

Trafalgar Newsletter

5th November 2021

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a restful half term and came back ready and raring to go!

A massive thank you to all of our community for continuing to help keep everyone safe by testing twice weekly, particularly as cases rise across the city. We have a number of measures to keep our community safe and you can find details on these in our risk assessment on our [website](#).

Good luck to our Year 11 students as they embark upon their mock exams next week. We know you will work hard and give it your all! **#youvegotthis**

In a couple of weeks we will be holding our Year 9 Parents' Evening – this is a great opportunity to discuss student progress and strengthen the bond between school and home. More details will be coming out about the evening soon.

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS – 8 November 2021 (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)
8 November	English Lang (85 Min)		Geography (90 Min)			
9 November	Maths (Paper 1) (90 Min)					
10 November	Science (Biology) (70 Min) Biology (Triple) (90 Min)				Health & Social Care (60 Min) Hair & Beauty (90 Min)	
11 November	History - USA (45 Min)					
12 November			French (Writing) (60 Min - F) (75 Min - H) Spanish (Writing) (60 Min - F)(75 Min - H)			

Uniform Reminder:

As the weather is becoming colder please ensure your child has their blazer with them in school. Whilst the school jumper is optional, the school blazer is essential and should be with them every day. Could we also take this opportunity to remind you that makeup is not permitted at all in lower school (year 7 and 8) and that false nails and false lashes are not permitted in school.

Key Dates

8th - 12th
15th - 19th
18th

November 2021
Year 11 Mock Exams
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Year 9 Parents' Evening



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Safeguarding Updates

Follow the TALK checklist to help keep your child safe online (Internet Watch Foundation)

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has said that 'since the start of the pandemic, the amount of 'self-generated' child abuse imagery has increased dramatically. In 2020, the IWF confirmed 68,000 cases of such imagery, a rise of 77% on the year before. In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11- to 13-year-old girls.'

The IWF has created a resource to help parents and carers understand the risks of 'self-generated child sexual abuse imagery' using the acronym 'TALK'.

To find out more, go to: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Clocks back! Dark nights ahead

Clocks have gone back an hour and summer-time has ended. The resources below will help remind children, including teenagers, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Road safety teaching resources for children <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Keeping Children Safe in the Dark <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Dark Nights <https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/dark-nights-children-safety>

Be Bright Be Seen <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

Instagram

There have been many platforms making significant changes to privacy settings over the last few months in an attempt to tackle cyberbullying and mental health concerns. Instagram has been at the forefront of this movement. As one of the most popular social media platforms to date, it has introduced a series of changes that it is hoping will help make its platform a more welcoming place for everyone.

- A new feature called 'Limits' automatically hides comments and direct messages from strangers who do not follow a user
- Users have the option to limit the number of comments found on their posts by turning on the "hide more comments" feature
- Another new feature called 'Hidden Words' will automatically filter offensive content found in direct message requests and comments on posts. This is a predefined list of offensive terms developed by Instagram, but users have the option to create their own custom list as well. Users can access the hidden folder to see these messages, and will be given the option to accept, delete, or report the content

