Trafalgar Newsletter

18th February 2022

Firstly, a massive well done to our whole community for switching to online learning so successfully in light of the council's recommendation that schools close across Portsmouth due to the extreme weather warning. You are all fantastic and we are incredibly proud to be a part of Team Trafalgar!

We have had lot of positive feedback from students and the session providers following PD Day last week. Whilst some of the subject matter was challenging, our community has responded well to it, and we look forward to using the feedback from this event to help plan and guide future PD days.

We know there is a lot of speculation about whether the toilets will be refurbished this year and what shape they will take if they are. Whilst our CFOO has put in a bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund for much needed investment, we will not know whether we have been successful until April time, or what the conditions of that funding would be. As soon as we have more information on this, we will of course share it with parents. For now, we are just keeping our fingers crossed that we secure these much-needed funds!

Have a fantastic half term, rest, relax and we'll see you all in a week!

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Another outdoor space coming soon!

The new multi-use games area will be available for all year groups to use (on rotation) and will be ideal in avoiding muddy knees.

Children of all year groups already have access to lots of dry areas, but this will be a great alternative to the playing field on wetter days!

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!

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS – 7 March 2022 (Timetable Week 2)

	Lesson 1 (8.50-9.40)	Lesson 2 (9.40-10.30)		Lesson 3 (10.50-11.40)	Lesson 4 (11.40-12.30)			Lesson 5 (13.20-14.10)	Lesson 6 (14.10-15.00)
7 March	**French and Spanish Speaking Exam** ***(running all day - 1:1 appointments scheduled by MFL)***			**Geography** **90mins (51)**					
8 March	**Maths Paper 1** **90mins (131)**			**History – USA** **45mins (71)**					
9 March				**French and Spanish Writing** **Foundation – 60mins** **Higher – 75mins** **(41)**				**PE GCSE Paper 1** **90mins (12)**	
10 March	**French and Spanish Reading** **Foundation – 45mins** **Higher – 55mins** **(41)**			**Business Studies** **90mins (23)**					
11 March	**English Language** **105mins (131)**								

MOCK EXAMS – 14 March 2022 (Timetable Week 1)

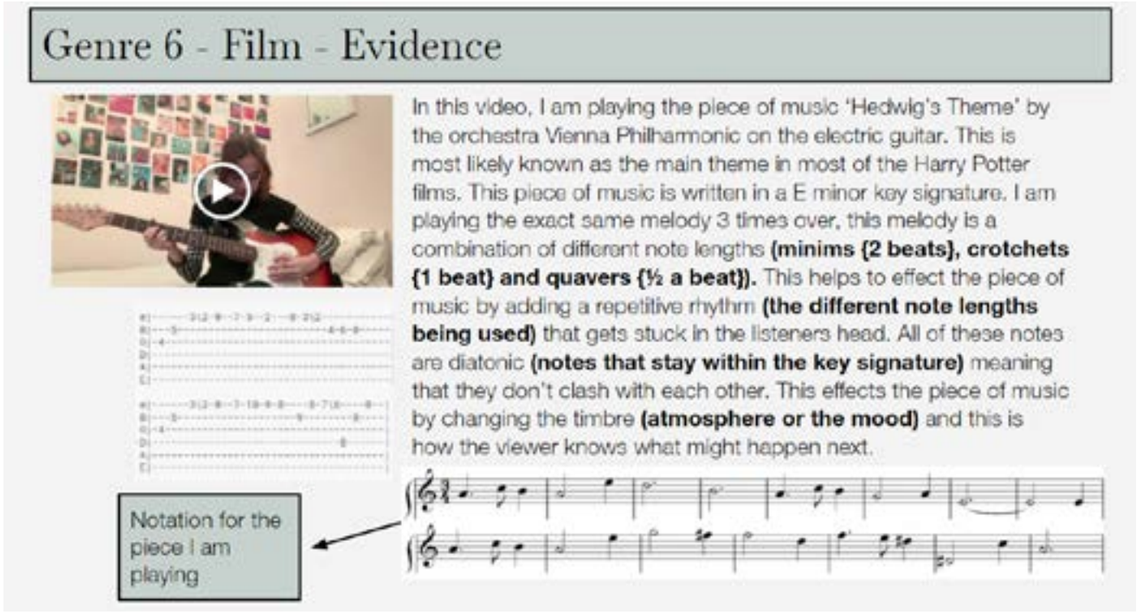
	Lesson 1 (8.50-9.40)	Lesson 2 (9.40-10.30)		Lesson 3 (10.50-11.40)	Lesson 4 (11.40-12.30)			Lesson 5 (13.20-14.10)	Lesson 6 (14.10-15.00)
14 March	**Maths Paper 2** **90mins (131)**			**French and Spanish Listening** **Foundation – 35mins** **Higher – 45mins** **(41)**				**Geography** **90mins (51)**	
15 March	**History – Germany/Elizabeth** **60mins x 2 (71)**							**PE GCSE Paper 2** **75mins (12)**	
16 March				**English Literature** **90mins (131)**					
17 March				**Maths Paper 3** **90mins (131)**				**Food Prep** **90mins (55)**	
18 March									

