

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Time to shine!



The summer term is well on the way with milder weather, longer days and much anticipation about what is to come. It is the right time for pupils to step into the spotlight and shine brightly on the various stages this term.

For Year 11, GCSE examinations are at the fore, the culmination of 5 years at Compass School. For Year 10, work experience awaits, enabling them to gain an insight into the world of employment. All pupils will have a chance to shine in their end of year examinations, on sports day and might even be nominated for a prize at this year's prize-giving ceremony.

More than just hard work

We all know the importance of hard work, practise and acting on feedback are vital ingredients in ensuring success in any discipline, but there is something even more fundamental.

hydration + food + exercise + sleep = physical health + mental alertness

Since your brain is mostly water, drinking helps you think, focus and concentrate better and be more alert. As an added bonus, your energy levels are also boosted! Now there's a recipe for success this term.

Our new school building is growing

I'm pleased to say that our new school building is progressing well, with foundations in place, pillars being erected and the footprint of the canteen and main building clearly visible. Can you spot the new entrance on Keaton's Road?

We are on track for completion in June 2023!

Marcus Huntley, Principal

Message from Head Boy, George Thomas

I have signed up to the Anthony Nolan stem cell register where I can donate stem cells to people with blood cancer who urgently require them. I would like to encourage you to also sign up, especially if you are from a minority ethnic background as these donors are needed the most. You can give someone a second chance at life!

Visit <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>.

Please see links to our [Twitter](#), [Compass School Website](#) and [Facebook](#).

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The Importance of Reading



Accelerated Reader and Bedrock Vocabulary

Star Testing is scheduled to take place during the week beginning July 4th, and we want as many pupils as possible to come out of the test with a reading age that is in-line with, or exceeding, their chronological age.

In September, we launched **Accelerated Reader** and **Bedrock Vocabulary** with pupils in order to support their reading and academic vocabulary. The results that we are seeing are really promising and show just how much progress our pupils are capable of when they are working hard.

As we approach the end of year exams, we are also approaching our final Star Reading test of the year. This test, which measures pupils' reading ages, is the way that we are measuring progress in reading across the year. Your child will know their reading age and it will be shared with you on their school report.

Attainment: average percentage increase of by year group

Year Group	Average Growth %
Year 7	21%
Year 8	17%
Year 9	19%
Year 10	15%
Year 11	14%

Our data is showing the incredible progress that our pupils are making!

Support your child's reading

There are a number of ways that you can support their progress:

- Make sure that your child is completing their Bedrock homework. The minimum requirement is 20 points per week but they can (and often do) exceed this!
- Make reading a priority. Encourage your child to read for 15 minutes every evening.
- Use subtitles on the television!
- Ask your child to read to younger siblings.
- Speak to your child about the book that they are currently reading: what it's about and who the characters are.
- Encourage your child to take an Accelerated Reader quiz as soon as they have finished their book at home. They have a better chance of passing the quiz and reaping the rewards!

Striving for Success



Exam grades do not define us, but they do give an account of what we have learned at different stages of education and what we can accomplish. End of year exams take place for all pupils in June, and the results will be issued in each pupil's report. These also help your pupils and their teachers understand their strengths and areas they need to focus on in the year ahead.

We have already begun gearing up for these in school, counting down the weeks and subjects providing pupils with revision resources. It is important that pupils are preparing for these exams at home as well, making use of their knowledge organisers and the online resources available to them.

We want all pupils to leave for their summer break with a sense of achievement and accomplishment, knowing that their academic year has been a successful stepping stone to the next part of their journey towards that destination to which they aspire.

Whether pupils are sitting their GCSEs, their end of year exams or their Star Reading Test, we want to make sure that they are striving to make gains every single day.

Prize-giving 2022

Our annual Prize-giving Ceremony is scheduled to take place on July 14th. This year, we are very happy that we are going to be able to hold the ceremony in St James' Church, the first time we have been able to hold a physical ceremony in two years! We are looking forward to rewarding our pupils for all of their hard work in lessons, enrichments, their Accelerated Reader and Bedrock usage and for showing our core values consistently. Please keep an eye out for communication regarding this event very soon.

Prom Planning is Underway!

On Thursday 30th June, Year 11 will be able to join together with their peers and with staff to celebrate the end of their GCSE exams and the end of their Compass journey. As in previous years, I am sure it will be a night to remember for all of them!

The event, which will be held at The Clarendon Hotel in Blackheath, is set to be an incredible event, with pupils choosing an elegant black and silver colour scheme, alongside a varied menu, pick 'n' mix table and a photo booth to capture those all important memories.

Tickets for prom are priced at £30, but pupils are able to use their Class Charts positive points to purchase up to three £5 money-off vouchers. Ms Mohamed is also on the look out for any pupils who are showing the Compass values in the lead-up to the exams so I am sure a few tickets will also be awarded as a prize!



