



## News from the Executive Principal



*“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.”*

~ Oprah Winfrey.



Dear All,

As we welcome the start of the New Year 2016, it is common practice in many countries to set out a series of New Year Resolutions. The problem with these is that, whilst well intended, they are often short-lived. We pledge a commitment to lose weight, join the local gym, take up a new activity or do something positive to support others. Such resolutions are easy to state but hard to carry through. Nevertheless, that does not mean that we should not try to live to a higher standard, to set ourselves ambitious targets and to aspire to greater things. One of the best ways to help secure the New Year promise is take action straight away. Another way to secure a greater chance of success in your new endeavour is to write it down and put it in a visible place to be a constant reminder of your commitment to do something new, be better or right a wrong. So, go ahead, set yourself a meaningful and achievable target and write it on a piece of paper, a place it in a strategic area such as the fridge door.

At school, we are committed to ensure that every child is challenged and supported to achieve their dreams. Some of our senior students will have the opportunity to try something new as they venture on one of the many pursuits on offer as part of our Secondary School Activities Week. We wish those travelling to far off lands a safe and enjoyable trip. Whether they be are going on an expedition to Tanzania, taking part in an adventure in the Emirates, learning how to study on the field trip to Oman, taking part in the ski experience in Italy or enjoying the school and locally based programmes in Doha. We hope that everyone will gain a new skill and learn something unique about themselves.

Our Site Management team have been busy over the winter break undertaking important maintenance around the school and making improvements to our facilities. I hope that our Primary Students will begin to make use of the outside classroom area and the new software that has been installed on the i-Pads.

This term also sees a change in the way that we are managing our set of schools in Doha. Prior to this term, the three schools were run separately. This term, they will be run as a single school, with a single goal on three sites. I have been tasked with the job of leading our schools at Rayyan and Gharaffa and aligning them with our school in Madinat Khalifa under the Compass International School banner. This is a great opportunity to bring continuity to our educational offering across the city and for our staff to share the expertise across all three campuses. Our Heads of Primary on each site and Head of Secondary at Compass International School will be working closely to achieve our ambition as the leading, premium school in Doha. I look forward to working with the teams on each site to support them in supporting our students to be the best that they can be.

Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead.

Kind regards,

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Executive Principal  
Compass International School, Doha

## Dates for your Diary

9 - 16 January

[Year 8 /9 Ski Trip to Italy](#)

9 - 14 January

[Year 9/10 Trip to Oman](#)

10 - 14 January

[Year 7 / 9 Trip to Al Jeer](#)

10 - 14 January

[Secondary Activities Week](#)

10 - 17 January

[Year 10 / 12 Trip to Tanzania](#)

11 January

[PTA Coffee Morning](#)

17 January

[ECAs Start](#)

21 January

[PTA Secondary Party](#)

23 January

[Primary Global Campus Big Draw](#)

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## Book your ECAs Online

We will offer booking of all our ECAs online as from Saturday 9 January.

PRIMARY go [here](#) to create an account, then you can book the ECAs at 12:00 on Saturday.

SECONDARY go [here](#) to create an account, then you can book at 15:00 on Saturday.

Instructions on how to create an account can be found on the website. Please be aware each student can only apply to attend three ECAs per term.

## PTA Coffee Morning

Please join us on January 11 for our coffee morning from 7:30 - 8:30 to meet parents and get an update on the PTA activities. In particular, if you have students in secondary, please join us to find out what you can do to help make their social event on January 21 a success. A representative from the school administration will be present if you have questions about Compass.

For further news please click on the PTA Update link below.

## PE Kit Reminder

### PE Kit Requirements:

- The PE kit remains the same as usual, however we do allow tracksuit bottoms as long as they are plain black or navy.
- School polo t-shirt as usual, students can wear a base layer or additional long sleeve tshirt underneath if they wish.
- No coats or school jumpers to be worn unless under special circumstances (exceptionally cold day for example).
- They will be told at the beginning of the lesson by the teacher if this is the case.
- Students will be reminded of this expectation in lessons this week.

We are looking forward to a busy Sport Term.



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