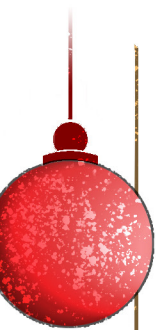




# Trafalgar School NEWS



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# Welcome to Trafalgar News

What an extraordinary term this has been for schools up and down the country. At Trafalgar it has been navigated incredibly well by both staff and students; how quickly we all adapted to the 'new normal' with online learning, regular sanitising and face masks as just a few of the changes. Needless to say, we could not be prouder of how well the community came together to keep each other safe #teamtrafalgar!

Despite the obvious challenges, there have been a wealth of events this term which have both stretched and inspired our students. The PD Days were a particular highlight where students were able to focus more closely on two of our school values; anti-bullying week was passionately led by our student leadership team and was supported by all members of the community as they pledged their allegiance to this cause; we proudly stood together to show Racism the Red Card during black history month; and Trafalgar students have actively supported numerous charity events including, most recently, Christmas jumper day, which allowed us to raise money and once again show off our Trafalgar community spirit!

Students have been working hard to make up for any lost learning and have been making rapid progress in classes. We have been relieved and delighted that our new virtual software has allowed us to keep you involved with your child's education and thank you all for taking the time to feed back after these events. Although we are disappointed not to be holding our traditional whole school assembly at The Mountbatten Centre this term, we are doing our best to recognise the many achievements nonetheless: with subject awards, values awards, house stars and top boy / top girl awards all up for grabs. Be sure to check if your child has come home sporting any new badges this Friday!

We cannot thank parents enough for their continued support and understanding during these challenging times – we hope you remain as proud as we are of all that we have achieved as a Trafalgar family this term. So from ours to yours, we sincerely hope everyone is able to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Stay Safe and we will see you in 2021! - **Team Trafalgar**

2020 has definitely not been the year any of us expected and the impact worldwide has been inconceivable. It has bought the value of home and school life into sharp focus, and nationally and locally we have all had to pull together to safeguard our children and their education. It would not be possible without a team effort. This year more than most, our parents' cooperation has been paramount; thank you for your support and understanding.

Trafalgar has seen great success delivering live lessons and it has been wonderful to hear how the pupils have been engaging with learning online. It is great to be able to celebrate the positive impact of technology on our pupils and how it has kept us all connected. For our teachers, senior leadership and wider support teams, this year will be historic in their teaching careers and they have done us all so proud. So be it COVID or a flood that has disturbed business as usual, Trafalgar will continue to grow, develop and give opportunities for our pupils to shine - even if we have to deliver certificates to your front doors!

On behalf of the Governors we wish you all a very peaceful New Year and hope that our pupils, especially those nearing exam season, can come back refreshed in the Spring Term ready to conquer 2021. - **Jo Bennett - Chair of Governors**

# Well done Isaiyarasy - our Christmas Card Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Isaiyarasy in Year 7, Temeraire House, who won our Art and Design Christmas Card Competition this year with her wonderful Trafalgar Snow Globe design.

The competition was very tough as there were some incredible designs demonstrating a wealth of talent amongst our students.



Congratulations also goes to Evie E - Year 8, Sovereign for coming 2nd and Saffron M - Year 8, Britannia.

As you can see, the finished article looks amazing and is currently making its way to many of our stakeholders and partners across the city, to express our best wishes for the season. Well done Isaiyarasy!

## Christmas Jumper Day 2020

Trafalgar were also in the Christmas Charity spirit on Friday 11th December, when staff and students wore their Christmas Jumpers in to support the 'Save the Children' charity.

A donation for this was made by all those contributing and we can say that there were lots of lights, baubles, Santas and even Christmas Wookies walking the halls of Trafalgar School on that day!





# PD DAY - RESPECT

Trafalgar School held its first Personal Development Day of the year concentrating on our core value of 'Respect'. Both staff and students were released from their normal timetables for the day and prepared to immerse themselves for the particular focuses given to each year group.

Year 11 took part in a revision conference day and were joined by our external experts 'Positively Mad', who focused on those skills and techniques that will support our Year 11s with their studies and knowledge retention, ready for their forthcoming mock examinations. They had great fun in learning new skills of word association, mind maps and many more top tips! Then it was on to workshops in the afternoon focussing on those important next steps.

Year 8 were considering how to respect their bodies and minds for a healthy lifestyle. There were mindfulness sessions, where they learnt the art of being "in the moment", as well as discussions on a healthy diet. In the afternoon, all of Year 8 chose an activity they wanted to partake in – some practiced Yoga, others chose fitness and a dance session, whilst another group chose to get some fresh air on a local walk to get rambling active!

Year 9 were discussing sex and consent, with a focus on respectful relationships. Students considered a variety of scenarios and discussed "What if...?" as well as learning about contraception and some tricky STIs!

Year 10s were focused on Sex, Drugs and Alcohol for the day, with some honest and frank discussions on the impact of these on the body and mind. There was also a session with a banana, which provided lots of information – and a few giggles!

