

Trafalgar Newsletter

11th February 2022

This has been a busy and exciting week for our Trafalgar community!

We held our third PD day of the year yesterday 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. 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.

Thank you to everyone who has been attending Year 8 RAP meetings this week. These meetings are an important part of the relationship between school and home and a great way to keep students focused and on track. If you are yet to have your RAP meeting, please contact your child's tutor to arrange a time next week.

Lastly, a massive congratulations to our Lego STEM team, who this week won the Lego Core Values trophy in the first regional competition! They faced some tough competition, but did themselves and Trafalgar proud!

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

STEM Lego Winners

Congratulations to Trafalgar's STEM Lego League team on bringing home the Lego Core Values Trophy from the first Lego League Regional Competition this week!

They faced some tough competition and did Team Trafalgar proud.

#TeamTrafalgar #STEM #TrafalgarLego
#Trafalgarbot



Key Dates

2022

Thursday 10th March - Year 9 Options Evening

Wb 14th March - Year 9 RAP Meetings

Friday 18th March - Inset Day - school closed

Monday 21st March - Inset Day - school closed

Reminder about essential equipment:

Please ask students to check their bags before they come to school and make sure they have all essential equipment with them. Due to Covid restrictions, we are still unable to lend out equipment, so please ensure your child has everything they need before they get to school!



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Year 8 students enjoy University taster day

On Wednesday a group of our Year 8 students took part in an English and Communications taster day at Portsmouth University.

They enjoyed sessions on Sherlock Holmes, Journalism and the linguistics involved in jokes. There were a number of schools at the event and our students proved themselves to be a credit to Trafalgar School. They offered a great insight and answered questions from lecturers well and behaved impeccably!



#upforuni #universityofportsmouth #aspiration

Community Circles Update

This week our tutor community circles were answering the following 'check out' question:

"What did you learn during PD day?"

We certainly got some strong views, but also some heartwarming ones. Can you guess how your child answered?

Ask them what their 'check out' question was this week and let's keep that conversation going. #joinin



Class Charts - Guide for Parents

We have changed our way of communicating with parents from sending emails to using 'Class Charts'- a brilliant software where you can receive instant messages, view your child's attendance and behaviour in real time and check many more things such as home learning work.

Every parent will have their own login which links to their child's account. If you need your child's login code, please contact the school either by phone on 02392 693521 or email studentservices@trafalgarschool.org.uk

Class Charts have created a comprehensive guide on how to sign up for and use the service, which can be viewed [here](#).

If you have any issues with signing up to Class Charts, please contact us via the same channels noted above.

Have you downloaded the free ClassCharts Parent app?



PD Day 3

Yesterday we held our third PD day of the year, some of the topics were tough but our students really benefitted from the guest speakers and the sessions on offer.

"The thing I found most useful was actually the talk with Paul Hannaford. Although I hated the images and they made me feel sick, I thought it was a really good lesson for Year 7 and Year 8 to learn about why not to do drugs and any other illegal stuff."

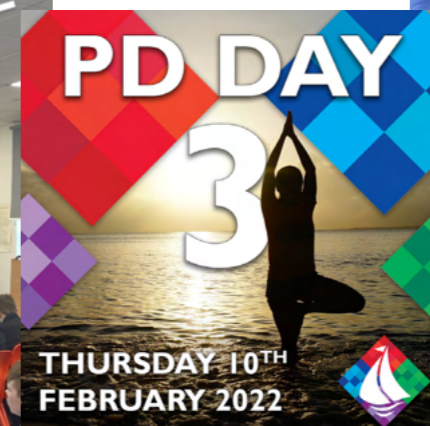
It can lead to serious consequences and change your life as well as your family's too!"

- Year 8 student.

We also received this lovely feedback from the group running the Prison Me, No Way session:

"We would like to say a massive thank you to all at Trafalgar School, we had an amazing day! Paul Wilkinson (the CEO of Prison Me No Way) emailed to let us know that Lady Edwina Gosvenor, the charity's founder, who visited the year 9 sessions yesterday thoroughly loved the school."

Well done Trafalgar!



Shout out to #teamcompass. Thank you for supporting our students today!



Coercion.
#year7. #year8.

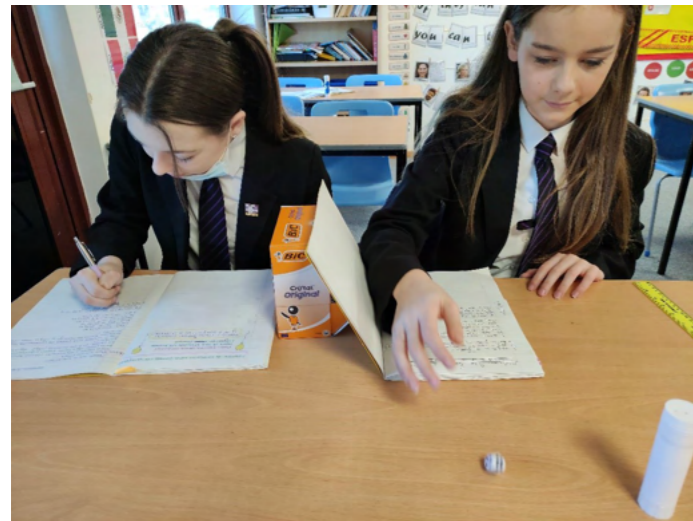
MFL Department Update

Our Year 8 Spanish students have been learning about food. They have learnt to explain what they eat during the day, practised their conversation skills and they have been planning their own party with a lot of food and drink. Have you received an invitation?



