



## Ending on a high note!

**It has been an incredible year here at Compass School. Our first full year back since the start of the Covid pandemic didn't phase our pupils one bit - they rose to the challenge!**

Each edition of Our Journey this year has been packed full of the incredible achievements of our pupils: university program graduations, Brilliant Club graduation, Accelerated Readers, Bedrock Vocabulary warriors, Future Frontiers, Careers Fair stars - the list is endless! We have thoroughly enjoyed watching our pupils gain inspiration and grow through these experiences.

Most of all, we have enjoyed celebrating pupils' achievements. ClassCharts has been a hit, with our families appreciating the opportunity to see positives points awarded live on the App. The school community also came together, face to face, for an incredible prize-giving ceremony at St. James' Church, Bermondsey. This, closely followed by our end of year assembly where even more pupils' achievements were celebrated.

We would also like to take this moment to celebrate you all, our fantastic community, who have supported us and the pupils throughout. Thank you, and have a restful summer.

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# Principal's Message

## Marcus Huntley



### A fantastic end to an extraordinary year!

Isn't it incredible how time flies? I'm sure this rings true for parents of our year 11 pupils, for whom the past 5 years will have flown by. Like year 11, I also started at Compass School in September 2017, and I'm sure none of us could have anticipated the challenges that would come our way. Yet we have emerged stronger, more resilient and knowing that we can overcome almost anything thrown at us.

### Jubilation and Celebration

It has been fantastic to have a year of normality, where we can enjoy the traditional end of year festivities, with an unprecedented Platinum Jubilee for good measure. We were able to give Year 11 the send-off they deserved, with a final day celebration, guard of honour exit, and a prom to remember. Our first face-to-face Prize-Giving event since 2019 at St. James' Church was a fitting celebration of the hard work done by so many of our pupils. They have truly lived our values and deserved the recognition they received.

I do also spare a thought for those who didn't feature at prize-giving, but made breakthroughs of their own during the year. Our end of term celebration assembly rewarded a wider range of pupils for the positive points they achieved and their attendance.

### Sporting Spirit

Alas, 38 degree temperatures conspired to ruin our plans for sports day. Yet we won't despair. Instead, we'll look to move the event to the autumn term when the weather turns cooler.



### Building for the Future

I am certainly energised for the year ahead, the year in which we will finally occupy our new state-of-the-art building. We can already see the 3rd floor being built!

However, we have always been more than a building, we are a community that comes together to support each other in times of need. Whether it's our support for those suffering from breast cancer through our own park run, or helping our new year 7s and their families through the cost-of-living crisis with their equipment starter packs, we will continue to be the school that is involved with, and cares about its community.

This ethos has brought mutual benefits. We are grateful for the kind support we receive from our friends. The Shad Thames Residents Association, Grosvenor, and Worshipful Companies - The Pewterers, Curriers and Pattenmakers, all enable us to provide the opportunities our community deserve.

I would like to thank our entire school community for their support over the course of this term, and wish you all a restful summer break.

Marcus Huntley, Principal



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# Transition Day

by Ms Walkey-Williams



On Thursday 7th July, we were joined for the day by our new Year 7 pupils. The arriving queue snaked out of the gate and down the road as a mixture of nervous and excited Year 6s arrived with their families. Some burst through the gate, raring to go, others were a little more hesitant, but with a great day ahead of them, they all readied themselves for the challenge!

The day began with an assembly from Mr Huntley, who spoke about the Compass values and the journey that lie ahead. Then it was off into learning families to reflect on the differences between primary and secondary school and our aspirations for the future. Pupils took some time to reflect on why our school is called Compass and how our values can help them to achieve their aspirations.

Sessions then began in French, Sports and Drama – with all pupils throwing themselves into these subjects, learning to sing songs in French and the meaning of their names in Drama. Our Year 10 Sports Leaders also led the Multi-Sports sessions and said that they were 'blown away' by how enthusiastic the pupils were, music to Mr Flowers' and Ms Kidney's ears!

