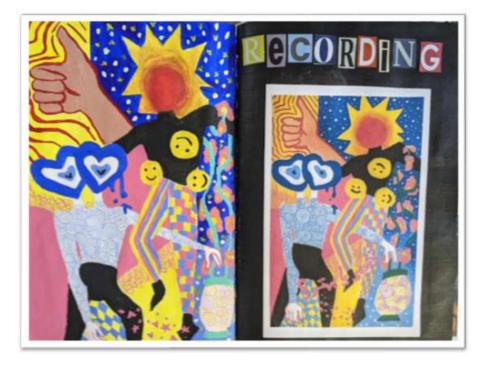


Ms Quigley continues to send emails to students with opportunities to engage with fiction, non-fiction, news and activities in as many different ways as is possible. Please encourage your child/ren to make time to read their emails, be curious and use their school value of exploration as often as they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

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

Awesome Art!

Amazing Aspiration!



Well done to Hassan in Year 9 for this awesome wire portrait after investigating <u>Alexander Calder!</u>

Well done to Zoe in Year 10 for this joyous and careful work!



Fantastic work by Evans in Year 11!



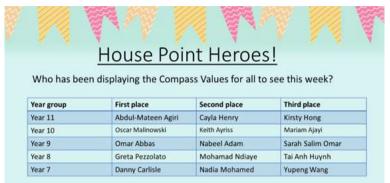
Well done to Sadie in Year 10 for completing this excellent piece!

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!

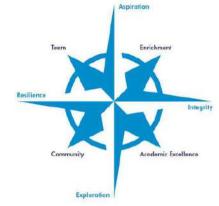
Recent House-Point Heroes



Impressive Integrity!



Exceptional Exploration!





It was fantastic to welcome Catering Academy chefs to work with our students and their families! They cooked a selection of healthy dishes, including the recipe below!

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! Quesadilla-style Healthy Chicken Wraps!

Preheat oven to 180*C, marinade the chicken thighs in curry powder, yoghurt, oil, salt, pepper and lime juice. for 1hour minimum. Put the chicken on a baking tray and bake for 30mins (or until the juice runs clear) and leave to one side. Spread each wrap with mayonnaise. Experiment with how much paprika and lemon juice you like. Cut the wrap from the middle point to the edge. Put the chicken on one quarter and fold over, put the other ingredients into the other quarters however you like and fold over, you will end up with a thick wedge; cut in half to eat unless you can manage a whole one! 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

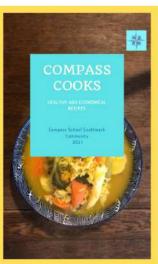
Eat This and Beat This!

Ingredients 2 large wraps 4 boneless chicken thighs 1/2 red onion 2 tsp curry powder 1 tbsp yoghurt Pinch of salt Pinch of black pepper 2 tomatoes 1/2 cucumber Lime juice/1 lime 1/4 iceberg lettuce 2tbsp mayonnaise A few drops of lemon iuice Pinch of paprika



Awesome Aspiration!









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!

Parental Zoom Sessions – May 2021

During the summer term, Compass is pleased to host a number of parental webinar workshops which aim to support parents/carers at home to tackle topical issues affecting young people such as relationships, internet safety and drugs. These webinar workshops form part of our wider wellbeing provision for students, staff and parents/carers. The sessions will focus on how to inform and support you, your child and your family to have meaningful, reassuring conversations on these subjects. We know that these conversations can be awkward but our aim is to support you to take the necessary steps to keep your child safe now and in the future.

Our initial sessions look at 'healthy relationships and sex.' These sessions will be delivered by ESTEEM, the organisation that also delivers our PSHE curriculum. ESTEEM have over 25 years of developing and delivering relationship and sex education and they believe that building healthy esteem is key to the work that they do. Our first session was on the 11th May for KS4, parent feedback was very positive. Our next session on this same topic is on the 18th of May:

18th May, 6p.m. – 7p.m. Originally arranged for Year 7 and Year 8 families, we have opened this to parents/carers of all year groups to allow for another opportunity for KS4 families to attend.

Please click the following link to attend this session, we will resend the link through text and email also:

6pm - 7pm 18th May (https://zoom.us/j/99917057508?pwd=M3hyUnB3ams1bkg0MVA4VzI3OUtaQT09)

Should you have any specific questions, please email those directly to me at jhazlewood@compassschools.com who will share these with the facilitators ahead of the event so that they can cover them in the talk. If you would like further information about these or upcoming sessions, or have any other safeguarding concerns, then please speak to your child's Head of Year or to Ms Hazlewood, the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Additionally, safeguarding concerns can be reporting anonymously on the school's website by clicking this <u>link</u>.



