



Trafalgar School

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Welcome to Trafalgar News

It is hard to believe that a year ago we were in our first lockdown.

The resilience our school community has shown to the challenges the global pandemic has presented us with has been phenomenal. Through adversity has come opportunities and we have grasped these with both hands. Our chromebook lease scheme meant that every child had access to a device during this latest lockdown which enabled learning to continue virtually every lesson, every day.

The mass testing of our school community before retuning to face to face learning was certainly a military operation but it has given us all confidence in a safe return. Our young people have transitioned back into school life with ease and I believe this is because of the work we have done together, parents, students and staff, to prioritise their learning alongside their wellbeing.

I have never been prouder to lead Trafalgar School than in this last year. With the clocks moving forward last weekend, the sun shining and the easing of lockdown rules, the future is looking bright.

Thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement (and cakes!) during this unprecedented year. We achieve great things when we work in partnership! #teamtrafalgar

Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher

Thank goodness spring is here, what a relief to be enjoying brighter days and more sunshine. I think the lockdown over winter was very hard for students, parents and staff alike and I must thank you all on behalf of the governing body for your incredible commitment through what I am sure for most of us was the most difficult of winters.

My thoughts now are on the future and I was so pleased to visit the school last week and to see all of the children back in school. The school had a lovely atmosphere and behind the masks there were smiling eyes!

At last week's governing body meeting we discussed the work and challenges we will face in the next term and year. We talked at length about the impact of the lockdown and how this has impacted our children both educationally and emotionally. Mrs Copeland and her team talked us through the schools recovery plan and as a governing body we were very impressed by the thought and planning involved.

I wish you all a lovely Easter and again thank all of the students, parents and staff for the commitment you have shown in the last term.

Jo Bennett - Chair of Governors

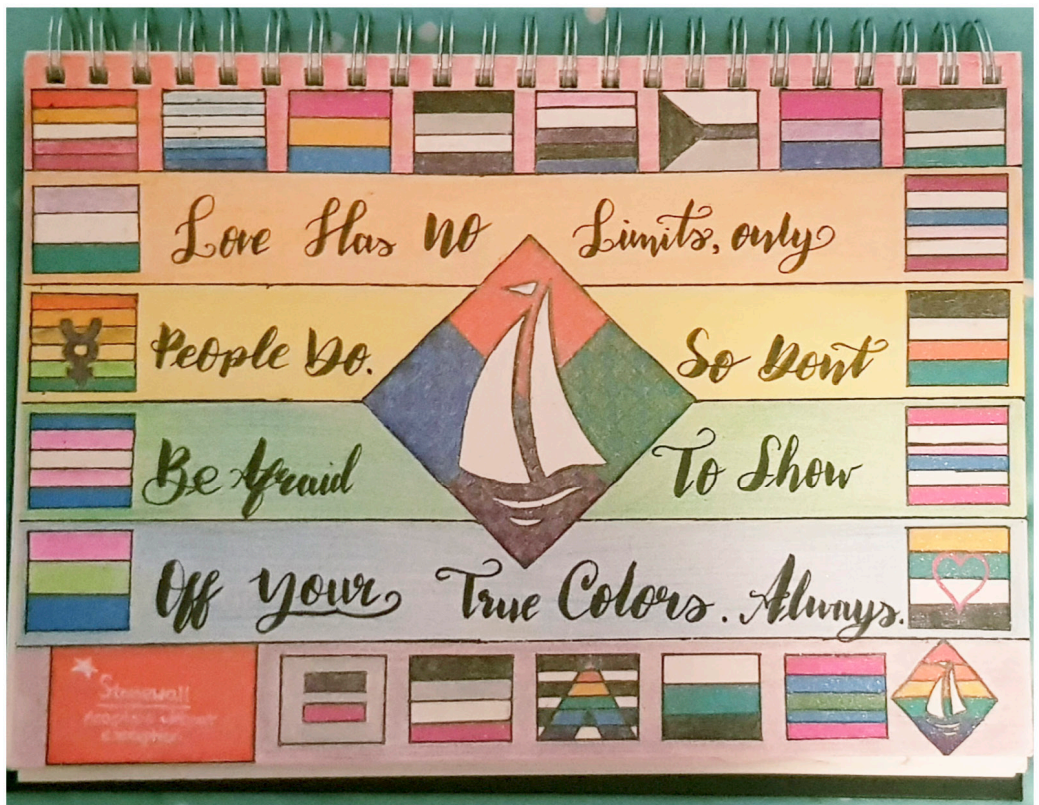
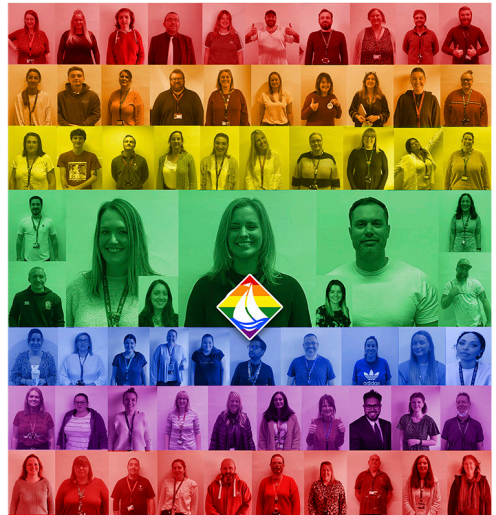
LGBTQ+ History Month