At the end of the day, pupils were given the chance to reflect, before being joined by their parents for a closing assembly. Parents were shown a video of the day that their children had enjoyed, with footage from all sessions, break time and even reviews of lunch! At this point, we provided all pupils with a transition pack containing a fully-stocked pencil case, scientific calculator and their house tie – our way of supporting families with the current cost-of-living crisis.

There was, as usual, much excitement from the pupils when they found out which house they were in and ties were compared as families tried on uniforms for size.

A fantastic day was had by all and we are now looking forward to welcoming pupils to summer school in August and then for their first day in September.



# Prize-Giving 2022

by Ms Walkey-Williams



After two years of virtual Prize-Giving ceremonies, we knew that we had to make this year one to remember! We set about planning for this event in a big way: more prizes than ever with the introduction of Year 11 awards, Accelerated Reader prizes and Bedrock awards; more musical performances, this time from both staff and pupils; a fantastic keynote speaker and a video round-up of our incredible year!

There was standing-room only as our incredible drummers (who have only been learning for four weeks) began their impressive ensemble piece and the excitement was tangible as the pupils waited to hear which award they had won.

Mr Huntley shared a video of the year with the guests, really bringing home the phenomenal year that Compass School has had, before introducing our keynote speaker, His Honour Richard Hawkins QC, Master Currier and retired Old Bailey judge. Mr Hawkins spoke about his own educational journey, his greatest challenges and his time on the bench.



It was then time for the awards! Subject Leaders came up one by one to announce the winners in each year group, awarding them with a certificate, £10 Amazon voucher and a badge which we hope they will wear with pride! But the awards didn't stop with the subject prizes, pupils were also awarded for their efforts in learning to speak English, their efforts in Enrichment across the year and their progress in Bedrock, as well as Accelerated Reader.

Our values awards are voted for by the school staff. They are invited to nominate pupils in each category and then vote on the eventual winners of the £100 prizes! This year, our values awards were given to pupils who have gone above and beyond all year to show our values, from complete dedication in the classroom to developing their coaching skills by working with the local community. The Pewterers' award for aspiration went to Greta; parent governors' award for community to Freddie B; Curriers' exploration award to Wassim; governors' integrity award to Vinicius; and the Shad Thames Residents Association award for resilience went to Tendai.

Our final award of the evening, the Principal's Award sponsored by Grosvenor, was awarded to Mahmoud for the excellent first year he has had at Compass since joining us at the start of Year 9. Mahmoud has clearly made an impression on staff and we hope he spends his massive £200 prize wisely!

We hope our pupils use this as a springboard to even more success in 2022-23!

Aspiration Integrity Resilience Exploration

# Congratulations Year 7!

by Ms Tofts, Head of Year

What an amazing first year at Compass Year 7 have had!

Year 7 have earned an amazing 104,452 positive points in their first year. They have all settled into their new school extremely well in light of the previous two years of so much uncertainty. They have continued to demonstrate excellence right to the end of the school year; showing their commitment to learning and resilience with changes to the timetables for their end of year exams.

All students amazed me throughout their exams by showing how they have put all their newly developed skills and knowledge to the test and even proving to themselves the amount of knowledge they have learned! I know that this will put them in a fantastic position to start Year 8 strongly.

Throughout this year they have enjoyed their enrichment sessions. Whether this involved honing their football and table tennis skills, to creating a short film and even making gifts for a loved one in leather work. They have enjoyed every minute of it and are looking forward to more enrichment in Year 8.

A special mention needs to go to Xander Pavey and Masie Pavey-Brightwell! This summer term Compass hosted a 5K charity run in Southwark Park for Miss Edwards and Cancer Research UK. Xander raised £250 and Maisie raised £200. Both embodied all of the Compass Values with these amazing donations for taking part! Well done to all of the other students across to the school who took time out to take part in this event too!

A big congratulations also needs to be given to all of the brilliant Year 7 students who received awards at the prize-giving ceremony this year. Your commitment to learning and all of your hard work does not go unnoticed.

As we end this school year it has been wonderful to watch all of the Year 7 students thrive and grow, they have an exciting future ahead of them at Compass!

