

Trafalgar Newsletter

8th October 2021

On Tuesday we held our first Personal Development Day of the year. Students had a great day completing sessions which focused on a range of activities from crime scene investigation and human rights to revision skills and sex and relationships. We will be announcing the charities chosen by Year 7 in the coming weeks!

Year 7 tutor meetings took place yesterday. Thank you to everyone who took part, this was a great opportunity to discuss how brilliantly the Year 7s have settled and how well they are progressing!

This week we announced the return of Activities Week in 2022. We are excited to share all the exciting events that will be taking place and look forward to sharing more detail about those on our Activities Week Information Evening on Tuesday 12th October. This event will be held virtually with Years 7 & 8 taking place from 6:00pm-6:30pm and Year 9 & 10 from 6:30pm-7:00pm. Links to these meetings will be sent out on the day.

Have a great week,

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' goes to Lacey!

Lacey is an exemplary student of Trafalgar School. She is always willing to help others and demonstrates this in lessons and tutor every day.

She is an absolute pleasure to have in our community and has settled in so well this half term.

Well done Lacey!



Key Dates

	October 2021
12 th	Activities Week Information Evening
22 nd	Activities Week Choices Deadline
25 th - 29 th	Half Term



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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!

Humanities Department Update

Ethics & Philosophy

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Ethics, Philosophy and Religious Studies! Year 7 students are getting to grips with what it means to believe; Year 8 are busy studying the philosophy of law and Year 9 pupils are enjoying arguing over whether Buddhism is a religion or not. Year 10 students are rising to the challenge of thinking about Christianity like theologians. One highlight was Open Evening, where the Ethics room offered a tour of a cathedral and the opportunity to build a sacred and special place out of blocks.



History

In History, students have been embracing the new thematic approach to learning History in KS3, with Year 7 studying a module focusing on the key skills of what it takes to be a Historian, linked with a local case study about the Mary Rose. Year 8 have been studying 'War and Conflict' with a current focus on World War I. Year 9 have been learning about immigration in 1920s America. Year 10 and 11 have returned to us very focused and driven, and we are proud of their resilience. We are pleased to be running various competitions and events throughout Black History Month, and very much look forward to seeing what the students are producing!

Geography - Let's play Jelly Baby Monopoly



Year 8 students have been learning about factors that affect the population of different countries. They have been involved in debates and discussions around what causes the population of a country to increase or decrease. The lesson ended with a monopoly style game (using jelly babies as their population) involving factors, which meant they lost or gained people. At the end of the game, students had to discuss and justify what they thought had the biggest impact on their country. There was a lot of debate!!



October is Black History Month!

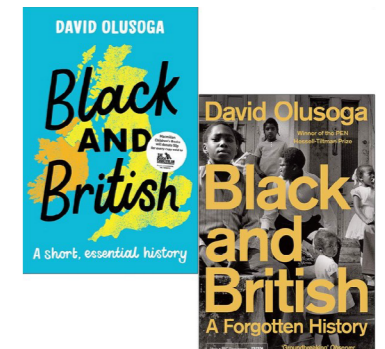
This month we celebrate the contributions of black people to our world and to our society!

To honour this, the History department challenges you!

Create a biography, an informative poster or an extended project about a famous Black person throughout History

Try to think outside the box and use the link below to research a famous Black person from Portsmouth!

Entries to Miss Hudson by the 22nd October!
Prizes for the top 3 entries!



<http://porttowns.port.ac.uk/portsmouth-black-history-recovering-untold-stories-for-new-generations/>



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Safeguarding Update

(Article by iNEQE Safeguarding Group)

You may have recently seen popular gaming platform Fortnite in the news due to its ongoing legal battle with Apple. Because this game has always been popular with younger children and teenagers, we are often asked, "Is it safe for the child in my care to play?"

Our online safety experts have looked at Fortnite to help you get to grips with how this platform works and what it means for you as a parent or carer. If you aren't sure exactly what Fortnite is – this one's for you!



What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online multiplayer video game that was launched in the summer of 2017. It is a "shooter style" game, meaning players battle it out against opponents with multiple weapon styles, but it is also a construction style game (like popular game Minecraft) that allows players to create and personalise their own game components. Upon its release, Fortnite quickly became a huge success among children and young people. It now has three different game options – Fortnite: Save the World, Fortnite Battle Royale, and Fortnite Creative.

Fortnite is one of the most popular games watched by users on Twitch, with over 84,900 views in September 2021.

Fortnite: Battle Royale features up to 100 gamers from all over the world per session, playing individually or as part of a squad. The aim of the game is to be the last player remaining after the others have been eliminated.

Fortnite features cross-platform play between a range of devices, including desktop computers, gaming consoles (e.g. Xbox, PlayStation, and Nintendo Switch), smartphones, or tablets. This means children in your care can play on their Xbox against someone playing on a mobile device.

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12. As with many games of this shooting type, many children younger than 12 are interested in and play Fortnite. It's important that parents are aware of safety concerns that have been raised, and how to help their children play online games safely.

Persuasive Design

The aim of the game is to stay alive and eliminate other players. This has captivated large audiences who play as they battle to climb higher in the rankings. To sustain interest in the game, Fortnite periodically introduces changes to the map, fresh elements, and new seasons and chapters to the game, like the latest release of Season 8, Chapter 2: Cubed.

These updates are released regularly. Fortnite uses visually pleasing, cartoon-like graphics to generate engagement, especially among younger players. If you allow children in your care to play the game, it is important to be mindful of healthy screen time limits to ensure children don't spend too much time playing.

With this in mind, make sure you can use Fortnite's Parental Controls to:

- Filter inappropriate language
- Auto decline friend requests
- Disable voice and text chat
- Hide names from random players
- Generate weekly playtime reports

Game Privacy Settings

Fortnite has multiple playing settings which control who players interact with. It's important to use appropriate privacy settings, as this will help manage who can engage with your child:

- Public: anyone can join your game
- Friends: only friends can join (make sure to deselect the option to allow friends of friends)
- Private: only the player who started the game can send invites to other players

Helpful Tips

- Get involved! Don't be afraid to make your own account and play Fortnite to see how it works and understand what the child in your care is playing. For an easy playing experience without the multiplayer pressure, try playing Fortnite Creative!
- There is live, unmoderated voice chat that happens between players. Show children in your care how to mute their headset. This will help stop strangers from contacting your child.
- Advise children to never share any personal information with other players, even friends, like their phone number, real name, address, school, or any club names they attend.
- Fortnite earned \$1.8 billion in 2019, largely through in-app purchases, with new items being added to the in-game store regularly. Make sure children in your care know to ask for your permission before purchasing anything in the app. Suggest using pocket money as a way for them to learn the value of money.