

Trafalgar Newsletter

18th March 2022

Yesterday staff and students took part in a non uniform day to raise funds for the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Committee, we are pleased to announce we raised £722 so far, with more donations still rolling in - well done Team Trafalgar!

Well done to our Year 11's for completing their mock exams; we noticed your great work ethic and attitudes. You have given yourself a great platform to work from as we head towards exam season in a couple of months time.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 9 RAP meetings, these were a great opportunity to set goals for the remainder of the year and more vitally, select your child's options for Year 10. For anyone yet to have their meeting, please contact your child's form tutor to arrange a meeting at the earliest opportunity.

In this edition of the bulletin, you will find updates from our Science and PE departments, updated schedule information for our Duke of Edinburgh Club and details on how to get involved with discussions regarding peer on peer abuse in schools and colleges.

Take care and enjoy the long weekend,

Team Trafalgar

Amazing Geography Homework!

Fantastic Places and Threatened Earth

Our Year 7 geographers have recently been given the opportunity to be creative with their home learning. We have been looking at the significance of some of the most fantastic places in the world and why they are under threat. Pupils were able to choose how they presented their home learning. Choices included making a cake, doing a painting, making a model, and writing a travel blog. We have had some very tasty cakes and awesome models, with hopefully many more to come!



Key Dates

2022

Friday 18th March - Inset Day - school closed

Monday 21st March - Inset Day - school closed

Wednesday 23rd March - PD Day 4

Friday 25th March - Activities Week final payments due

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.



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Peer on peer abuse in schools and colleges



We take the safety of our students very seriously and continue to review our curriculum ensuring we take every opportunity to raise students' awareness, in order to help keep them safe from bullying and other types of harm.

Our recent PD Day helped to raise awareness of this important topic and we now want to seek the views of our students. As this is an emotive topic, we are asking you to support your child to complete a survey (link being sent out to you separately) to help them to share

their experiences. This will inform the planning of our PSHE lessons moving forward.

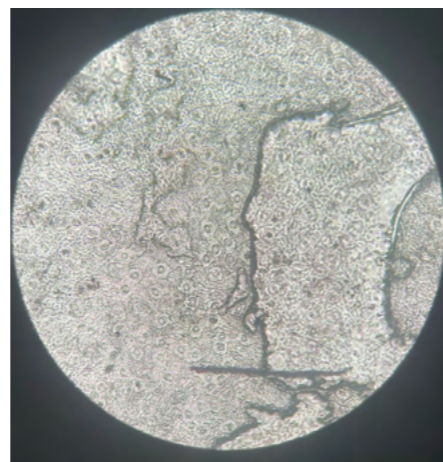
So far, only a handful of parents have expressed an interest in discussing this issue with us in school. If you would like to join a discussion with the Executive Headteacher and Head of School, please email lellis@trafalgarschool.org.uk.

Science Department Update

Our Year 10 students have started to learn about plants and photosynthesis, Mrs Payne's class used the microscopes and got a close look at the stomata on leaves that allow gasses into and out of the leaf.

Meanwhile, our Year 8 classes have been learning about respiration and gas exchange.

Mr Au's class investigated the optimum conditions for yeast, finding out how to make yeast respire more. Congratulations to Saraya B for winning the competition!



Community Circles Update



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

"How can you tell someone is listening to you?"

Students were clear on how important eye contact is, as well nodding to what someone is saying. Some felt that asking follow up questions to clarify or to find out more were also clear signs that someone has been listening. This is opening up the discussion as part of our Voice 21 oracy focus this half term, but also got them thinking about how important it could be for building and maintaining relationships in school and beyond.

How do you think your child answered? Ask them, get involved and let's keep the conversation going. #joinin

PE Department Update

Year 11 GCSE PE

The year 11 GCSE PE class have been challenging each other with 'speed dating' revision strategies, where they create difficult questions and ensure their opponent answers correctly, all in preparation for their GCSE PE mock exams. It has created some excellent debates and developed fantastic understanding of different topics. As always, they have been very competitive!



A huge congratulations to the Year 11 GCSE PE students who completed their practical examination day on Friday 4th March. The students completed this in collaboration with ALNS and demonstrated excellent standards in the activities they performed in. It was a great day where the students showed off all of the skills they have developed over the last 5 years. I am extremely proud of you all!

Miss Nersessian



Extra-curricular

Set for Success

We have 15 students that have been selected for the set for success programme. We are one of 6 schools across the country that have been chosen by the Youth sports trust and Wimbledon foundation to take part with the main aim to increase numbers of students moving on to higher education, increasing confidence, attendance, aspiration, communication and using sport as the vehicle. The students will have an athlete mentor - Vernon Samuels who is an Ex-Olympic triple jumper. He is a true inspiration to the students.

