COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first community bulletin of the term. It's great to be back and seeing pupils and staff settling back into the usual routines. I'm pleased to see our new year 7 have made a smooth transition to secondary school, thanks to our fantastic summer school programme which ensured they got to know the school ahead of their September start.

The beginning of a new term is a time for aspiration, thinking about the year ahead and what we want our pupils, your children to achieve. When looking for inspiration, we need look no further than the achievement of 18-year-old Emma Raducanu winning the US Open Tennis. Behind that smile lies sheer grit and determination to be the best she can be, whether that be in tennis, or her A* A level mathematics.

As adults we need to ensure we set a high bar for our young people, because they can certainly surprise us with what they can achieve given the right effort, attitude and support. This means we must challenge any behaviour that serves as an impediment to their success and encourage and celebrate the behaviour that puts them on the right path.

The launch of Class Charts marks a new phase in supporting you to have those valuable conversations with your child, providing you with live information about their attendance, behaviour and those all-important rewards. I look forward to this going from strength to strength in the coming year!

Marcus Huntley



Emma Raducanu lifts the US Open trophy



New Year 7 enjoy summer school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

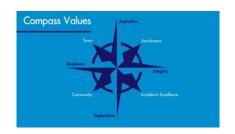
- Friday 24th September PE exam Y11 students (9:30-10:00) Seminar room.
- Tuesday 28th September IMedia Exam Y11 students (1:45-3.00)
- Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th September Construction Youth Trust -Y11 mentoring
- Thursday 30th September Open Morning, 9am 10:30am
- Thursday 30th September Year 8 Parents evening, 4:15pm 6:45pm



Log in to your account for up-to-date information about how your child is getting on.

Please see links to our Twitter page, Compass School Website and for our Facebook page.

Library News!





My name is Miss Edwards and I am the new librarian here at Compass school, a role I am very excited to take on.

I have been a school librarian for 16 years; I love my job and working with young people. I am very passionate about reading and love books; it is my aim to instill these passions into the pupils here at Compass School.

I have already met some wonderful pupils and look forward to meeting many more over the coming weeks. One thing that has stood out to me is how helpful and polite all of the pupils have been. I am very impressed with the way they conduct themselves in the library and they are a real credit to you, their parents, as well as the school's core values.

I will be helping to facilitate the Accelerated Reader Program and pupils in Years 7-9 will all participate. They should read for at least 15 mins every day in order to maximise their progress and I look forward to speaking with you all more about the exciting rewards that can be earned through engagement with this incredible scheme. Please can you make sure that you encourage your child/ren to do this? Ideally, by the time pupils reach year 10, they should have a reading age of 15 years and 7 months in order to fully access the curriculum; this will. in turn, help them in their exams and future endeavours.

The school have ordered in a lot of new stock and I am busy cataloguing the new books for students. Are there any parents/carers that would like to help with labelling the new stock? Please let me know. It would be wonderful to meet parents/carers of these amazing students and for you to be involved.

Miss Edwards







Wellbeing

It has been a positive start to the term and it has been wonderful to see the students back in school. During LFT students have been discussing the school's Covid-19 protocols and taking some time to think about the impact of the pandemic on their mental health.

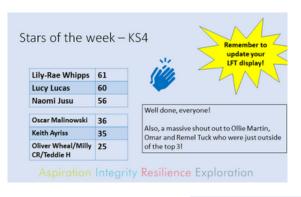
We have written to parents to pass on information regarding the in-school flu and COVID-19 vaccination programmes led by the NHS. Dates are yet to be confirmed and we will share these with you once known. You are asked to complete the consent form linked in the two letters (flu and COVID) for each child at Compass in order for them to access the vaccines.

EMOTION IS A SUPERPOWER (BUT NOT ANGER)

'It's a real advantage to have emotion in everything you do. Apart from anger, that's never productive. The way you behave becomes a mirror, whether at home or in a workplace and people respond to that. I'm a strong believer in kindness and try to always be respectful because what goes around comes around. I also embrace the art of micro-gifting – spontaneously buying someone a little something you know they would enjoy. It acts like a positive spiral because if you're nice to someone, they tend to be nice back'.

Sourced from the Metro Newspaper Thursday 16th September 2021 interview by Susan Griffin.

Positive Power!





We earned an incredible number of positives!

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Aspiration Integrity Resilience Exploration

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle

Events!





Year 11 Post 16 Open Evenings

Make sure you are actively researching your next step! Colleges are having open evenings now and you will need to make your applications very soon!

Visit: <u>localoffer.southwark.gov.uk</u> for information about options in Southwark