February was LGBTQ+ History Month - across this month we highlighted key LGBTQ+ figures and celebrated their contributions to history.

Trafalgar is proud to be a Stonewall school.

LGBTQ+ Competition Winner

Congratulations to Keaira who was the winner of our 'design a poster' competition celebrating LGBTQ+ at Trafalgar School.



WOMEN'S HIS

Women's History Month and International Women's Day is in March every year and is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of women. It is celebrated globally, highlighting the struggles and achievements of women across the world, and people wear purple to symbolise justice and dignity.

In Trafalgar we have lots of opportunities to highlight the success of women, such as having roles like head of house, head girl etc. There are also programmes like the Girls Network, which empower girls towards their future as women.

Precious:

The woman that inspires me most is my mum, because she is always so positive and hard working. She is kind, caring, funny and supportive. She is always there when I need her and she has always been my biggest role model in my life. No matter what life throws at her or becomes a barrier, she never gives up and is always determined to overcome it and not let it get to her. She means the world to me and I don't know who or where I would be without her.

Poppy:

*The woman who inspires me most is my Nan.
In early 2019 my nan contracted breast cancer, this knocked her confidence a milestone off. But she took this as a challenge and we all knew that if anyone could beat this cruel disease, it would be my nan. Luckily after surgery and many radiotherapy sessions in just under a year later my nan was cancer free. Every single day she made every single one of my family members proud, striving so she could beat her breast cancer. In this period, she faced lots of difficulties but had all the determination in the world to strive through it.
This has to be one of the most important reasons why she inspires me so much, she taught me that everything life chucks your way there is always a way to overcome even the hardest of situations.
She is the sweetest, purest soul I know and every challenge I accomplish however small, however big she is my biggest supporter. I don't think I'd be the person I am right now without all my nan's guidance through life.*

Nic:

*The woman that inspires me most is Temani Hill.
She was a person who helped me most when I was at my lowest, and inspired me to keep going with her music. She writes about multiple themes, primarily about being free and accepting yourself. I cannot thank her enough for teaching me how to be a better person to myself.*

TORY MONTH

Kody:

The woman who inspires me most is my mum. This is because when in doubt she always pulls through and she never gives up on herself and with so much to do for herself and for my family she always remains in a positive attitude and I'm pretty certain I got that from her.

What woman inspires you? Why?



