



Trafalgar School **NEWS**

**+ Made in Portsmouth Triumph + Williams FI Trip
+ Portsmouth Cup Final + Activities Week 2024
+ D-Day 80 Celebrations + more!**

Welcome to Trafalgar News

Another Trafalgar year has passed, with an abundance of achievements, successes, events accomplished.

Our Year 11 students sat their GCSE exams, demonstrating their resilience and aspiration right to the end. Their BBQ was a chance to celebrate their hard work during their five years with us, and The Prom, held at The Queens Hotel, was our biggest and best to date; staff and students alike all enjoyed a wonderful evening together. They danced so much that they set the fire alarm off as the room become too hot!



Activities Week 2024 was a huge success! It was wonderful watching our young people just be children, enjoying a broad range of enrichment activities that will have created memories for life. Planning has already begun to make 2025 bigger and better than ever! Sports Day was equally brilliant; albeit a little soggy! Our sporting students thrived and smashed the day, with Britannia House taking the gold as overall winners. I enjoy seeing the healthy, competitive side of our students (and staff!) challenging themselves for their house.

Our PD Days saw our students develop their cultural, diversity and social understanding, and has supported their development as active citizens in our society. These days are so instrumental in supporting our young people to become well rounded individuals and promote our five core values which mean something at our school.

With every event our students represent us at, I become more and more proud of the students we have here at Trafalgar School. Events such as College Taster Days, Sporting Tournaments, the Duke of Edinburgh programme, Unloc Big Debates, and so many more. The opportunities our students have here are endless and are led and enabled by the wonderful staff we employ. I'd personally like to thank them for going above and beyond for your children.

With the end of a school year brings new beginnings and I so look forward to working with our newly appointed Student Senior Leadership team, and our outstanding 23 prefects next year; not to mention welcoming our new cohort of 228 Year 7's in September. It's an exciting time to be a part of Team Trafalgar!

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Summer.

Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher

Students visit Williams F1 Team HQ and Experience Centre!



Our recent trip to the Williams F1 Team HQ and Experience Centre was an unforgettable experience for our students. They dove into the rich history of motor racing, touring the museum and marvelling at iconic F1 cars spanning from 1978 to the present.

The excitement only grew as students got behind the wheel of professional eSports simulators, providing a taste of the cutting-edge technology used by Williams eSports champions. It was a thrilling opportunity for them to experience the precision and skill required in the world of virtual racing.

The highlight of our visit was undoubtedly the Lego Mindstorms robotics challenge. Our budding engineers showcased their exceptional skills in robotics, coding, and problem-solving. They reflected the core spirit of engineering through creativity and collaboration. Working alongside ALNS students, they engineered innovative solutions that emphasized teamwork and ingenuity.

Youth & Junior GB Three Nations Champion



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sienna, who showcased her exceptional talent at the Youth & Junior GB Three Nations competition held in Cardiff this June.

Sienna's performance was nothing short of spectacular, and her dedication and hard work has paid off brilliantly. After a series of impressive bouts, she has earned the prestigious titles of England Junior Boxing National Champion and Great Britain Tri-Nations Champion!

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of Sienna's achievements. Her success is a testament to her relentless determination and skill in the ring. We eagerly anticipate her future endeavors and can't wait to see what she accomplishes next.

Well done, Sienna! Your school community is cheering you on every step of the way.

Portsmouth Cup Champions!



We are delighted to announce that our Year 11 boys' team triumphed in the cup final against Charter, achieving an impressive 6-0 victory and securing their second Portsmouth Cup win!

Our incredible team has exemplified resilience and determination, representing Trafalgar School with distinction. Their outstanding performance in the final really showcased their hard work and teamwork, serving as an inspiration to us all.

As you reflect on the past five years, we hope you take immense pride in your achievements. Congratulations on this remarkable journey, and best of luck as you embark on the exciting road ahead!

Well done, team! Your school community celebrates your success and looks forward to your future accomplishments.

