



Trafalgar School **NEWS**



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Welcome to Trafalgar News

As we draw a close to 2022, I am so pleased to say what a wonderful term we have had.

Our Year 7 students have settled in really nicely, already gaining praise points by the 100's and signing up to lots of extra-curricular clubs. I know they have been welcomed warmly by the rest of our Trafalgar community and have strengthened this further with their enthusiasm and dedication to the school values. All our students have shown amazing dedication to their learning this term; with almost every student in the school with a Chromebook to enhance their learning in lessons, and general attendance looking superb, especially for this time of year. Our PD Days are always something to shout about as they offer so much towards our children's development. In just this term we had 2 amazing PD Days, both centred around our school values and tailored to each year group appropriately for their ages and needs. Not only do our students gain plenty of alternative knowledge to their usual lessons, but they represent our school brilliantly and we have had lots of positive feedback from facilitators and visitors from this term alone.

I'm so glad we are holding our Christmas celebration assembly at The Mountbatten Centre again this term; it is one of my favourite times of the year getting to see all the amazing achievements your children have made. With subject awards, values awards, house stars and the prestigious top boy/top girl awards being presented, as well as fun competitions and silly videos from the staff, it is sure to be a great time for all (and an early start to your own Christmas holidays with a 12:30pm finish!)

As our Trafalgar family keeps growing, our community remains strong, and I for one can say how very proud I am of all our students for their continued efforts towards their education and success. So from ours to yours, we wish you a very enjoyable and fulfilling Christmas break.

Take care and we will see you in 2023!

Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher

What an incredible start to the academic year! Our children have already achieved so much in these few months and we are so pleased to have had such brilliant attendance across our year groups.

Year 11 have been utilising their last year with Trafalgar well, revising and preparing for their final exams in May. The support their peers have shown has been touching; this is just one of the many reasons our vertical tutoring is so impactful. Our children have demonstrated amazing expressions of respect this term; honouring the 2-minute silence on Remembrance Day, recognising the woes of our friends in Ukraine and inviting them into our school and community, and quite poignantly, gracefully experienced the great loss of our 70-year reigning Queen and welcomed the first of the next assumed three Kings of our country. Another one of Trafalgar's values I am so pleased has been recognised nationally is Inclusion. Our inclusive provision has gone from strength to strength, and schools from all over the country have visited us to see for themselves what we are doing so well. The relational culture Trafalgar School practise has enhanced our community so visibly, and after the couple of years we all experienced of uncertainty, worry and inconsistency from Covid, we have managed to maintain a reliable, caring and supportive haven which has helped our children re-integrate back into the 'norm'.

As always, we want to thank the staff of Trafalgar for their continuous efforts providing the children of Portsmouth not only a quality education, but also a safe and happy place to be day-to-day. We wish all our staff, students and parents a wonderful Christmas, from myself and the governing body.

Jo Bennett - Chair of Governors

Student Leadership Update



From raising awareness of our Big Read and Reading Leaders opportunities, to introducing our awareness month themes and informing students of key curriculum information, our student leadership team have been very busy this term!

They presented their plan for the year to the Senior Leadership of the School, as well as representing the school at a host of external events.

Other members of our student team have been participating in the first COPS summit of the year, which gives students from across the city an opportunity to share their thoughts and have their voices heard.



PD DAY - COMMUNITY

Personal Development Days enhance our core curriculum provision at Trafalgar School. For five days during the school year the usual timetable is suspended and each year group undertake a range of experiences designed to develop further personal learning and social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. Our first PD Day in October focused on community.

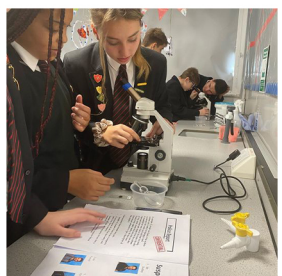
Year 11 had the top national exam company in the country come in to explain the science behind how our brain learns and which revision strategies work the best. They also looked at what is on offer after you leave school and how to apply to college, or for an apprenticeship. They ended the day knowing how to revise and how to apply to college successfully.

Year 8 focused on building good relationships. During these sessions they analysed the role of relationships in our communities and developed the skills to grow healthy relationships and recognise when things are not quite right.

Year 9 had the infamous CSI day! They took on the roles of crime scene investigators, unpicking the evidence of a crime scene and discovered how real forensic scientists use a wide range of skills and evidence to catch criminals!

Year 10 looked at how to develop loving and respectful relationships and have a responsible attitude towards intimacy and sexual activity. They spent the day learning about connection and developing their understanding of how positive intimate relationships develop.

Charity was the word for Year 7's, as they spent the day researching local charities to find out more information about them and what it is that they do. This was completed in houses with each group producing a poster/powerpoint to support some amazing presentations. Each group then gave a presentation on why their charity was so important and how people could support the cause. Each House selected 2 winning groups, who went head to head in a house vote to determine the house charity for the year.



PD DAY - ASPIRATION

On our second PD Day of the year, students focused on our core value of aspiration and looked at careers and future opportunities.

