

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, good attendance and punctuality are essential in allowing students to reach their full potential at Trafalgar School. Last academic year, those students with good or better attendance achieved, on average, half a grade higher than their peers.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of being in school on time. School starts at 8:50a.m. Those students who arrive late are disadvantaged; they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons which can lead to them being unsettled and/or confused about their learning.

It is important to us that students establish good routines and habits. We will therefore be challenging punctuality to school routinely after half term and students who are late more than once in a week will be required to make up any lost learning time after 3pm.

Please check your Classcharts app to ensure you are receiving regular communication from us. If you require any assistance setting this up, contact studentservices@trafalgarschool.org.uk.

There will be no compulsory Home Learning set in the final week of the half term and therefore there will be no additional work for your child to complete during the holiday period.

As a school, we believe that this is a time for students to relax, recharge and spend quality time with their family and friends. However, we do acknowledge the importance of practicing key skills or revising, so that students become fluent in their learning. Therefore, we have listed below some of our key Home Learning and revision websites that students can visit:

[Seneca Learning](#): complete any outstanding homework or try to improve previous scores

[Sparx Maths](#): develop arithmetic skills and complete any outstanding Home Learning

[Spellzone](#): the online English spelling resource - developing spelling fluency

[BBC Bitesize](#): to review core learning from this half term.

I hope you have an enjoyable break.

Your sincerely,



Miss G Pearce
Head of School