Good Luck in Year 8!



# Exceptional Year 8!

by Ms Henry, Head of Year

It has been an aspirational year for Year 8 with them accumulating a phenomenal 88,535 positives. 95% of Year 8 have smashed the 1,000 positives threshold since the introduction of ClassCharts in September. We particularly wish to acknowledge Emilia Gadza who has topped the tables with a whopping 1,929 positives this year. Excellent work!

All of year 8 have worked continuously hard all year and this hasn't gone unnoticed. From your daily contributions in lessons to your resilience during exams week, you have proven yourselves, and a number of you were rewarded in our Prize Giving Ceremony on the 14th July.

An honourable mention goes out to the following students for their highlighted achievements this past term.

Danny Carlisle continues to flourish at the police cadets, and it is brilliant to see that his dedication to always doing the right thing extends to the realms of Compass. He remains a proactive, resilient and overall integral member of both the cadet squad and the Compass community - a true embodiment of integrity. Damien Blades and Aaron Hobbs demonstrated great exploration and resilience on their expedition to Jamie's Farm. During their week away they got stuck in with all aspects of farm life and left a lasting impression on the members of staff there. Well done boys!



A huge thank you is also in order for all the students who participated in the 5K run to help raise money for our beloved Miss Edwards and Cancer Research UK, you went above and beyond for the Compass community.

It is fair to say that Year 9 will come with new demands and challenges, but it is important that you all are ready to take the leap with maturity and remain committed to being the best you can be. It has been an honour taking you through this stage in your journey and I have no doubt that you will all reach the destinations you all aspire to reach.

Have a fantastic summer!

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# Year 9 The 'Quiet Year'

by Mr Egbuchiem, Head of Year 9

What can I say? It has been a year of growth, maturity, and ultimately victories via the learning process. This has been a 'champions mentality building' year.

It is easy to forget that year 9 across the country have never had a complete secondary school year experience, with lockdowns and circuit breakers in full operation since they started year 7. LFTs, Ms Melling, Mr Flowers, Ms Monsell and I, had quite the job to do.

Academically, we saw great strides in the core subjects, and confidence amongst the students before the commencement of GCSE study could not be higher. Students like Greta, Reid, Maboud, Tai, and Mohamed, displayed great resilience and subtle leadership skills, and they, as well the many others I have not mentioned, are a credit to their school and families

Socially, we watched a year group grow up in front of us and seeing the camaraderie between them has been a joy to behold, most notably at the end of each week, where we have crowned a weekly champion (based on behaviour, attendance, and going above and beyond within their own context), and every single member of year 9 would stay and celebrate, encourage, and hold accountable, the weekly champion.

This year, they have also engaged in important diversity projects, ranging from visiting Oxford University as part of a mentoring and aspiration drive, to supporting and facilitating LGBTQ+ activities, and last but not least, taking part in a pilot project around racial identity and diversity, where they were lauded as being extremely mature and intelligent during the session.

I could not have asked for a better year group this year, and I truly hope they maintain their momentum next year as they embark on their GCSE journey. They have what it takes, EVERY single one of them, so if you're reading this and are a parent/guardian/carer, encourage them during the summer, allow them a good rest, and be a pillar of support for next school year.

What a great year group!



An ecstatic Ronnie being award the title by the previous champion, Tai



Champions Ceremony – Greta passing on the belt to the new champ, Aaliyah



Racial Identity Project – Mohamed, Freddie, Jack, Maboud, Lottie, Tia, Ashley, Angelina

# Year 10 End on a high

by Mr Haverty, Head of Year



## 'Make every day count' – Mr Haverty

Less than 2 months to go before our Year 10s are officially Year 11, with less than a year to go until they will begin the GCSE exam season. This is everything we have been building towards and we all know that the key from here on is to make every single day count!

The most recent mock exams made me especially proud to call myself their Head of Year. All Compass values were clearly on display. Examples included Dia-Monet using exploration, even in line-ups, with her revision cards to get the most out of every minute; Simon Mathis's integrity ensuring he was ready and perfectly behaved in all exams. Resilience from Michael Kiese who despite everything made his best effort to attend his exams. Finally, aspiration from Nabeel Adams who was ensuring he could get the best experience from every exam he took part in. However, in all honesty, they all shone through what was a stressful period and I am confident they are going to be fully prepared for the next round of mocks in the autumn term.

