

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, at last the days are getting longer and warmer and it feels like there is something to look forward to at last, even if it is not necessarily the end of Covid as much as we long for that. *'Living with Covid'* has certainly proved challenging so far, however, spring is on its way and we'll all benefit from that.

Thank you for your patience around our Covid response, in particular, with the short notice closures we have had to make. We are sorry for the inconvenience these have caused as case rates in the greater South West have remained high, even higher than they were in all three lockdown periods. These difficult decisions to close to certain classes, have always been made on the basis of health and safety. We live in hope that these should be fewer, maybe even none, in the months leading to the end of this academic year.

It has been a busy term and much has been accomplished by staff and students alike. Nearly all Year 11 students have passed their Functional Skills qualifications in Maths and English and are readying themselves for their GCSE exams which start in 6 weeks' time. Well done to them and we wish them 'all the best', encourage them to continue to work hard (as it's never too late to improve those grades) and not to put too much additional pressure on themselves. All they can do is to try their best.

Of course, it helps to eat and drink well and get plenty of exercise and good quality sleep throughout the exams period, after which they will have a long summer break to look forward to. This year, the official leaving date for all Year 11 students falls on **Friday 24 June**. This is the date from which they are able to take up full time work should they wish to.

This newsletter highlights some of the events and achievements of other year groups and classes this term. A special thank you to those students (and colleagues) who have helped in student voice activities (you know who you are), and to let you know that our Governors were impressed with the video clips you presented. Leaders are working on your feedback.

As always, at the end of a term we say good bye to some colleagues and thank them for the service they have supplied to the school during their employment. This term is no different. Thank you **Lorraine, Heather and Katie**, every success in your next career steps, you will be missed.

On behalf of our Governing Body and Compass colleagues, may I wish you a lovely Easter break.

Alison Glazier, Headteacher



If you would like to sign up for Dorset SEND newsletter, please see details below. This is issued by Dorset Council detailing services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/sign-up-to-get-family-newsletters>

In the latest edition you can find:

- a survey to find out how we can give children the best start in their learning
- information about funding in an early years setting
- information on Let's Talk events
- links to the parent carer events from February
- a survey to share your views on the Dorset SENDIASS website
- an introduction to our new SEND safeguarding standards advisor
- an update on SEND service staffing
- advice on getting back to normal after COVID restrictions ease
- #Let's Talk Libraries update

Easter in Dorset Activities



In the coming weeks, bookings will be opening for what will be an exciting 'Easter in Dorset' programme. We know from last year's programme that these sessions do book up fast. The sessions include Graffiti Art, T-Shirt Design, Robot Creation, Media Production and Self Defence.

Funding is provided by the DfE to provide free places (and hot meals) for children who receive free school meals (**FSM**). If your child qualifies for FSM you need to pre-register to receive a passcode via text / email which you can then enter/share this code when booking activities. Please either register online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/easter-in-dorset or by calling 01305 252261.

If you have any questions: holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Key Stage 3 Trip to Corfe Village

Students in Key Stage 3 went to Corfe village on a glorious Friday morning to discover, explore and search for key points of interest around the village.

They were split into three different groups; each group had a different route to take around the village but all with the same start and finish. Each group was given an ordinance survey map and guide to navigate the village within the allocated time.

They enjoyed climbing up East Hill, walking through thick mud and exploring the village.

Harry



Compass Summer School

We are very fortunate to have secured funding to run our Summer School over the first two weeks of the summer holiday (Monday 25 July to Friday 6 August).

We would like to send out most grateful thanks to Dorset Masonic Care, a charity supported by Dorset Freemasons, who have very kindly agreed to support our summer school.

More details of what we will be available will follow.

Watch this space!

Kyle



Max Events

Years 10 and 11 students continue to develop the wild camps at Max Events.

This year we have created a new camp with an outdoor kitchen so students can easily prepare and cook food for the groups. This has included rabbit, pheasant and partridge so far. Students are learning lots of lifeskills and some students are looking to continue with these studies in their Post 16 destinations which is excellent news.

These students really enjoy working outside in all weathers and take huge pride in the camp they have developed.

Mark



GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE

Detailed below is the GCSE exam timetable for May and June. Further information will be provided for parents / carers and students after the Easter holiday.

Morning exams start at 9.00am

Afternoon exams start at 1.15pm

Students **MUST** arrive at school at least 15 minutes before the start of their exam.

GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE MAY/JUNE 2022					
BIOLOGY	Paper 1	AM	1hour 45mins	TUES	17th MAY
ENGLISH	Paper 1	AM	1hour 45mins	WED	18th MAY
MATHS	Paper 1	AM	1hour 30mins	FRI	20th MAY
GEOGRAPHY	Paper 1	AM	1hour 30mins	MON	23rd MAY
Half Term 30th May -3rd June					
MATHS	Paper 2	AM	1hour 30mins	TUES	7th JUNE
GEOGRAPHY	Paper 2	PM	1hour 15mins	TUES	7th JUNE
ENGLISH	Paper 2	AM	1hour 45mins	FRI	10thJUNE
MATHS	Paper 3	AM	1hour 30mins	MON	13th JUNE
GEOGRAPHY	Paper 3	AM	1hour	TUES	14th JUNE
BIOLOGY	Paper 2	AM	1hour 45mins	WED	15th JUNE

Important Dates for the Summer Term

Thursday 7 April End of Spring Term for Students

Friday 8 April to Sunday 24 April - Easter Holiday

Monday 25 April Summer Term Begins

Monday 2 May Early May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 17 May First GCSE Exam

Friday 27 May to Sunday 5 June - Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 15 June Last GCSE Exam

Friday 22 July End of Summer Term

Monday 25 July to Friday 6 August - Summer School (see page 3 for more details)

Term Dates 2022/23

Please see overleaf the full calendar of term dates for 2022/23 including INSET days.

Students return to school in September as follows -

Monday 5 September 2022 - Years 7, 8 & 10 students only

Tuesday 6 September 2022 - Year 9 & 11 students only

Wednesday 7 September 2022 - ALL STUDENTS return to school



A detailed calendar will be published at a later date.

September 2022					October 2022					November 2022									
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		
Sa		3	10	17	24	Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su		6	13	20	27	
December 2022					January 2023					February 2023									
M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22		
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25
Su		4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su		5	12	19	26	
March 2023					April 2023					May 2023									
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29	
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31		
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25			
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26			
Sa		4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27		
Su		5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		
June 2023					July 2023					August 2023									
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W		2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F		4	11	18	25		
Sa		3	10	17	24	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26		
Su		4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27		

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Compass Learning Centre INSET Days 2022-23

- INSET Day No: 1 – Thursday 1 September 2022
- INSET Day No: 2 – Friday 2 September 2022
- INSET Day No: 3 – Friday 21 October 2022
- INSET Day No: 4 – Monday 20 February 2023
- INSET Day No: 5 – Friday 28 April 2023

Bank and Public Holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

Friend of Compass

Friends of Compass is a registered charitable body made up and supported by the staff and friends of Compass Learning Centre.

Friends of Compass exists to raise money for the benefit of all the children at Compass. Through our fundraising we have been able to provide equipment and resources for use by students within the school; provided funding to help with the development of the sensory garden and Summer School activities, and helped our Year 11 students to celebrate their time with Compass.

Our fundraising activities have been impacted by COVID restrictions, but we are looking forward to being able to get things back up and running in the very near future and sharing them with you via the Newsletter.

In the meantime if you, or someone you know, would like to support Friends of Compass then please do contact myself, Paula Doyle, Chairperson.

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Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years.

Paula