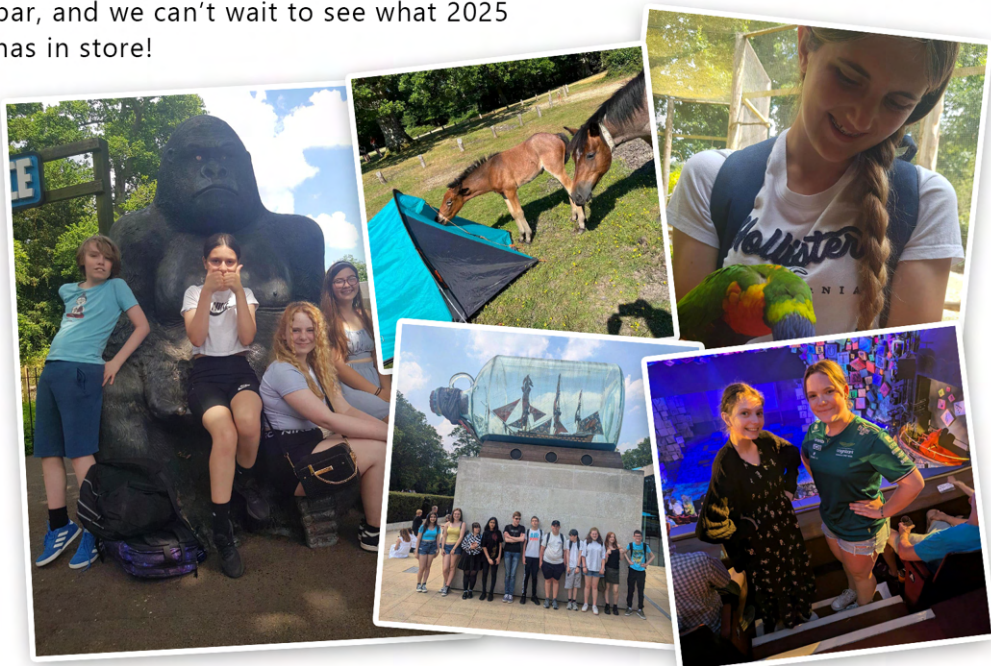
Activities Week 2024: One of the Best Yet!

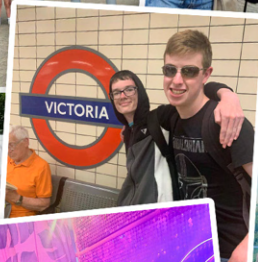
Activities Week 2024 built on the success of 2023, offering students a vibrant array of experiences beyond the usual curriculum. This year was truly exceptional, with opportunities that catered to diverse interests and provided unforgettable memories.

Our students ventured to exciting destinations such as Paris, Barcelona, and Italy. Closer to home, others explored London, enjoying cultural and entertainment highlights like the Matilda Musical, Harry Potter World, and the London Dungeons. Trafalgar continued its tradition of thrills at Thorpe Park, nearly taking over the park with two overnight stays and a day trip in between. Is there really such a thing as too many rollercoaster rides?

Back at school, the activities were just as engaging. Students showcased their culinary skills in the popular Trafalgar Bake Off, competed in Multi Sports Days, and for those less athletically inclined, participated in Minecraft challenges and planned their own festivals.

By the end of the week, there were plenty of tired but happy faces. The excitement and engagement throughout Activities Week 2024 set a high bar, and we can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!





WORK EXPER

A huge congratulations to all our Year 10 students for successfully completing their work experience! The feedback from your employers has been fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder.

Visiting you during your placements and hearing how much you enjoyed the experience was truly wonderful. Many of you mentioned that the experience exceeded your expectations, helping you learn valuable lessons, acquire new skills, and grow in confidence.

A special congratulations to those who have been offered an apprenticeship or a job as a result of your work experience! Your dedication and professionalism has made a lasting impression, and we are extremely proud of how well you represented the school.

Well done to you all.



SCIENCE 2024



Celebrating Heroes: D-Day 80th Anniversary



Staff and students from our school had the distinct honour of representing our community at the momentous D-Day 80th Anniversary celebration on Southsea Common. This national event served as a heartfelt tribute to the heroes of the historic Normandy landings in 1944.

The occasion was televised by the BBC and streamed on iPlayer, allowing a wider audience to join in, paying homage to the courageous individuals who played a pivotal role in shaping history. Our school's participation was a testament to the respect and gratitude we hold for those who sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy today.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organizers of the D-Day 80th Anniversary celebration for providing us with the opportunity to be part of this prestigious and meaningful event. It was truly an inspiring and humbling experience for all involved.

Students meet Poet Laureate



Our students had the extraordinary opportunity to attend an event at the New Theatre Royal featuring the renowned Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage. The excitement was palpable as they listened to Armitage read a selection of his poems, including one featured in their GCSE anthology.

Armitage captivated the audience not only with his readings but also by sharing the inspirations and stories behind his works. The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students eagerly posed questions about his creative process, themes, and experiences as a poet.