Charity was the word for Year 7s, as they spent the day researching local charities to find out more information about them and what it is that they do. This was completed in houses with each group producing a poster/powerpoint to support some amazing presentations. Each group then gave a presentation on why their charity was so important and how people could support the cause. Each House selected 2 winning groups, who went head to head in a house vote to determine the house charity for the year.





# PD DAY - RESILIENCE

Year 7 were lucky to be joined by the UNLOC Team from Portsmouth University. The challenge was set to unlock their resilience using real life experiences and develop their team working skills, which were put to the test when students had to instruct a partner to draw whilst blindfolded!

Year 8's spent the day learning all about the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They were then challenged to utilise their skills in map reading, orienteering, as well as learning about first aid!

Year 9's were learning how to be resilient and accepting of change in an ever-changing, multi-cultural society. An immersive experience for students about many different countries and cultures, exposing many of their talents when learning the Haka, and writing their own reggae songs!

For Year 10, it was all about healthy bodies and healthy minds. The day started with some quiet reflection through a series of Mindfulness exercises, before learning about the importance of a good diet, mental health and trying Yoga!

Finally, Year 11 were demonstrating their newly learned lifesaving skills after a day of first aid training. They were a credit to themselves as they resuscitated and bandaged their way to a First Aid qualification – well done all.



# SET FOR SUCCESS



On Tuesday 8th December, Trafalgar students were very pleased to have a visit from Kate Grey, a Paralympian Swimmer, as part of the project funded by the Youth Sports Trust and the Wimbledon Foundation. The project is aimed at engaging young people in a social action project, and Kate was delivering a session about communication.



The students were asked to highlight the challenges that they thought were facing their communities at this time, which was then followed by a topical discussion about their conclusions. There were also plenty of activities that engaged the body and the mind in demonstrating the difference between effective and non-effective communication.



The students were really engaged in the session and are looking forward to Kate's visit to deliver the next session.



# Student Leadership



Congratulations to our Senior Student Leadership who have made a fantastic impact in their first term of office. The Head Boy and Girl, Nic and Precious, with their Deputies Poppy and Kody, along with the Prefect Team have led, organised and delivered many events / initiatives including, 'Show Racism the Red Card', the Anti-bullying and remembrance assemblies and of course, Christmas Jumper day.

Most importantly, they led and delivered the assembly regarding leadership roles within the school, encouraging our current student body to challenge themselves and step forward to apply and embark on a wonderful journey of skill development, growth and fun!

Well done to all those students who applied to be Prefects, Student Heads of House (pictured above), Sports Leaders, Digital Leaders and Reading Leaders. Your courage to apply and your success in achieving your aspirations is a great inspiration to all of us!



#youcan #aspiration  
#leadership



# YEAR 11 COOK

This term, our Year 11 Food Prep students had their practical exam; taking on the challenge of re-designing meat-based dishes to suit a meat-free diet. In the lead up to it they have been researching, planning and practicing a huge variety of recipes and methods to show off their culinary skills in their 3 hour cook.

Over 5 days, our Year 11 Food Prep students each had the opportunity to wow us with their techniques, complex balance of flavours, and high-level skills, producing some delicious food for us all to sample and evaluate!

They were not only marked on their taste, aroma, portion size and presentation, but they were also marked on their cleanliness, organisation and preparation. They cooked two dishes of their own design within 3 hours – with absolutely no help!

Well done to every student – you were all absolutely amazing! Look out Jamie Oliver!