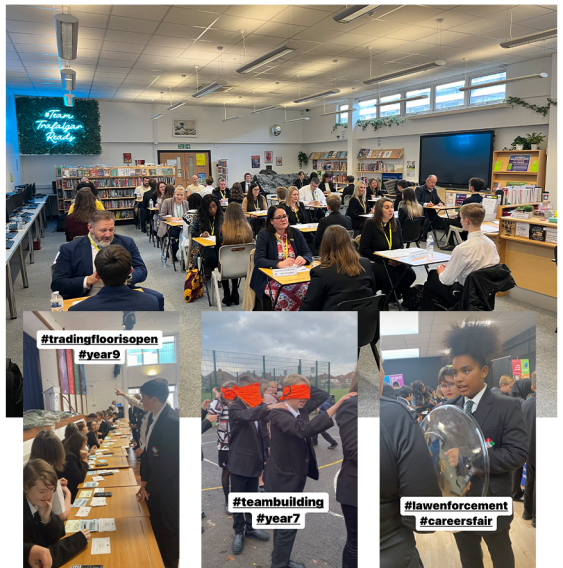
Year 7 considered how to present themselves to others, working on how to communicate professionally and using non-verbal communication to good effect, whilst partaking in a careers fair and interacting with a host of local employers to learn about career paths.

Year 8's took part in the Business and Enterprise Day, creating their own business idea and learning how to market and pitch their ideas!

Year 9 had the Stock Market Challenge, experiencing the highs and lows of stock market trading and learning how interest rates rise and profit is made.

For Year 10, it was all about The Big Interview! Students had filled out their applications and then interviewed with a raft of local employers and businesses, who very generously gave our students their time for this invaluable experience. A few students were nervous to begin with, but seeing the confidence radiating from them after taking part was brilliant.

Finally, Year 11 had a day to focus on wellbeing and rest after coming through their mock exams and all the prep for their real exams so far. Students had a chance to focus on coursework and more relaxing tasks with tea and hot chocolate on tap!





Remembrance 2022



In November we marked Remembrance Day and all students paused for a two minute silence to remember and honour people who have died in war.

Our students were invited to take part in the Remembrance service in Guildhall Square.

They stood in front of hundreds of people and read a poem, doing such a fantastic job! Well done Quinn and Matilda, you did us all proud!

Hot Chocolate with the Head



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Mrs Copeland and Miss Pearse were delighted to celebrate with so many students and congratulate them on their achievements this term.

Well done to everyone featured!

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BLACK HISTOR



October was Black History Month.

During this month we celebrated the Black contributions to our world and to our society!

Our Humanities department ran a competition encouraging students to create a biography, poster or extended project about a famous black person throughout History. Our student leadership team put together a quiz for students to take part in during tutor and across our social media we highlighted key black figures and their contributions to history and popular culture.

MALORIE BLACKMAN OBE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In our circle times, students discussed why it is so important to include black history in the curriculum and how this might support addressing racism.

We challenged tutor groups to choose the most interesting and inspirational black historical figure or moment in black history and explain why they chose them.

You can see some of our students' selections on the page opposite.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Y MONTH 2022

READING CIRCLE COMPETITION: MOST INSPIRATIONAL BLACK HISTORICAL FIGURE



“Our inspirational black person is Marcus Rashford.

This is because of all the work that he does for the underprivileged children in the UK and he is also an amazing footballer.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

READING CIRCLE COMPETITION: MOST INSPIRATIONAL BLACK HISTORICAL FIGURE

“Harriet Tubman - born into slavery and rescued approximately 70 enslaved people.

Harriet made the Underground Railroad, which was an escape route for slaves, she made multiple journeys back and forth in order to rescue many slaves.

Harriet also served as a scout and spy for the Union Army during the American Civil War. Harriet was an activist in the movement for women's suffrage.”

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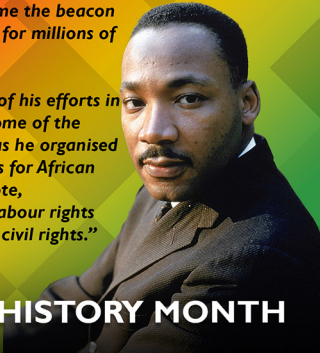
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“Martin Luther King Jr. was an important black historical figure. He became the beacon of light or hope for millions of black people.

This is because of his efforts in racial justice. Some of the things he did was he organised and led marches for African Americans to vote, desegregation, labour rights and other basic civil rights.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



READING CIRCLE COMPETITION: MOST INSPIRATIONAL BLACK HISTORICAL FIGURE

“Rosa Parks because she stood up and stood her ground for what is right.

She never wavered from her convictions.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



IDRIS ELBA OBE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

NAOMI CAMPBELL



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BUKAYO SAKA



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

GIRLS FOOTBALL INAUGURAL MATCH

Girls Football



On a cold and wet November evening, our KS3 girls football team entertained a side from Priory school.

It was our girls' first game of the year and after some very successful training sessions we were excited to see how we would play as a team.

For the first 15 mins, our girls' passing and movement proved too much for Priory. Trafalgar's long spells of possession led to several goals being scored in quick succession.

After a pretty one-sided first half, the score was 5-1 to Trafalgar.

Priory came out for the second half looking like a different team. They looked dangerous from the start and went on to score four goals in quick succession. They didn't stop there and with ten minutes left to play, Trafalgar found themselves trailing 5-8.

Our girls dug deep and started to get back in control of the game. Trafalgar managed to score three more goals and finished the match with an 8-8 draw! We are hugely proud of the resilience the girls showed. Well done!

SPORTS LEADERS - AUTUMN TERM

Sports Leaders events

9 of our Sports Leaders attended a sports festival at Mary Rose academy for their Sport and Movement Festival. They all had a great time supporting their students and were very excited to receive their medals at the end of the day. Well done to everyone involved.

Some words from the staff at Mary Rose "We have had some lovely feedback from Great Oaks and Rachel Maddocks School who really enjoyed the day and are looking forward to the next one. A big thank you to the sports leaders from Trafalgar and Redwood Park - they were great ambassadors for both schools and we couldn't have run the event with out their support"

Flying the flag for Trafalgar proudly!





*From our family to yours,
Merry Christmas.*