Year 10 also got to experience the real world of work and were able to develop skills they need to start thinking about their future. I want to especially mention Mam-Kadou Davies who was singled out by her employer as making the most of her time with her team; managing to complete a number of different training activities. The group who were based at Southwark Park Sports and Athletics Centre were also mentioned as being the best group of work experience students they had ever had. We were enormously proud to hear that!

There have also been some fantastic opportunities for students with Future Frontiers, where a number of them had the opportunity to be 1:1 mentored regarding their future careers. Fatima Bediako and Amie Edmunds have thoroughly enjoyed the experience to help them map their future paths.

Team Year 10: making every day count! Even the last day of term where they pitched for the charities they had supported to win an additional £1,000. We were so impressed with their commitment to their causes. Yet again, the First Give programme brought the very best out of Year 10.





# Year 11

by Ms Mohamed, Head of Year

## 'A winner is a dreamer who never gives up' Nelson Mandela

What a year it's been for our class of 2022?!

Year 11 were determined to exceed their aspirational goals despite the Covid disruptions over the last couple of years. As the first cohort to sit GCSE exams in over two years, they were keen to prove how resilient and aspirational they truly are. This was immediately apparent during exam season as Year 11 emulated many of our Compass values; they were determined to excel academically and persevered through all adversities.

It's impossible to think of this cohort without associating them with resilience: from researching, applying and attending interviews for post-16 institutions, attending interventions, going on residential, sitting mock exams, participating in various revision and study skill sessions...the list is endless. Year 11 absolutely pushed themselves this year so that there were definitely no regrets!

Year 11 leavers' celebration presented a joyful union; it brought on smiles, laughter, dancing and happiness from everyone. It was fantastic to see the great sense of accomplishment on the faces of our students as they concluded their journey at Compass.

This celebration of Year 11 continued on at their wonderfully glamorous prom as the students danced into the late evening. Their prom, organised by Mrs. Walkey-Williams, saw the biggest turnout with over 50 students attending in their best attire. Over 25 of the students in attendance had also received Golden Tickets from teachers for their phenomenal attitude, perseverance or integrity shown since the beginning of the academic year. It was a night to remember and one our students will surely cherish for years to come.

Although Year 11 have been enjoying their early summer holiday, we cannot wait to celebrate their GCSE results days on August 25th. Even though the Compass community may have already said their farewells to Year 11 for now, their journey to excellence continues, whether this is in the form of an apprenticeship, sixth form or colleges. We look forward to inviting this cohort to Compass alumni events and hearing their stories and successes.

For now, Compass and I wish the 'Class of 2022' nothing but the very best in the next phase of their educational and personal journey.



# English Excellence at Compass

by Ms Parkinson, Head of English

## Year 7: Rhetoric Rules

Year 7 have thrived this term in English, with some incredibly challenging work learning about Aristotle's rhetoric. Students worked hard to prepare their speeches after diligently researching the junk food industry. These were performed in class at the end of term!



## Year 8: Hardly a tragedy

Getting themselves ready for their study of Macbeth in Year 10, Year 8 have grappled with Miller's 'A View from The Bridge' this term, mastering difficult concepts such as patriarchy, male stereotypes and the rules of a Greek Tragedy. We have been particularly impressed with their maturity in dealing with difficult concepts.



## Year 9: Laying the Foundations for Success

Year 9 have been preparing for Year 10 with their study of 'Romeo and Juliet'- we have been so impressed with their diligence in essay writing and mastering the skills needed to study a Tragedy successfully. There have been some huge successes on Bedrock across the year group as well with Tendai topping leader boards consistently!



## Year 10: The GCSE Climb Commences

Year 10 have truly risen to the challenge this year and we have been blown away by some of their work, having studied three of their GCSE texts this year and ending the year completing their first full set of GCSE papers. Many students across the year group already excelled here, achieving a suite of grade 6 and above in both papers.