Positive Power!

Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved an incredible total of positives. Pupils have enjoyed a really successful return to school following the half-term break and have kept racking up the positive points, even when preparing for assessment week!



We earned an incredible number of positives!

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Stars of the week – KS3

Vinicius Bueno	70
Jimmy Penney	59
Jake Ahmet	56

Emilia Gazda	52
Tillie-Rae Pace	43
Angelica Baker	42



Amy Jaques	38
Mohamad Ndiaye	37
Greta Pezzolato	
Lily Williams	36



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Stars of the week – KS4

Ollie Martin	49
Oliver Springett	48
Teddy MacDonald	43

Freddie Brooks	40
Tyrese Williams	39
Mariam Ajayi	36



Well done, everyone!



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Attendance News

ATTENDANCE

Everyday matters!

For every student that gets a 100% attendance for the week, the LFT will receive 5 positive points.

Your LFT will now be entering into the new **Attendance League**. Every Friday, your LFT will click on the button seen on the slide so any students that get 100% attendance that week receive 5 points. The more points you get, the higher up the league you will go!



Weekly 100% Attendance



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Good Luck!

Get your 100% Attendance Positives!

LFTs get rewarding!
Who is moving up the league?

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE!



1	7C1	386
2	9C1	384
3	8C3	291
4	9C2	281
5	7C4	276

1	8C2	274
2	7C3	270
3	9C3	255
4	8C1	247
5	10C2	241
6	7C2	232

1	11C2	228
2	11C3	224
3	10C1	192
4	10C3	160
5	10C4	146
6	11C1	131

REWARDS!



- 1 Log-on to the Class Charts app and click rewards
- 2 Choose the reward you want using your positive points
- 3 Collect your award from Students Services

Supporting our Community

Last week we held an assembly to share some news with pupils about our librarian, Ms Edwards. Unfortunately, Ms Edwards has been diagnosed with breast cancer and, as a much-loved member of staff, we knew that this would be very upsetting for everyone.

Ms Edwards filmed a video for the pupils, explaining her diagnosis and also the fact that her treatment is going very, very well and she is fighting to get back to work as soon as she can - she even shared some of her toy collection, reminding pupils of her unique personality!

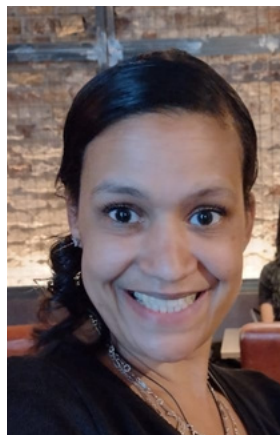
As we had contacted parents in advance of sharing this news, we were able to provide support to any pupils who needed it and make sure that they knew where to access further support if required. Luckily, Ms Edwards' message was so positive and uplifting, most pupils left with a smile on their face, feeling optimistic and excited about how they could help to support her.

Later that week, LFTs spent some time writing letters and cards to support Ms Edwards and we are looking forward to delivering them to her very soon as we know that they will certainly help keep her strength and positivity up.

We are also planning a sponsored 5k event on Friday 24th June to raise money for Ms Edwards and all those who have been impacted by breast cancer. The event, which many pupils and staff have signed up for, will be taking place at Southwark Park at 3pm, and we would love to invite along parents and careers who wish to support or even take part! More information will be with you soon regarding this event.

Our Student Council have also sprung into action, working hard to create a book quiz, with questions sent in by all pupils, to keep Ms Edwards busy!

It has been incredibly moving to watch our community, both staff and pupils, come together to provide Ms Edwards with so much support and we know that she is so grateful for the support that she has received. There is still a road ahead of her, but her doctors are happy with the progress that she is making and we hope to be welcoming her back early in the new academic year, ready to infuse the library with her own personal vibe!





The Chicks Arrived!

The arrival of the eggs created much eggs-citement (get it?!) amongst staff and pupils, with everyone hoping to catch the moment the eggs started to hatch.

When they finally did, we had the pleasure of caring for 7 chicks for the first two weeks of their lives, learning how to care for them and handle them.

We miss them but know that they are living a great life on the farm!



Year 11 Residential

Year 11 pupils and staff spent their bank holiday weekend at PGL, preparing for the upcoming exams in English, Science and Maths.

The academic sessions were calm and focused, with pupils focusing on making improvements ahead of the tests but there was also fun to be had! Pupils (and staff) enjoyed the giant swing and raft building, as well as a mega core quiz and movie night.

The pupils returned feeling more prepared than ever for their GCSE papers and we wish them the best of luck.



Transition Talk

We have set the date for our two-day summer school for our new Year 7 cohort and it is great to see so many pupils already signed up!

We have also booked in a number of primary school visits for the start of June so that we can meet with as many of our new pupils as possible before the Southwark transition day in July.

