COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Compass School Southwark

Reading in the spotlight as Femi Fadugba visits

Hasn't time flown by! It's hard to believe we are near halfterm already. Open events have progressed well with visitors commenting on the calm learning environment, small class sizes and sense of community at Compass. Our school is becoming more popular each year with the current Year 7 being the largest year group to date. I look forward to welcoming more visitors to our final open event this year:

Open Evening Thursday 14th October 4-5:30pm & 6-7:30pm

It has also been great to see current parents on site for our first parents' evening. 75% of pupils were represented which is a good start, but we hope to build on this in future events.

You will receive an interim report at half-term which will focus on your child's attendance, positive behaviour and exemplification of Compass values. These are the foundations for your child to succeed as learners and members of society. Please view their current data on ClassCharts and ensure they are aiming for 100% attendance.

Spotlight on Reading

We aiming to create readers who want to read and find reading a source of knowledge, affirmation and inspiration. So this year, with lockdown restrictions out of the way, our library is back in full operation and we have several initiatives to make this a year of reading.

We run an Accelerated Reader programme at KS3 to improve the reading ability of all pupils and have frequent opportunities for reading through the Learning Family Tutor programme. Author visits play a critical role in inspiring pupils to read, and the visit of Femi Fadugba hit the (book)mark with pupils who snapped up signed copies of his new book, the The Upper World.

We will soon launch a Bedrock Literacy programme with homework once a week which aims to rapidly expand and improve students' vocabulary.



Femi Fadugba showcases his book "The Upper World."



Mr Huntley read The Breadwinner to 7GKI

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Open Evening Thursday 14th October at 4:00 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 –7:30 p.m.
- Thursday 14th October students will be visiting Oxford University 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Friday 15th October GOSH Charity Fun Run in Southwark Park 2:50 p.m.

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

Library News!

We have had the pleasure of welcoming new author Femi Fadugba visit Compass School on Tuesday 5th October. What an inspirational young man. All students attended a special assembly where Femi asked them questions about Maths and Physics. He also talked about his life, read from his book and let us listen to snippets from the audible book. The students then had the opportunity to have a Q & A session with him. Students had the opportunity to buy signed copies of his books and we sold out almost instantly. We now have more copies available and Femi kindly signed book plates to put inside. If you would like to purchase a book for your child or yourself they can be paid for using Squid.

Femi Fadugba has a Master's Degree in Quantum Physics and subsequently studied at Thouron Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania.

Femi has worked as a Science Tutor as well as a Solar Energy Consultant.

He currently lives between Peckham, London and Baltimore, USA.



Femi was so impressed with the questions that he received from the students and the 'vibe' of our Compass Community'

When I was at university. I published a quantum physics paper and, as a result, was given the incredible opportunity to make a speech at the Houses of Parliament. The very same night, I took a bus home to Peckham, where blue and white tape fenced off a crime scene on my aunt's block. A kid had been stabbed. He was 15, tops.

A 20-minute journey was all that separated those two completely different realities. And yet, throughout my life, I've navigated mismatched worlds, living in places like Kigali, Somerset, and Philadelphia, and always wondering: how do I reconcile all these places with one another? How do I make the tougher questions in life "add up" the way they do in quantum physics?

That's really where the inspiration for *The Upper World* came from the hunch that I could combine the everyday story of a few kids from South London with the otherworldly physics of space and time. And craft a journey gripping enough that the nerds, the mandem — and the rest of us in between — would all want to read it. And would all *get* it.

The Upper World follows class-clown Esso, who has stumbled into a postcode beef and then receives an unexpected gift: the ability to see glimpses of the past and the future. Fifteen years later, football prodigy Rhia is more desperate than ever to find a way back to the parents she never got to meet. When Esso and Rhia's fates finally collide, a race against the clock becomes a race against time itself.

More than anything, this book simply shows how teenagers live their lives – worrying about things like crushes, exams and if they remembered to put deodorant on that morning! But there are deeper, mortal struggles at play too – with Esso and Rhia having to enter a new dimension before they can see a future worth fighting for.

I hope this story gives you some laughs, some heartache and some healing. I hope it also provides a small reminder of just how mysterious and miraculous our world can be.



The author is currently working to make this into a Netflix film which will be hitting our screens in 2022!
Starring Daniel Kaluuya of Black
Panther fame!



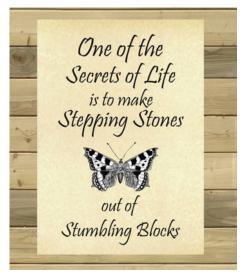
Attendance Matters –Aim for 100%

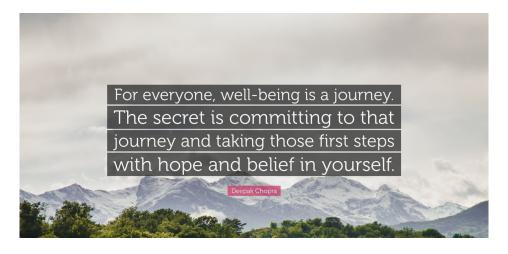


Did you know 100% attendance over 5 years gives your child half a year more education than a child on 90% and 3 months more than a child on 95%? Find out more about behaviour and attendance at Compass by reading our <u>Behaviour & Attendance Handbook</u>

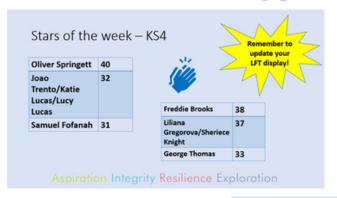
Safeguarding and wellbeing Webpage

The school's <u>Safeguarding & Wellbeing page</u> has comprehensive information to support pupils' safety including how to report concerns anonymously. The accessibility of the page has been improved, with links at the top of the Parent and Pupil menus. Please share this information with your child.





