

Trafalgar Newsletter

9th September 2022

Now, usually our first parent bulletin of the year is full of excitement and joy at the prospect of the year ahead, and whilst there is still plenty of that, we of course must open on a more sombre note.

As you will be aware, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II passed away yesterday. As a community we express our deepest sympathies for her family and the nation as a whole. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Our school will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our students, their families and colleagues. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned. We will observe the national holiday (to be scheduled within the next 10 days) for Her Majesty's funeral, which means schools will be closed that day, but outside of this, school and working hours will continue as normal.

After the eventful end to last week it was so good to welcome all our students back and greet our new Year 7's to the Trafalgar community. Students took part in our Freshers Fayre to learn about after school activities. A timetable of when those activities will be taking place is set to come out shortly and students will be selecting their clubs during tutor in the coming weeks.

If you or your child have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor and we will help however we can.

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar



Key Dates

2022

Thursday 15th September - Preparing for Year 11 Evening

Thursday 29th September - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 4th October - PD Day 1 - Community

Thursday 13th October - Open Evening

Make sure you have your blazer!

Please make sure students have their blazers with them when they come to school. Students will be allowed to remove them in lesson, but will be expected to wear them around the rest of the site. Thank you for your support with this.



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Welcome Year 7!

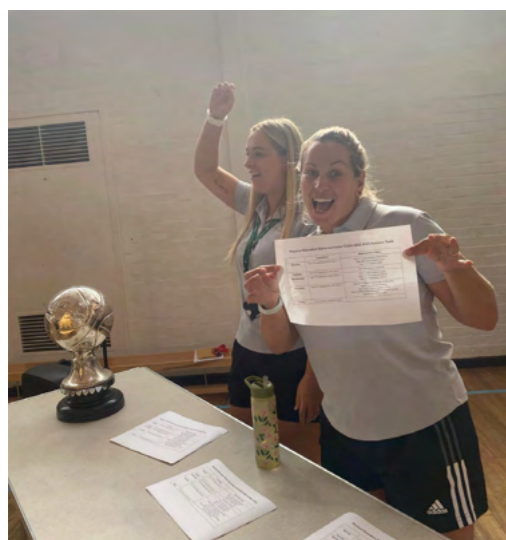
Year 7 finally got to start their Trafalgar journey this week and it was fantastic to welcome them all in and get started! They were supported on their first day by our Year 11 students and got to meet their tutors for the year, go on a tour of the site, sort out logins for the computer and visit the freshers fayre to learn all about the exciting extra curricular activities on offer this year!

They also took part in the reading treasure hunt, having a little house competition to see who could locate all 12 books. Well done to Sovereign who came first!

- 1st Sovereign (500 house points)
- 2nd Brianna (400 house points)
- 3rd Victory (300 house points)
- 4th Temeraire (200 house points)

If students would like to check out any of these recommended reads then please head to the library where you can take them out to enjoy.

Well done on your first week Year 7, you've made a fantastic start and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve!



Community Circles Update



Following the deeply sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, it was decided to move our Friday community circles to the morning. This way we were able to check-in with our school community, explain what has happened and offer any support right from the start.

We started with the question: **"What has changed in Britain during the reign of Elizabeth II?"**

This inspired discussion around constant change, including the abolition of the death penalty and the birth of the Internet. We ended by asking students what questions they have about what happens next and how they feel about change, for them to reflect and discuss in Monday's community circle.

Students and staff have been offered support if they need it during this difficult time.

Please check in with your child and let us know if they need any support in the coming days and weeks.

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Oracy at home - Home Discussion Guidelines



Here at Trafalgar, we have just successfully completed stage 1 of the Voice 21 Oracy programme. Oracy is using talk to learn and learning how to talk effectively.

It is a key part of our school curriculum and developing oracy skills are vital in supporting our students' learning and in preparing them for life beyond school.

To help support you at home in developing your child's oracy skills we have home discussion guidelines which reflect the oracy discussion guidelines we use in lessons and you may find this helpful to use for family talk.

Discussions can take place anywhere: around the table during dinner, in the garden, on long car journeys, etc. They can also be about any subject and here are some suggestions to get discussions started:

- Coke or Pepsi?
- Plane trips or road trips?
- Coffee or tea?
- Movies or television series?
- Go shopping or online shopping?
- Writing or speaking?
- Big parties or small gatherings?
- Concerts or sporting events?

Home Discussion Guidelines

- MAKE IT EASY**
Switch off devices and remove distractions
- MAKE IT REGULAR**
Make family discussion part of your daily routines and value your time together
- MAKE IT CHALLENGING**
Disagree politely, offer alternative views
- MAKE TIME**
Set aside dedicated time for family discussion
- MAKE IT NICE TO TALK**
Show interest and ask questions

EVERY DAY COUNTS.



Being late or having unauthorised absences will impact their future. Most employers and courses require maths and English GCSE as a minimum. Get them to school every day and see what they could become. If you need support, please speak to your school.

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