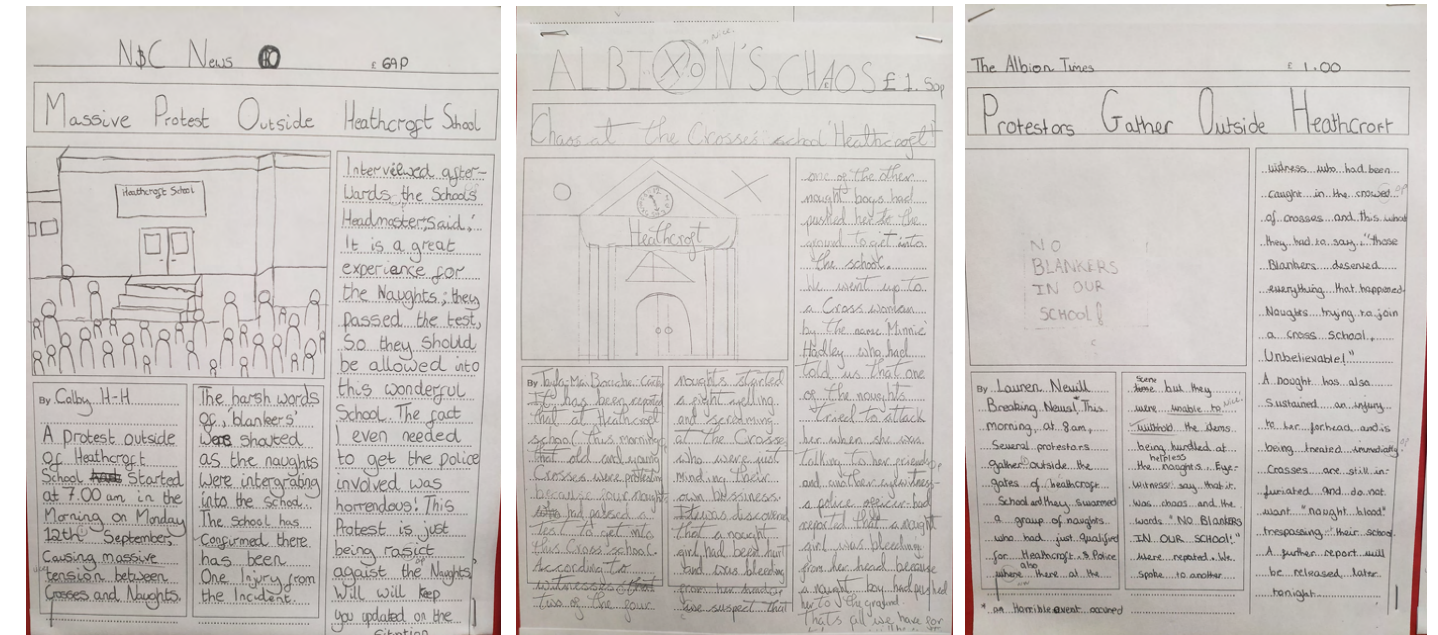
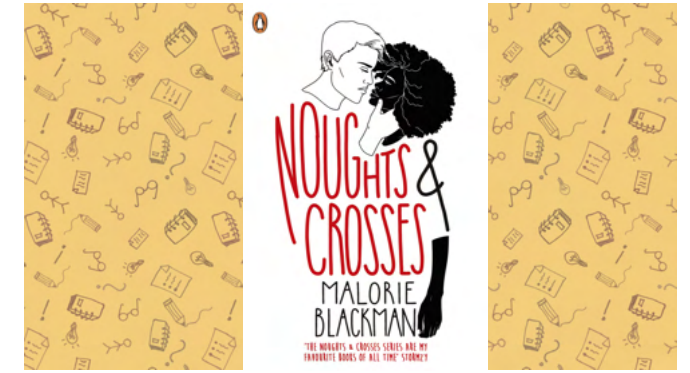
Will This Keep Young People Safer?

All features mentioned can be found and switched on in a profile's safety settings. It is worth mentioning that these are currently being rolled out to different devices and may not be live on your young person's device yet. While these changes seem positive, these features require manual activation, only last a temporary amount of time, and do not consider abuse made by a user's followers. It is important to involve yourself in how the young person in your care chooses their safety settings while using Instagram.

English Department Update

Shortly before half term, our Year 8 students wrote a creative newspaper article based on a fictional protest in the novel 'Noughts and Crosses'.

Their use of newspaper jargon and vernacular was impressive! **#futurejournalists**





The Seven Sentences Writing Competition

Deadline Extension - Friday 12th November

Can you write a story using just seven sentences? It must be narratively complete and pack a punch – the possibilities are endless... even if the word count isn't!

Submissions electronically submitted to AKnight@trafalgarschool.org.uk or a physical copy handed into the library.

Top 3 entries will be featured in the Parent Bulletin!

You could win a £10 Gift Card!



Collaborative Projects

Calling all parents – we want to work with you!

At Trafalgar School we understand the importance of working in partnership with parents and students, so that together we can achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people. Therefore we are launching our first two collaborative projects of the year. We are looking for a small group of parents to work over the year, for a handful of short meetings (virtual or in school), in order to develop our practice in the following areas:

“Team Trafalgar for Life”

- Supporting our students once they leave for college / apprenticeships
- Ensuring a positive transition and creating a life-long alumni
- Open to KS4 parents of Year 10 and 11 students
- Please express your interest by contacting aghose@trafalgarschool.org.uk

“Leading Learning at Home”

- Supporting our students with home-learning and creating the right balance
- Ensuring students have life-long organisation skills and learning is enhanced
- Open to KS3 parents of Year 7 and 8 students
- Please express your interest by contacting lclark@trafalgarschool.org.uk



Pre-loved Uniform

Here at Trafalgar we run a pre-loved uniform scheme and we are after donations of uniform, especially blazers that no longer fit, so we can distribute them to our current/new students and help support with uniform needs.

If you are able to help then please drop uniform that no longer fits to our student entrance.



IMPORTANT: Students with nut allergies in School

Please could students refrain from bringing food to school that contain nuts. We have students with us who are severely allergic to nuts. They do carry epi-pens, but we need to all do our part and to keep each other safe. Our school kitchen is a nut free environment and any products bought in externally will be marked with a notice to confirm if it may contain traces of nuts. Thank you for your support with this!