Learning languages is not only about learning new words; it is also about experiencing different cultures, customs and traditions. Fraser, in Year 7, decided to cook these amazing "croquetas" in his free time after learning about them in our Spanish lesson. If you would like to try this, here is the recipe for this typical Spanish meal (see the link below).

<https://visitsouthernspain.com/spanish-chicken-croquettes-recipe/>



Fun in learning has effects on students' motivation and memory retention. Year 8 have been playing "UN BOLI Y UN DADO" (a pen and a dice) to practise their skills when writing more complex sentences in the future tense.

MFL CLUBS



MFL film club is now running every Wednesday after school from 3:15pm to 4:00pm! You can bring your own snacks and drinks. Some of our students even prepared their own meals to bring to the MFL film club, including some delicious guacamole! Students are currently watching 'Anime' that is dubbed in Spanish and immersing themselves in the language, so why not bring a friend along to join the club!

There is also a MFL home learning club on Thursdays after school. Every student is welcome to attend if they feel they need support with their language's homework. This takes place every week from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in LA2.

Food Technology Department Update

Year 11 Practical Exams

This week we'd like to congratulate and commend our Year 11 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' students for being absolutely outstanding in their practical exams. They all worked incredibly hard to plan, prepare, cook and present 2 dishes in 3 hours. Students showed a huge range of high level culinary skills, from de-boning chicken, making their own pasta, baking their own bread and creating their own sauces and marinades from scratch. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves for what they achieved!



"I am so proud of what you achieved, you absolutely blew me away; each and every one of you. You are all superstars – now let's smash the last exam!!" – Mr Morris

Congratulations to all of you...

Grace F	Lillie W	Sam A	Charlie S	Jimmy G
Jessica G	Ruby C	Kaidan E	Ralphie P	Regan W
Demi H	Jamie A	Liam E	Neo W	Jay H
Pavel M	Mia H	Aaron G	Olivia E	Owen K
Josh M	Vinnie J	Arthur H	Jacob B-L	Alfie R
Niamh M	Kreon R	Harley M	Shavin B	Reegan J
Ashleigh P	Tilly R	Louie P	Liam B	Jack K
Kimmy Q	Blossom S	Dehan A	Lenny B	Oakley M
Phoebe T	Jay C	Aicha D	Will C	
Jack W	Josh O	Harvey W	Morgan S	

"You were all extremely nervous but really came into your own once you got into the kitchen. You were all really well prepared, bringing in your own equipment and a huge range of ingredients.

I'd like to especially thank all of you at home for being staggeringly supportive with this exam; encouraging students to practice at home, assisting financially with preparing ingredients, and showing such active interest in their work. They couldn't have done it without your support too, so thank you! Well done Year 11!"

- Mrs Geehan – Head of Art and Design Technology



Safety Card: Zoom



Zoom is a video conferencing platform which was founded in 2011 and is currently available on desktop, mobile, tablet and browser. Despite being a video conferencing platform, it appears social in function meaning users may engage as they would on other social media platforms. The platform allows users to run meetings, webinars, share files and live chat with others.

Stay safe on Zoom using the instructions on on **Reporting & Safety Settings** below:

Lock a meeting

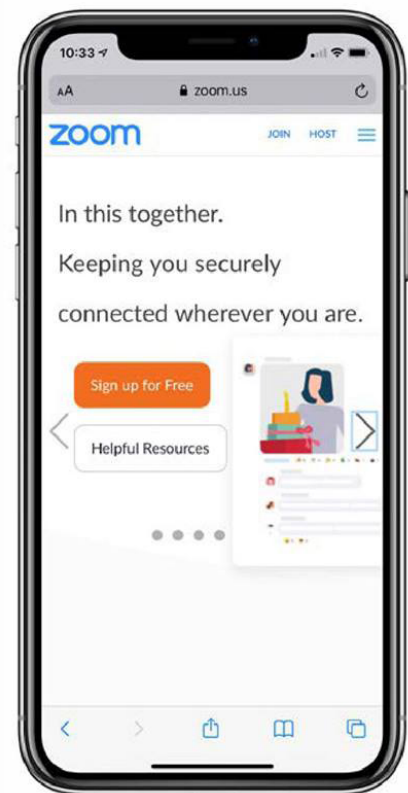
Lock a meeting using these simple instructions;

- In the meeting tap on ●●● in the bottom right corner.
- Tap on **Security**.
- Swipe the tab beside Lock Meeting to the right.
- The meeting is now locked.

Report

Report a participant using these simple instructions;

- Select **Participants** in the tool bar.
- Select the user you wish to report.
- Tap on **Remove**.
- Tap **Remove and Report** and then select a reason.
- The participant is now reported.



For more apps visit;
oursafetycentre.com