## Vocabulary Warriors

Students in English have continued their focus on vocabulary; grappling with some difficult words this term. From Marcus Hobbs in Year 10 winning an Amazon voucher, to Robert Kanawa in Year 7 topping the leader board consistently, there is so much to celebrate. Take a look below at some of the challenging words our Year 8s are currently working on.

C	chron clarify
D	defect deplore
E	employ eventful
F	fac/fic forfeit
G	gen geo

# Humanities Hone Their Skills

by Ms Smith and Miss Melling

As the academic year closes, students across Year 7, 8 and 9 have continued to explore and thrive in humanities. The completion of summer assessments in History, Geography and Citizenship was an apt display of how hard many students have worked this year, giving them an opportunity to exhibit both their knowledge and skills.

Year 10 followed suit by completing their summer mocks, showing real determination to revise through their work experience and into exams week.

With exams over, Year 9 turned their focus to the local environment. Looking into the history of Bermondsey's very own Ada Salter, they conducted a field study and walking tour of the many contributions she made to the community. They were able to appreciate and articulate how Ada really did 'beautify' Bermondsey, and some even managed to grab a picture with the leading lady herself!



Likewise, geographers were given the opportunity to explore how far the Borough of Southwark can be deemed a 'honey pot' for tourism. They analysed a number of factors along Tower Bridge that explain why Southwark attracts so many visitors each year, and the impact this has on the local area.

Year 10 Geographers broadened their local study to the wider radius of London, with an investigation of the impact that the 2012 Olympic Games had on three different sites within Stratford. Students looked at the social, economic and environmental impact of the games to see if the area was successfully regenerated. This will form part of their Paper 3 Geography GCSE.

This term was encompassed by application. Students applied this year's learning to a culminative assessment, showcasing their ability to retain and recall a range of key knowledge. They then applied this to different physical environments, to really understand how learning inside the classroom allows them to interpret the world around them.



# Maths News

by Head of Maths

It has been a busy term for our students. We kicked off with our second GCSE Revision Residential of the academic year to PGL Marchant's Hill in Surrey where our Year 11 students participated in intensive revision sessions over three days in preparation for their final exams. It has been amazing this year to be able to offer all Year 11 students this opportunity in preparation for their exams.

## Maths Week

In June we celebrated both Pride month and Maths Week London. It's great fun combining these two important events and our Year 7 students gallantly took on our code-cracking challenge as part of LGBTQ+ history month celebrations. During the World War II, code breakers played a crucial role in breaking Nazi Enigma codes that were believed to be indecipherable and students had the opportunity to learn about one such cryptographer, Alan Turing whose work we celebrate and recognise at Compass. Turing was not only an extraordinary mathematician but also a war hero, saving countless lives through his work. Students worked fantastically to decrypt this challenging cypher; developing resilience and their problem-solving along the way.



## Inspirational Learning

Year 8 and 9 students attended interactive lectures on Mathematics from the amazing Rob Eastway, founder of Maths Inspiration and local Southwark resident. Rob has written a number of books including 'Maths for Mum and Dads' and 'Maths on the back of an envelope - Clever ways to (roughly) calculate anything' and set up a national programme of interactive lecture shows that aim to inspire teenagers to pursue mathematical subjects to a higher level. Year 8 took part in the fun and interactive Curious Maths Quiz where the answers are full of mathematical surprises and without even realising it. The audience are introduced to important ideas in algebra, trigonometry, fractal geometry and more. Year 9 instead delved into the science of games. If you think games are just for fun, then think again! They contain some of the most important maths you'll ever need in daily life, from managing money to out-thinking competitors.



## Fascinating Fractals

The whole school also set to work on constructing a pride themed 3D Sierpinski Tetrahedron whilst learning about amazing geometric shapes called Fractals. Many famous fractals are self-similar, which means that they consist of smaller copies of themselves. All our students have been brilliant working together as a team but a shout out has to go to Miss Clapham's Year 9 class who excelled themselves working together to create a super-efficient production line.