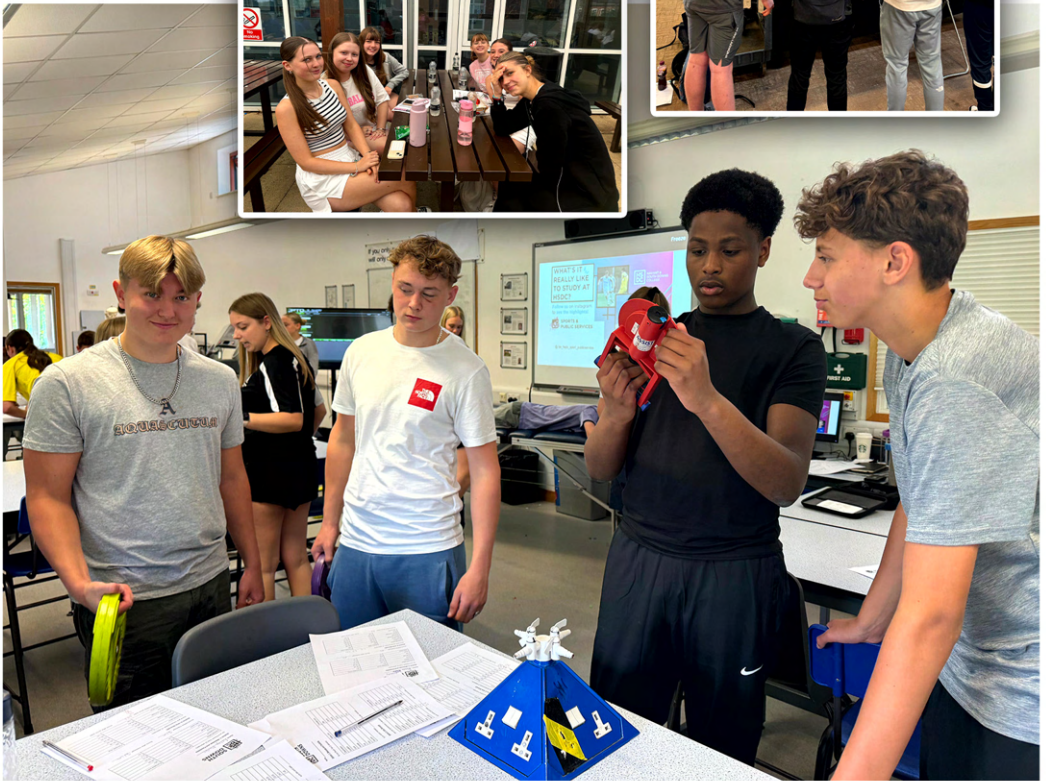
This inspiring experience has undoubtedly left a lasting impression on our students, deepening their appreciation for poetry and the arts.

This event was a remarkable blend of education and inspiration, fostering a deeper connection to poetry for our students.

COLLEGE TAST

Our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend taster days at some of our local colleges this term. These events provided enriching experiences, giving students a valuable glimpse into the world of further education and aiding them in making informed decisions about their futures.

They allowed our students to explore various educational pathways and consider their next steps beyond Trafalgar School. The hands-on experiences gained from visiting these colleges offered a closer look at the courses, facilities, and learning environments available.



TASTER DAYS 2024



Participating in these taster days not only broadened students' horizons but also ignited their aspirations and motivated them to set clear goals. We believe these opportunities will be instrumental in helping our students make well-informed choices about their future education and career paths.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact these experiences will have on our students' future successes!

Students Triumph in Prestigious "Made in Portsmouth" Competition!



We are thrilled to announce that our students won the prestigious cross-school competition, Made in Portsmouth, funded by Landsec earlier this year.

This exciting competition featured "Dragons' Den" style pitches from students representing Admiral Lord Nelson School, Miltoncross Academy, The Portsmouth Academy, and our own school. Our students formed two exceptional teams and delivered impressive presentations that showcased their fantastic ideas. The competition was fierce, with all schools presenting strong and compelling pitches.

We extend our congratulations to all the schools and students who participated and gave it their all. We are especially proud of our winning team, who advanced to the virtual Landsec Made In UK Finals and came second!

Trafalgar School Shines at Unloc's Big Debate



Trafalgar School's debate team competed at Unloc's Big Debate earlier this term. Their exceptional performance and sportsmanship did not go unnoticed. Hayden Taylor, the Managing Director of Unloc, praised their efforts, stating, "Team Trafalgar were identified as one of the most supportive and collaborative teams taking part in the event - actively helping out and encouraging other teams to do their best."

Not only did Trafalgar School demonstrate remarkable sportsmanship, but they also clinched the "Best Closing Statement" award. The students' hard work and dedication truly paid off as they competed against esteemed schools such as Springfield School, The Petersfield School, Mayville High School, Admiral Lord Nelson School, and Charter Academy.

The success at the Big Debate highlighted the team's commitment and skills, making Trafalgar School proud. Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding achievements!



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