The students undertook their first session with Vernon last week and it was a massive success. The focus of their session was communication and self belief, looking at how different ways of communicating with others impacts on your performance as a team. **Miss Potter**



Trampolining club

Trampolining club has been a real success across the year groups as well as its introduction back into KS4 curriculum. There are a core group of students that attend every week without fail. Some of these students include Layla L, Hunni H, Isabelle B, Evie G, Olivia L and Mia T. These students have shown true Trafalgar values of resilience, community, respect, inclusion and aspiration. They have not only improved their confidence and skill on the trampoline but with other students too, helping encourage, motivate and coach. Going forward from W.C. 21.03.22 Trampolining club will be moving from a Tuesday and Wednesday to just Wednesdays afterschool but will be open to all year groups. **Miss Potter**

Year 8 Rugby

Year 8 Trafalgar School students attended a rugby festival at Springfield this half term. This was open to a wide range of experiences and was a very enjoyable fixture, which allowed all abilities to join in and learn more about rugby. Our students had a great time and got really stuck in! Well done to all of the students who attended. Good luck to the year 7s who will be going this week. **Mr Stokes**

Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 boys football team drew a hard fought match against Springfield. Trafalgar went 1-0 down but fought hard to get back in the game. A great penalty save from Stanley and a goal from Harvey guaranteed a point for Trafalgar. Well done boys! **Mr Swaffer**

Year 8 Boys Football

Year 8 boys competed in a really enjoyable game against Springfield School on the 2nd March. The students played some brilliant football, worked incredibly hard as a team and I was really impressed with their support of one another in difficult conditions. The game was a close encounter and finished 1-1 with our goal being scored by Finley B. **Mr Swaffer**

Year 8/9 Girls Football

After the city wide tournament was cancelled, Trafalgar and ALNS decided they still wanted to play a fixture, and so ended up playing a friendly indoor match. It was a really enjoyable afternoon where the students developed their skills and team work in a friendly environment. It was really close and Trafalgar narrowly missed out, with the final score 9-8 to ALNS. Well done to all of the girls involved. **Miss Nersessian**

Year 10 Boys Football

The Year 10 boys football team beat Priory 2-0. Reggie played fantastically in goal and kept a clean sheet. Super sub Bailey came off the bench to score a penalty and Max secured all three points with a goal right on the final whistle. **Mr Swaffer**

In the Summer term look out for: Athletics, Tennis, Rounders, Cricket, Softball, Volleyball, SPORTS DAY!



Duke of Edinburgh Update

A huge well done to all of the DofE students who have been regularly attending the sessions after school on Wednesday's. So far we have covered team building, the 20 conditions of an expedition, meal planning, equipment considerations, first aid and cooking on the stoves. Our students have shown excellent enthusiasm and made great progress with the skills they have been learning, showing really exciting potential for the expedition. All of the sessions are based on building the essential knowledge and skills that the students will need in order to successfully complete the DofE Bronze expedition. It is therefore imperative that they attend these sessions regularly.



Please see below for the updated schedule.

21/03/22 Grid reference/map symbol/map/compass – Navigation skills is perhaps one of the most useful skills to have on the Expedition. They will be following a route that they make, identifying possible dangers and looking at the distance and timings. Key symbols will help identify where the pupils are on a map, and should they get lost, their navigation skills should be used to get back on route.

28/03/22 Grid reference/map symbol/map/compass - Navigation skills is perhaps one of the most useful skills to have on the Expedition. They will be following a route that they make, identifying possible dangers and looking at the distance and timings. Key symbols will help identify where the pupils are on a map, and should they get lost, their navigation skills should be used to get back on route.

04/04/22 Tents – The tent will need to be carried on the expedition, put up for camping and taken back down again ready for the second day of the expedition.

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25/04/22 Saturday 30th April - Practice expedition – This will be a practice expedition to prepare the pupils for their official expedition. It's a great opportunity to put their skills to use.

02/05/22 Planning route – These sessions will be heavily focused on the route. The pupils will plan their own route for the official expedition to allow them to put their navigation skills into practice. They will discuss and identify check points to ensure they are on the right route. We will be promoting independence for this route.

09/05/22 Planning route – These sessions will be heavily focused on the route. The pupils will plan their own route for the official expedition to allow them to put their navigation skills into practice. They will discuss and identify check points to ensure they are on the right route. We will be promoting independence for this route.

16/05/22 Planning route – These sessions will be heavily focused on the route. The pupils will plan their own route for the official expedition to allow them to put their navigation skills into practice. They will discuss and identify check points to ensure they are on the right route. We will be promoting independence for this route.

23/05/22 28th and 29th May - Expedition – Finally, this is the official expedition and perhaps the most fun part. We will complete day one of the expedition, and have a great night camping with some fun and games to be followed by day two of the walking and activities.

Safety Card: Minecraft





Minecraft is a multiplatform game where players explore created worlds and use building blocks alongside their imagination to customise these worlds. Users break existing blocks and use them to build and explore the different Minecraft environments. This means that other players can create whatever they want, which could lead to younger players coming across offensive content while exploring these random online worlds.



Stay safe on Minecraft using the instructions on **muting**, **reporting** & **blocking** below:



Mute

Mute all messages within the Chat Settings:

- Tap on  at the top of your screen.
- Tap on 
- Swipe the tab to the right so it appears green. This will then turn on 'Mute All Chat'.

Block

Block players using these simple instructions:

- On the users profile scroll down to **Block**.
- Swipe  to the right until it appears green 
- The player is now blocked.

Report

Report players using these simple instructions:

- On the users profile tap on **Report**.
- Explain why you are reporting or select an issue from the list provided.
- Tap on **Report** again.