Positive Power!



Stars of the week – KS3						Remember to update your		
Carter Allen	54			Ala Alan	LFT display!			
Andi Carlisle/Edward Fofana	50				1	7	1	
Henry Wallace	49			Greta Pezzalato		68		
Caleb Dumbuya		54	1	Mohamad Ndylaye		48		
Levi Adeshina		49		Sonny Raymond		45		
Emilia Gazda		46						
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We earned an incredible number of positives!

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Aspiration Integrity Resilience Exploration

Events!

London Screen Academy: Open Event on Wednesday 1 December - students can sign up via this link - https://lsa.ac.uk/events/openevent-2

There are also some are the upcoming taster sessions for this month:

- Post Production Taster session Thursday
 7th October 5:00 6:00 p.m.
- Technical Taster session Monday 11th October 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Craft Taster session Wednesday 20th October 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Students can sign up for the Taster sessions via this link https://lsa.ac.uk/events



COLA: City of London Academy
Open Evening on Thursday 4th November, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Please sign up on the school website.

Events!

Compass School are taking part in the GOSH Race for the Kids on Friday 15th October at 2:50 p.m. It would be wonderful if you could come along and support your child and the school.

Please see the following for more information.



GOSH Race at Compass School

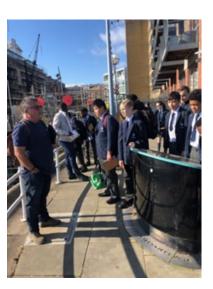
- When? Friday 15th October 2021
- Where? Students participating will race around Southwark Par
- Time? 2:50pm start.
- Please collect sponsorship forms and sign up with Miss Edwards in the library.
- A bucket for spare change will be going around the school on the day
- You can wear something colourful and bright over your uniform/PE kit.





Year 11 students impressed during their Construction Youth Trust led 'Building Bridges' mentoring sessions. Well done for your thoughtful discussions and excellent presentations!





Year 9 and 10 students demonstrated exploration on a trip to Butler's Wharf to learn more about the local history and architecture!

"We were so impressed with your questions and focus on the walking tour of the area!"

PE After-School Clubs!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
	7.30AM-8.45AM Greenhouse Table Tennis (Before School) (COACH SIMON)	7.30AM-8.45AM Greenhouse Table Tennis (Before School) (COACH SIMON)								
	LUNCH Table Tennis Club (COACH SIMON)									
P5										
P6 (2.40pm)			ENRICHMENT	Y7 & Y8 Girls Football (GKI) Greenhouse Table Tennis Club (COACH SIMON)						
P7 (3.35pm)	TBC	Y9 & Y10 Girls Football (GKI)	London Thunder Basketball Ballers Football Greenhouse Table Tennis Club (COACH SIMON)	Greenhouse Table Tennis Club (COACH SIMON)						



Students have been enjoying challenging teambuilding activities in their PE lessons.





This issue we will be focusing on Mooji 10 Interesting facts about Mooji.

Mooji—Anthony Paul Moo-Young—was born on 29 January, 1954 in Port Antonio, Jamaica to a Chinese father and Jamaican mother, and moved to the UK when he was about 16 years old.

Anthony had an extraordinarily close relationship with his father and speaks of him with great adoration, respect and love. His father died suddenly of pneumonia when Mooji was eight years old. The unexpected death of his father had a big impact on Anthony's life. However, the strength and warmth of his upbringing put the young boy's mind in good stead for what was later to come.

He was a professional artist and a professor of art until his encounter with a Christian mystic, who, through a moment of prayer, awakened the experience of God within Mooji, something Mooji calls being 'kissed from within'

In London, looking for a way to make a living, Mooji began selling incense on Electric Avenue, Brixton Market. It was a time of great joy and freedom.

Mooji never intended to be a guru or teacher. But, in Brixton, London where he lived, people began to take notice of the peace they felt in his presence, and they began to ask to spend time with him. Though he preferred to remain in solitude, he felt he could not turn them away. Shortly afterwards he found that spontaneously and intuitively, the answers to their questions and the words to present those answers were clear to him. This is how satsang began.

The first time that members of the sangha posted a video on YouTube, Mooji was doubtful of the technology or value of putting satsang online, but after testimonies came in about the recognition people were having listening online, Mooji recognized the power of making satsang available in this way

Most of those who have spent time him in person testify to the power of his physical presence, which quiets the egomind and facilitates awakening, and to the simplicity and directness of his pointing — he does not encourage you to develop a lot of spiritual knowledge, which does not have much value — instead he invites you into a direct recognition of your Self

Like many masters or gurus, he is regularly and rather brazenly attacked online by those who take umbrage at his style of teaching, who don't like that a western Black man is sharing satsang, who seem offended by the size of his audience or who wish to draw attention to themselves and their own teachings by attacking him. These attacks often include wild accusations or outright slander but any discerning reader will notice that they never, ever seem to provide any evidence or logic to their claims

Those who live with him in Portugal testify to his great love for all people, his incredible level of service at all hours of the day to all those seeking freedom, his deep integrity in every one of the tens of thousands of interactions he has, his devotion to God and Truth, his great humor, his down-to-Earth relatability and total lack of any sense of specialness

Today, he lives in Portugal on an Ashram called Monte Sahaja. His satsangs are widely available on YouTube, and he offers several in-person retreats per year