



Trafalgar School

# NEWS

+ End of Term Awards + Climate Change Competition  
+ Hot Chocolate with the Head + Lots more!

# Welcome to Trafalgar News

As we approach the Easter break, it is hard to believe that two years ago we were in the midst of our first national lockdown! It has certainly been a challenging couple of years for us all but I am so proud of how our community continues to pull together through such unusual times.

We have welcomed a large number of visitors to Trafalgar School this academic year, including Headteachers from across the city and other key professionals to spend time looking at Relational and Restorative Practice in action. As the beacon school for this unique way of working on the south coast, we are leading development work across the city to support other schools from the 4-18 phases to introduce restorative practice

in their settings. Their feedback has been incredible with one commenting 'I have four children in different secondary schools across the city and I want to pull them all out and put them in Trafalgar School: the work you are doing here is inspirational'. Our community circles are a fundamental strand to knowing our children well and helping them form the strong relationships which underpin our community. A group of our restorative ambassadors recently presented at the 'Portsmouth Mental Health Conference' and the students from other schools were very keen to visit and hear more about the work we are doing here!



There continues to be significant financial investment to the school building and our facilities. Our new MUGA opened this half term which has enabled our PE team to deliver a wider curriculum offer for our students. Our Autism Resource Centre is currently being refurbished and two new sensory room spaces are being built to further support children with additional needs, who need to access this provision. Every classroom in the school has been fitted with a large interactive TV, replacing the old projectors. These screens are supporting our teachers more effectively to deliver outstanding learning experiences for our students.

I am really looking forward to our first celebration assembly at the Mountbatten Centre in two years! Although our virtual assemblies have been an excellent substitute, nothing beats us all being together, sharing the success and achievements of individuals in our school community. Presenting the numerous certificates, badges and prizes to our well deserving winners really is the highlight of my year and you can read more about some of our winners in this edition and in our end of term weekly correspondence.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 25th April.

Mrs Copeland - **Executive Headteacher**

*(Cover art by Grace K - Year 10)*

# Youth Mental Health Conference



Some of our students had the opportunity to speak at Portsmouth's first ever Youth Mental Health Conference in March. Hosted by the Youth Parliament team and partnered with the Portsmouth Education Partnership and Unloc, this event offered a brilliant chance for young people from across the city to get together and share their ideas and opinions.

Our students represented Trafalgar brilliantly and did themselves proud!

#mentalhealth  
#community  
#teamtrafalgar



# Meet our Relational Practice Team

Hello everyone! I want to introduce myself, my name is Charlotte Argyle and I am the Director of Relational Practice here at Trafalgar School.

"What is Relational Practice?", I hear you cry. Also known as Restorative Practice, it is all about building, maintaining and restoring relationships. We want to give staff, students and parents the tools with which to do this effectively. It also fits in seamlessly with our 5 core values; inclusion, community, respect, aspiration and resilience, as well as our passion for teaching our young people what they need to know and how they can be successful in forming positive relationships in school and beyond.



## What does it mean to be relational?

We have been taking part in community circles both as staff and in our tutor groups for over a year now. We 'check in' on a Monday morning and 'check out' every Friday afternoon. We also take part in community builders with our tutor groups to really help build a sense of playfulness and connection.



As a result, students become invested in each other's stories, having an opportunity to express themselves as equals and without judgement.