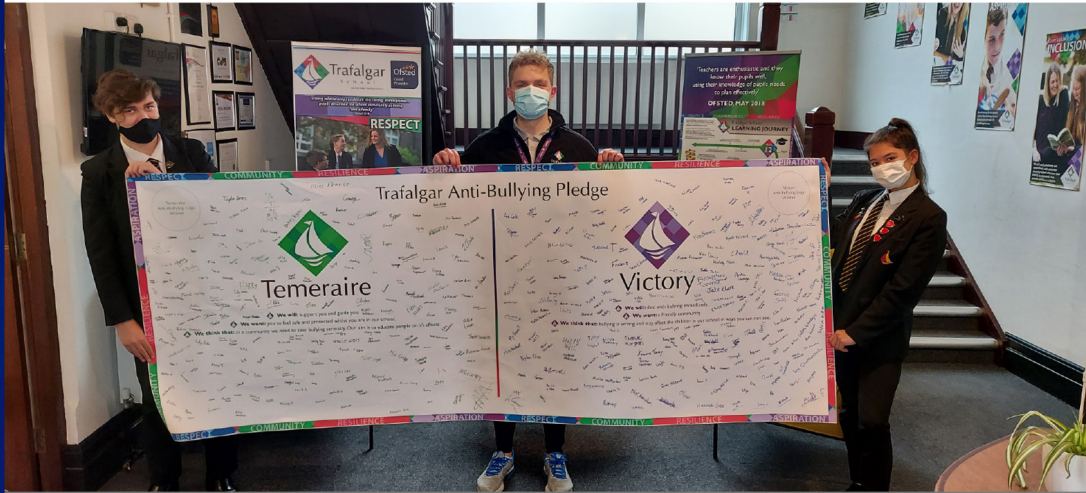


# UP A STORM!





# Anti-Bullying Week/Show Racism the Red Card



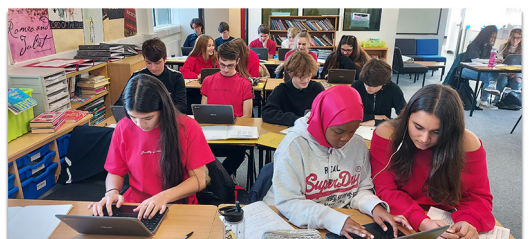
It was Anti-bullying week this term and our Student Senior Leadership Team led the way producing and presenting a virtual assembly outlining the serious impact and lasting damage of bullying and how we will unite as a community against it. This year, more than ever, we have witnessed the positive power that people have when they come together to tackle a common challenge.

Students and staff have already demonstrated their collective power by signing up to our school anti-bullying charter to state clearly that there is no room for bullying at Trafalgar School, and that we will work to reduce it together.

This term also saw our students support the national "Show Racism the Red Card" campaign. There were bake sales and events planned by our Student leadership and on the Friday of that week students wore red/black to show their support.



**#unitedagainstbullying**  
**#standingtogether**  
**#Teamtrafalgar**





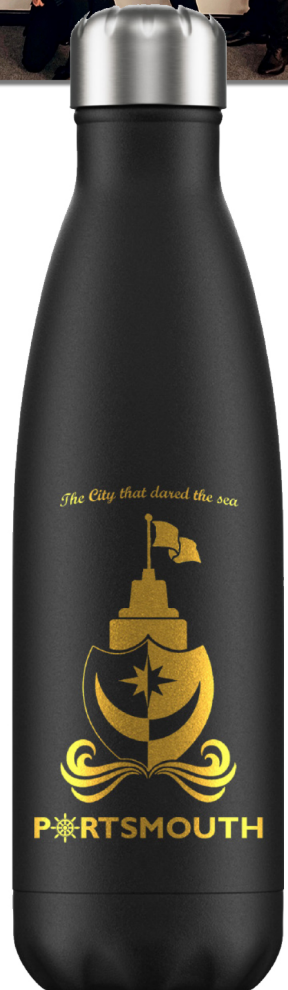
# Made in Portsmouth Success

After winning the 'Made In Portsmouth Challenge' (which is in partnership with Chilly's reusable bottles and Gunwharf Quay owners Landsec) to design a logo inspired by Portsmouth for Chilly's bottles to sell to the public, we knew that we wanted to once again "smash it out of the ball park" (as quoted by the judges last year). Our Team – Grace, Alyssa, Zoey, Patrycja, Kareena and Louis were determined to follow on from last year's success, and even though the pandemic hit right in the middle of the competition, it was not going to stop our team from aiming high. Cleverly adapting to lockdown restrictions, the team decided to present their idea using social media platform tiktok – and what a genius idea this was! Team Trafalgar blew the judges away once again with their innovative presentation which saw them delve into the history of Portsmouth and why, as an island surrounded by the sea, it is so important for us to promote reducing the use of plastic in our day to day lives and the effects discarded single use plastic is currently having on our environment.

Crowned WINNERS for the second year running, the team's design centred around Portsmouth's historic dockyard and its greatest ships, past and present. Along with the brilliant slogan "Portsmouth – The City That Dared the Sea" .

Bottles will be on sale shortly at a cost of £10 each, so be sure to pre order yours with the Team! The pop-up shop will be announced via our social media platforms so please keep your eyes peeled for the release date.

Well done Team Trafalgar! #winners #innovative



# CHARITY UPDATE

Year 7 undertook their charity PD day earlier this term, where each house was split up into small groups. Those groups all created a short presentation trying to persuade the rest of the Year 7s in their house group to choose their charity for the house.



The presentations from all groups were brilliant. Eventually two groups per house were chosen and those students had their presentation recorded and shown to the rest of the house group, where a vote then took place.

**The winning charities for 2020/21 were:**

**Temeraire - Water Aid Britannia - Guide Dogs**

**Victory - Ocean Ward Sovereign - Portsmouth Hospital Charity**

## FOODBANK COLLECTION 2020

The COVID-19 global health crisis has been a time to reflect on the things we truly cherish and our most basic needs. These uncertain times have made many of us rekindle our appreciation for a thing that some take for granted and many go without: food. The Trussell Trust is the largest food bank network in the UK. In 2009/10 it handed out around 41,000 food packs compared to 1.2 million in 2016/17. It estimates that around 590,000 different people used its services in 2016/17.

Community is an extremely important value to Trafalgar school, and as a result, this year we again joined together to help our local community by donating to a local foodbank. It was an absolute credit to our Trafalgar team the amount of food and other basic items that were donated to such a worthy cause. As you can see from the photos, we were inundated with generous contributions from all; House bins overflowing! In a time where most have little, a little can mean so much, and team Trafalgar really demonstrated their kindness and generosity in such trying times for all to help others – well done! **#helpingourcommunity**