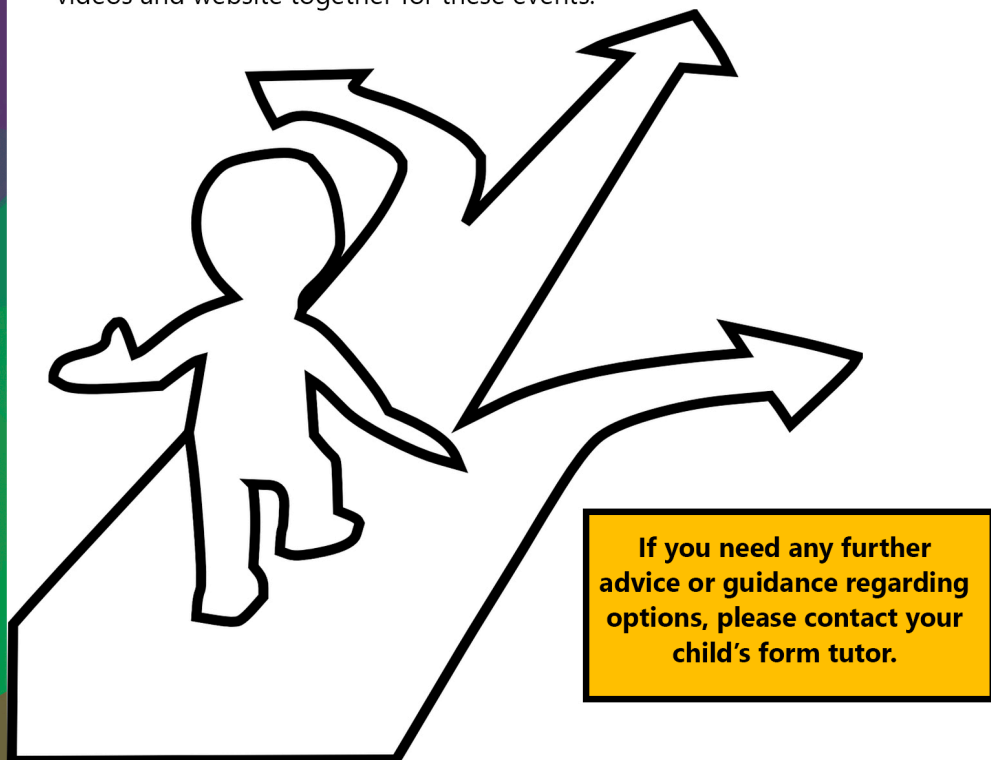
Year 8 and 9 Options

It's been a busy term for students in Years 8 and 9, making their options choices ready for next year. We didn't let the pandemic stop us and for the first time we ran our Options Evenings virtually.

Our options website pages, which had subject videos, video information and an electronic copy of the booklet remained live for the whole process. We also scheduled a tutor options meeting for all Year 8 and 9 parents with their child's tutor via school cloud. This one to one meeting allowed everyone to talk through the options process and the subjects that would be the best suited to each child to take.

Well done to Year 8 who had all their choices forms completed a week before the deadline. At the time of writing, the Year 9 deadline is still a few weeks away but we will let you know if they are even quicker in getting these back!

A massive thank you to Miss Ellis, Mrs Collis and Mr Fenwick for putting the videos and website together for these events.



If you need any further advice or guidance regarding options, please contact your child's form tutor.

Time to Talk Day 2021

On the 4th February, Trafalgar School took part in 'Time to Talk Day'. The aim of this day was to give students time to support their wellbeing; something we believe is really important.

Students were encouraged to take the day away from their screen and to spend the day being active, connecting with family and to spend their time on something that would bring them joy.

We were thrilled to see pictures of students baking, crafting and walking in tutor times and it was a difficult decision for tutors to decide who to give their £10 prizes to. Judging by the pictures here, it seems that this day was well spent.



End of Term Awards

This has been a term full of challenges, but our fantastic community has risen to all of them brilliantly, embodying our core values and smashing expectations.

Here is a list of some of our students who have received awards in our end of term celebration, in recognition of their successes.

Top Boy is Quinn Wylie

Top Girl is Scarlett Baldwin

HOH Star Students

Temeraire: Louise Zhang Britannia: Molly Price

Sovereign: Jessica Chambers Victory: Mia Hart

Resilience

Max Douglas
Vinnie Doyle
Memphis Milne

Inclusion

Natalia Wolska
Coby Fleetwood
Kyla Franklyn

Respect

Elizabeth Hansford
Leona Bright
Hayden Smith

Community

Alfie Knight
Bailey Winmill
Samuel Bennett-Lacey

Aspiration

Alfie Turner
Jack Hunter
Kareena Basra



Well done to every student who received an award! We look forward to seeing who wins these awards in the next term!

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Hot Chocolate with the Head



This half term Mrs Copeland made sure to celebrate student achievement, even whilst in lockdown.

Well done to everyone featured!



VIRTUAL WA

Here are some highlights from our remote learners this past year:



ALL OF FAME