# 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.

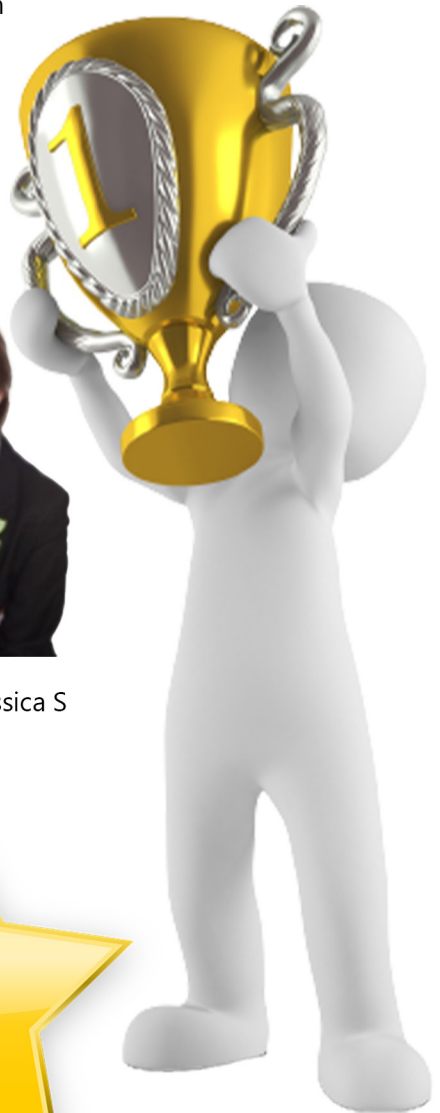
Here is a list of some of our students who have received awards in our end of term celebration, in recognition of their successes.



**Top Boy** is Oswald S-O



**Top Girl** is Jessica S



**Bronze Award Winner** is Overio F

## **HOH Star Students**

Temeraire: Betsy M

Britannia: Ellie A

Sovereign: Jacob C

Victory: Jack A



Well done to every student who received an award! Have a great Easter!

**#teamtrafalgar**

# Hot Chocolate with the Head



Mrs Copeland and Miss Pearse were delighted to celebrate with so many students and congratulate them on their achievements this term.

Well done to everyone featured!

#HCWTH



# PD Day 3 - February 2022

We held our third PD day of the year in February and it was a very impactful day for our students.

There were lots of brilliant sessions that helped raise awareness amongst our students of a number of issues. Students learned about how to be an active bystander, whilst our Year 9 students saw the return of the 'Prison Me No Way' Team for the first time since before the pandemic. Our Year 11s had a visit from the Positively MAD team and worked on their revision techniques.

Our Compass Team were available all day to support students who found any of the subject matters particularly challenging and they continue to be available going forward to any students who wish to discuss matters raised by the day.





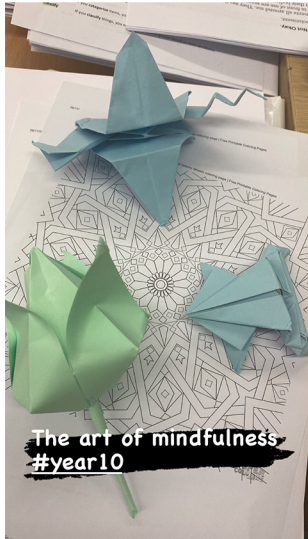
# PD Day 4 - March 2022

In March we held our fourth PD day of the year, with the focus being around health. Year 7 looked at creating healthy relationships, Year 8 took part in a Duke of Edinburgh taster day with our field becoming a sea of tents and students learning how to make those all vital hot chocolates!

Year 9 looked at how to have a healthy mind in difficult times, whilst Year 10 had a last minute change and looked at how to promote their own mental health and wellbeing. Year 11 took part in exam booster sessions and could be seen going on scavenger hunts and other fun exciting activities to help with their revision skills.



**Orienteering  
#year8**



**The art of mindfulness  
#year10**



**Tent life  
#year8**



# LGBTQ+ & Women's History Month



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.



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.

Here at Trafalgar we feel it is incredibly important to create an inclusive environment and raise awareness for students to help build a better community for all.

# CLIMATE CHANGE COMPETITION



This term a group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Solent Region Climate Change Project, representing Trafalgar School to a high level. Matthew, Quinn, Matilda, Poppy-Anne, Callum, Jack, James, Ziath, Daniel and Millie worked together to create a product which promotes sustainability in Portsmouth.

This was a great opportunity to experience a real-life application of Geography, whilst also thinking about their role as young citizens of both our city and the wider world!

Students had to present their invention in a Dragons Den style contest whilst competing against other schools in the area. All students handled themselves superbly and really did themselves proud.

Well done to the whole team!