In Year 10 Sarah Salim was the first, of hopefully many students, to attend the 'Girls like Maths (and Physics!)' programme at King's Maths School. It is an outstanding school where 95% of results are above an A! Over the four days they explored new ideas, listened to female speakers in the field and practised their problem solving!

# Careers at Compass

by Ms Cogher

This term lots of exciting careers-related activities have taken place to prepare students for the world of work. A group of year 10 students have participated in the Future Frontiers mentoring program, in which they have visited Funding Circle, a leading platform for supporting small businesses with loans. The students have made their way into Funding Circle's central London office on four different occasions, and every time have been treated with a delicious lunch!

Each student was given a professional mentor, and through weekly conversations with them, was able to discuss and explore their personal skills, qualities and interests. All the students who have taken part in the mentoring program have come away with stronger ideas about their future career aspirations and feel more confident in making their post-16 choices next year.

It has been wonderful to see all the students thrive in a professional working environment, and form such positive relationships with their mentors in only a short space of time. In between all the productive conversations, students even had a chance to brush up on their pool skills and take part in some competitive table tennis games! Well done year 10.

All year 10 students have also had the opportunity to participate in a week of work experience, from 21st to 24th June, 2022. On Monday, the students arrived at school in professional working clothes for the annual 'Dress to Impress' day. All the teachers were blown away by how grown up year 10 students looked, and their mature attitude ahead during the careers drop-down sessions that day. In order to prepare for their week of work experience, students spent some time planning their routes on public transport, and were not discouraged by the planned tube and train strikes that week!

Students also spent some time creating a first draft CV using the online careers platform, Unifrog. It was fantastic to see the students taking the time to reflect on all the important employability skills they have developed by taking part in extra-curricular activities such as sports clubs, music lessons, theatre productions, Duke of Edinburgh, baby-sitting and enrichment slots. The students then put these skills into good practice during their week of work experience. Students attended a wide range of placements, such as working in local primary schools, nurseries, architecture firms, cafes, dentist surgeries, sports centres, youth clubs, and even in the Yamaha music shop on Tottenham Court Road!

It was fantastic to hear all the positive feedback from employers about how Compass year 10 students behaved with real maturity, integrity and dedication throughout the week. A particularly big well done to Mam Kodou Davies, who worked for a company called Pennington and blew them away with her hard work and focus, especially while completing extensive online training programs! All year 10 students demonstrated resilience and growth over the week, and it has helped them all to learn more about their career aspirations for the future.



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# Sporting Success

by Mr Flowers, Head of PE

This term has certainly been a busy one in the PE department. The year 7s and 8s have played St. Michael's in football and basketball. The year 9s and 10s have played St Michael's in Basketball and are playing CoLA in their final game of the year this year. Last but not least, our athletics teams have taken part in the Southwark Schools Athletics Championships.

## Football

Ballers' Academy have been working exceptionally hard with our pupils throughout the year and there has been some fantastic progress by our boys.

Unfortunately, in their last match of the season they lost to St. Michael's, but put up a brilliant game. Now we need to focus on some of our fitness and positional play as a team to challenge more in these matches to ensure a well-deserved win!



## Basketball

The year 7s and year 8s had a closely fought match against St. Michael's, narrowly losing by 4 points in a game of many missed chances from both sides. This was fiercely competitive with some stand out performances by Daniella who was representing the girls in the fixture. Moving forward, we reflected that there needs to be a greater emphasis on making the simple baskets so we don't waste as many shooting opportunities. Training for the year 7s and 8s is Wednesday after school.

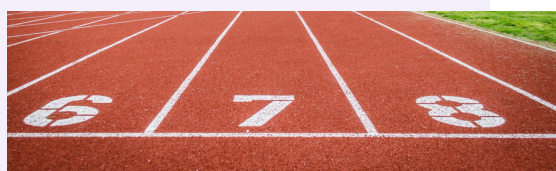


Our year 9 and 10 boys fared better against St Michael's, winning by 8 points in a very competitive and fast paced match. A lot of the success came down to the boys taking the close shots and getting those essential rebounds in. We all await with bated breath to see if we can build on this win against CoLA on Wednesday in what should be a very high quality match against a team brimming with confidence after a strong season in the English National league.

