

Parent Bulletin

19th July 2024

Welcome to our final Parent Bulletin of the academic year. It's been an exciting week here at Trafalgar!

We had our annual Sports Festival, and despite the weather's questionable start, the skies cleared, and the day was a huge success, with Britannia coming out as champions.

Last night, our school production treated us to the musical delights of Grease. Our students were fantastic, and the sold-out crowd were doing the hand jive all the way home! We can't wait to see what our performing arts department has in store for next year!

There are lots of updates to share in this week's bulletin, such as an important visitor for Year 10 and our Student Leadership team for 2024/25. We look forward to celebrating the end of another fantastic year at Trafalgar School with our students in our celebration assembly next Wednesday.

Stay safe, take care, and have a fabulous summer when it arrives!

Team Trafalgar

School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that Trafalgar School has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. It rewards schools for their commitment to developing competition across their school and into the community, and we are thrilled to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we fulfilled criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all the students who have participated in extracurricular clubs and fixtures, our brilliant Sports Leaders, and all the staff who have run these activities.

We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

Key Dates

Summer 2024

Wednesday 24th July - Celebration Assembly - 12:30pm finish

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Results Day

Monday 2nd September - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd September - Year 7 & 11 Students in school

Wednesday 4th September - All Students in school

Uniform & Equipment

Please ensure your children have the correct uniform & equipment with them each day. If you require any support, contact your child's form tutor. You can find details of what they need [here](#).



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Trafalgar Students Shine in Grease the Musical

On Thursday 18th July, our fantastic Trafalgar students performed Grease the musical in our biggest and best show yet. The audience enjoyed hit numbers, including "We Go Together" and "You're The One That I Want," performed by the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies, with Maisy W as Sandy and Charlie W as Danny.

Audience members were full of praise:

"Well done to the amazing performing arts team. You are all amazing and my child will miss each and every one of you. You are all just literally amazing."

Cast members shared their excitement:

"This was the best thing I have experienced in this school."
- Ruby W

"I really felt this deepened my friendship with other students." - Darcy M

Thank you to everyone who made this incredible performance possible!



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Senior Student Leadership Team for 2024-25



Congratulations to our new Senior Student Leadership Team for 2024-25!

After a series of gruelling interviews and a vote amongst the student body, we have our new Prefect team. Led by Head Boy, Quinn and Head Girl, Elizabeth, with the support of their deputies Overio, Callum, Isai, and Layla, these students will support in leading the school across the next year.

We can't wait to see what they accomplish during their time in post as they carry out their vision for the school and students!



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Sports Festival 2024

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our recent Sports Festival! The event was a tremendous success, thanks to the collective effort and dedication of everyone involved.

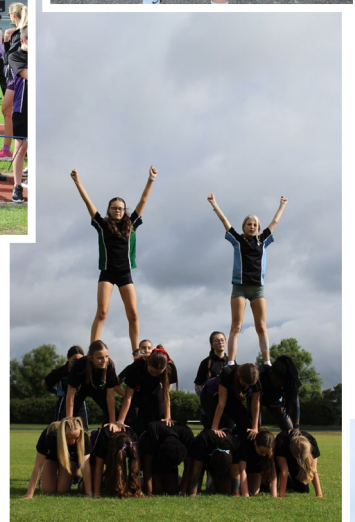
Despite the challenging weather at the start of the day, the skies eventually cleared, and the event turned out to be another great success. The spirit and resilience of our community shone brightly, making it a memorable day for all.

From exciting races to fun-filled activities, everyone's participation and encouragement made Sports Festival an unforgettable experience. We are incredibly proud of the sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed by our students.

Britannia were triumphant on the day, congratulations to everyone who took part and competed for their house!



Let's continue to support each other and look forward to many more successful events in the future!



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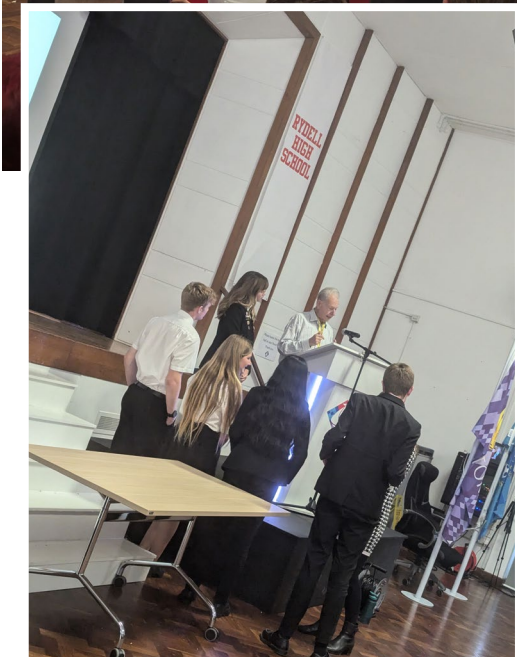
Year 10's Inspirational Encounter with Holocaust Survivor John Hajdu

This week, Year 10 had the privilege of hearing the testimony of John Hajdu, a Holocaust survivor who collaborates with the Holocaust Educational Trust. John shared his profound and moving story with our students, recounting his life, his mother's harrowing time in a concentration camp, and his own escape from the Nazis before making a new life in Britain.



Our students were incredibly respectful throughout the session, asking thoughtful and insightful questions about John's experiences.

This valuable encounter not only deepened their understanding of history but also brought us another step closer to Trafalgar School gaining our Beacon status in Holocaust Education.



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MHST SUMMER WORKSHOPS

MHST are offering an opportunity for parents/carers to learn CBT based skills to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. Each workshop is being delivered twice over the summer holidays.

All workshops are all being held online, delivered by practitioners from MHST.



These workshops have been developed for parents/carers of young people attending a school/college in either Portsmouth or Southampton.



Wednesday 31st July
11:00 - 12:00

or

Wednesday 28th August
14:00 - 15:00

SUPPORTING YOUR ADOLESCENT WITH LOW MOOD

This parent/carer workshop will cover:
Understanding low mood and what keeps it going, acting outside-in, things we value in our lives, scheduling activities. It will include top tips to consider and skills to try when supporting your adolescent with their mood.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STEP UP TO SECONDARY

This parent/carer workshop will cover:
The step up to secondary. We will consider common worries and how we can manage them, friendships and how to make new friends in a new environment, self-care and how we speak more positively to ourselves. It will include top tips and some skills for you to try at home with your young person.



Monday 5th August
15:00-16:00

or

Wednesday 21st August
10:00-11:00



Monday 5th August
09:30-10:30

or

Monday 19th August
14:00 - 15:00

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES

This parent/carer workshop will cover:
Understanding anxiety, when it is normal/a problem, what keeps it going, avoidance, reassurance, communication tips and additional strategies to manage worries.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

To register your place on a workshop, please email MHSTSouthampton@solent.nhs.uk clearly stating **which workshop** and **date** you would like to attend.
You will then receive a link to the online meeting.