Music Department Update

It's been hard work, full of dedication and commitment, but Year 10 have successfully completed their first piece of coursework! They have studied 8 different genres in detail, researched famous artists and created short video evidence of them performing sections from different songs.

Over the last few months, pupils have learnt a wide range of different skills on their instruments, as well as being exposed to different instruments and techniques (our weekly guitar 'camp fire' circle was a particular highlight!).

Their dedication and commitment has really paid off, resulting in a fantastic piece of coursework and a wider musical knowledge! **Mr Mounteney**



Community Circles Update

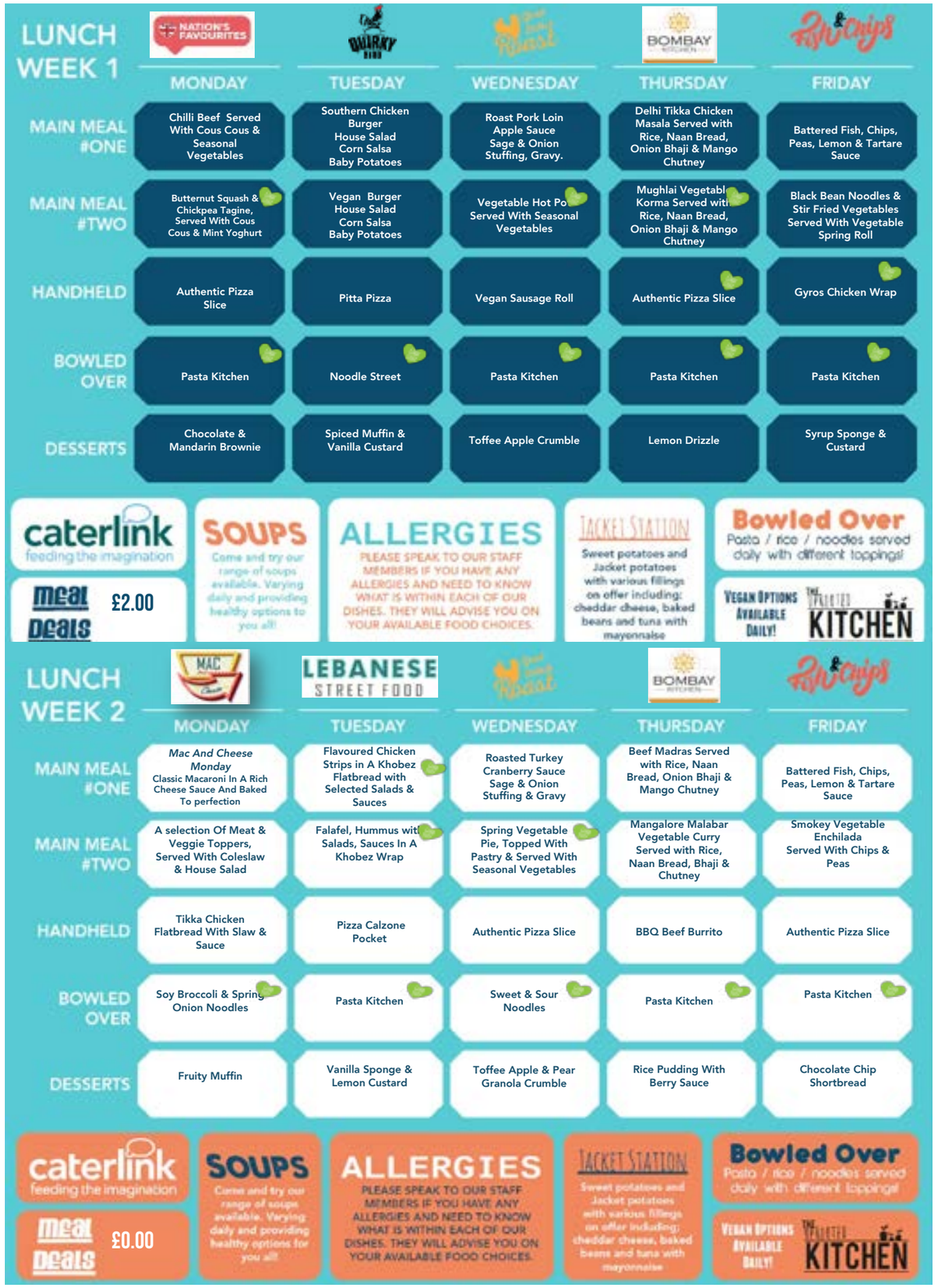
This week our tutor community circles were answering the following 'check out' question:

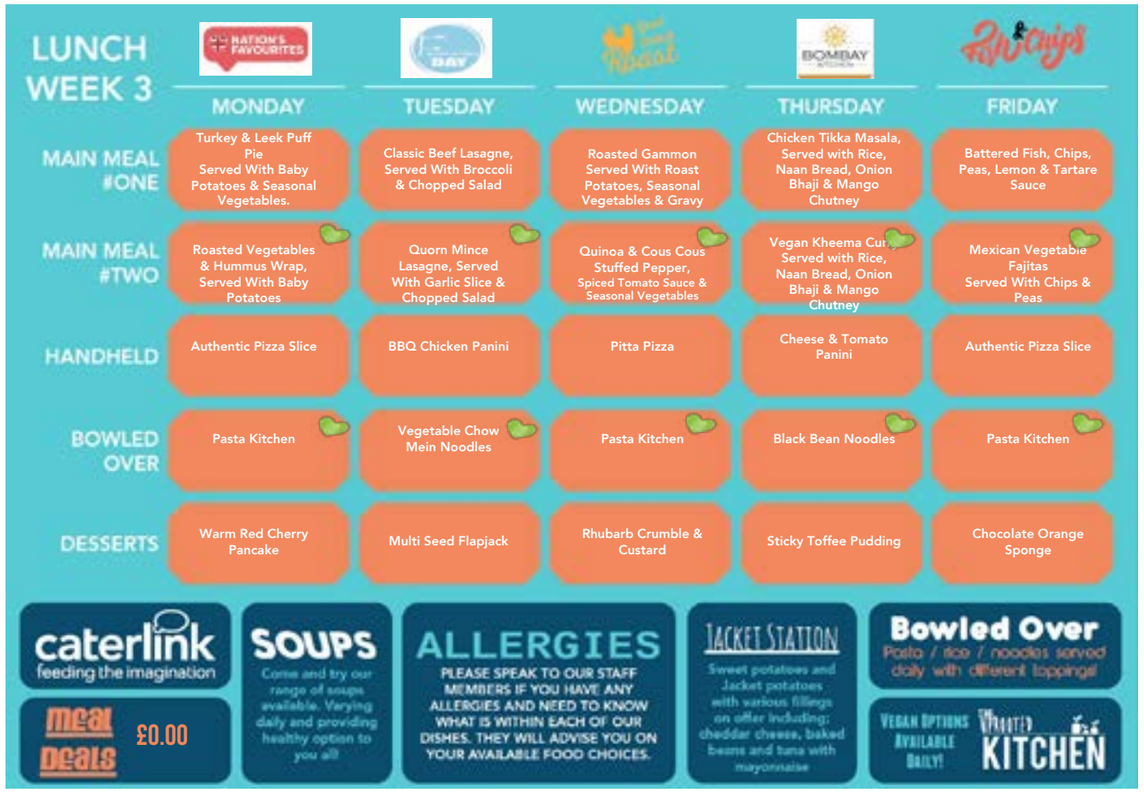
"What are your plans for half term?"

For a bit of fun, here is our community builder also:

"Describe someone famous in only two words." - can the other person guess who it is? #joinin

Canteen Menu for after Half-Term





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?

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