## Athletics

Well done to both our year 7 and 8 girls and boys combined athletic teams who went down to Southwark Park Athletic track and competed brilliantly against all the local schools in Southwark. We represented the school fantastically well, and gave our team mates such great support on the day.

The determination to push themselves was evident and led to some amazing results with the boys finishing 5th out of 7 teams (1 point off 4th) and the girls finishing 2nd out of 7 teams. They should all be so proud of their efforts and I cannot wait to start coaching them through the indoor winter athletics season next year.



# Sports Leaders

by Ms Kidney

It has been a great year for our Year 10 pupils as they have grown and blossomed into young Sports Leaders with their ability to provide opportunities for members of our local community.

We have been out a number of times this year and also help out and led events in our school. Our leaders have worked with our community links, with sports days for primary schools at Southwark Athletics Track, and running the 'singles' transition event for some of the more anxious pupils who will be joining us in September.

The highlight of the year for our Sports Leaders was the transition day. Across three sessions, our young people led numerous events with 77 of our new Year 7, delivering them with ease, patience and clarity. The Sports Leaders were so eager to be involved in this day and they demonstrated their commitment by coming up with the activities themselves, planning them in meticulous detail and then delivering them with confidence. It was clear from the faces of the pupils how much they had all enjoyed these sessions!

The group have demonstrated our values on numerous occasions, using their team work skills to work together in providing fun and engaging sessions for younger people in their area.

I am very proud of all of you for crossing your own individual hurdles and pushing on through the year. I know it has been a challenge for each of you and I am very proud of the professional, polite and courageous young leaders that you are becoming.



# Year 10 GCSE Art trip to the British Museum

by Ms Ragusa

Our 2022-23 Year 10 Art GCSE class got a head start to their GCSE by visiting the inspirational British Museum, which will be the starting point for their first project.

The class were wonderful and fully engaged throughout the whole trip, with many requesting specific areas to visit (Japan was a very popular choice!) before we left.

The purpose of the trip was for students to engage with sources and find something that will spark the starting point for their project. As part of this, students were required to take photographs to work from and one took over 160! It was such a pleasure to spend the day with our eager artists and I cannot wait to see what the class will produce over the summer and in September.



## Student Leadership

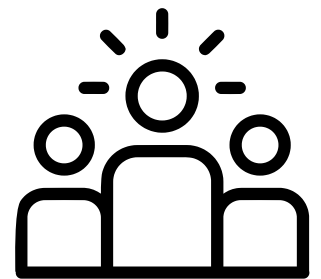
by Ms Ragusa

Our student leaders have had a busy year engaging in all of our community-based events and taking a lead on some of them. Throughout the year they have met weekly and have been extremely proactive in everything we have worked on. Our leaders played an active role in transition day, Ukraine day and have made important decisions regarding new uniform fabrics for PE kits in response to prior student feedback.

This year we introduced our first group of head students who have been a fantastic asset to the school. We are looking forward to embedding the roles further next academic year.

Most recently, our student leaders created a formidable list of nominees for the Jack Petchey award and then opened up the voting to whole school. They also created a challenging quiz for Ms Edwards, our librarian.

They have some great plans for next year, including having the Learning Family Reps running Learning Family sessions to further gather student feedback and communicate to their peers. Another successful year of student leadership. Well done all student leaders!





# Beautiful Bermondsey

by Mr May

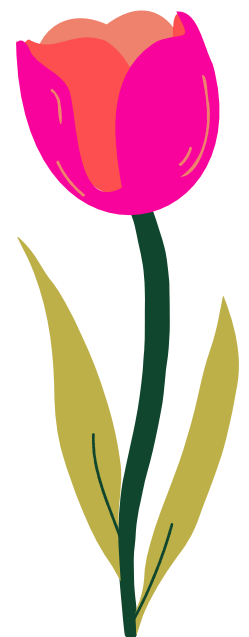
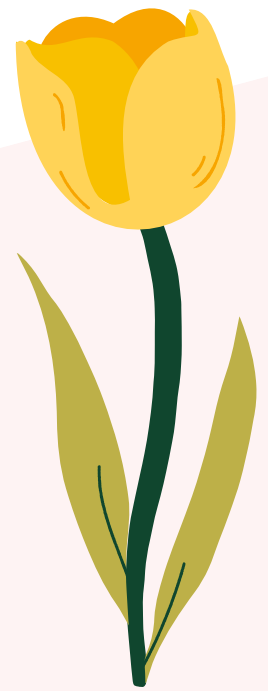
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the election of Ada Salter as the first female Mayor of Bermondsey and the election of her husband as our MP. This is an incredibly important moment in history for us to remember and to use as a learning tool for our proud Bermondsey pupils.

Ada's powerful legacy lives with us today, from the beautification of Bermondsey, to early years child care provision, children's play parks, fenced football pitches and improving equality in education and the work place.

To mark the anniversary, we are collaborating with Ocean Media (who made our Christmas film) and writer Sarah May to create and film a short film marking the achievements of Ada. We filmed over two days with a cast of 16 students on a variety of locations. In the first day we started with the Salter statues on the Thames Path going on the impressive steps of St James' Church with the day finishing at the Ada Salter Rose Garden.

The next day we started filming at the fenced football pitch on Lucey Road. Moving to Millwall Football Club after lunch and then back to Compass with a final shot at the new mural on the Kirby Estate of England's Lioness, Fran Kirby. It was a great experience for our students, working with professional film makers on location throughout Bermondsey.

"Ada" will premier in October for all of us to see.



# Inclusion News

by Ms Hayward, SENCO

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are reflecting on the successes of our Inclusion students and how they have grown as individuals as they continue their journey through school. Some notable achievements in Inclusion this year include: the group of students who had the chance to spend 12 weeks taking part, along with Miss Coleman, in 'Flying Fantastics'. The students learned aero-acrobatic skills as well as testing their balance and bravery on the high beams! All students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and the new skills they have learned.

Furthermore, Tendai (Year 9) took part in the Shakespeare Schools' festival, where, along with other students across the school, he performed in Twelfth Night to a captive audience. All the audience thought the students were brilliant, and Tendai's acting skills really shone through! A future Oscar winner maybe?

Finally, Areen, one of our Year 7 students, has truly excelled in Dance enrichment this year. His passion and enthusiasm for dance every week is infectious and it's a highlight of our day when Areen comes in to show us his new dance moves! A superstar in the making!

Inclusion continues to be a hive of activity during break and lunchtime with Jenga and Guess Who being played alongside some extremely noisy and competitive games of Dobble being fought between staff and students!

The students are an integral part of the department and we are lucky to be surrounded by such lovely students every day, from Ollie Martin keeping us on our toes and making sure that our daily register is taken and up to date, to Ashley Packer and Ben Thompson's fierce ICT based debates at lunchtime. We in the Inclusion department are so proud of all of the students who have overcome challenges this year and continue to strive for greatness!

Finally, we have two of our Inclusion team leaving us at the end of the term. Miss Coleman has been with us for just over a year but is now leaving Compass to train to be a teacher and Miss Esson who has been with us since October but is heading off to be a deputy head and impart her knowledge and wisdom on a new set of staff. We will miss them both greatly as they are a massive part of our team and we thank them for all the support, knowledge and guidance they have given to staff and students in the short time they have been with us. We hope you join with us in wishing them all the success for the future!

Inclusion is a place for everyone. If you need a safe space to spend some time or need someone to talk to, come and join us in Inclusion at break or lunchtime and we can help you make new friends



## Special Thanks

Compass School is grateful for the ongoing support of our partners. These include Grosvenor, The Shad Thames Residents' Association and City of London livery companies: The Worshipful Company of Pewterers, Curriers and Pattenmakers.



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Compass School wishes our community a safe and restful summer break



## Open Evenings

5pm - 7pm

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

## Open Mornings

9am - 10:15am

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October



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