

Trafalgar Newsletter

6th January 2023

Welcome to our first Parent Bulletin of 2023!

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break and managed to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. Students have settled back into the daily routines well and this term is off to a positive start.

We will be extending our SLT drop in sessions through to next week. These will take place Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-8:50am and will be an opportunity for parents to meet with members of our SLT to discuss anything that might be on their mind, no appointment needed, just turn up at the advertised time! If these prove popular then we will look to do them on a more permanent basis.

In this edition you will find some helpful information and guidance about X-Box consoles and how to help keep your child safe online, along with our latest community circles update!

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Superstar Geography Homework!



Some of our Year 7 Geographers have been producing some stellar homework recently!

Here are some standout examples, with a fantastic fact sheet on Lake Hillier by Roxy and a brilliant model of Deadvlei in Namibia by Layton!

Well done to you both and keep up the fantastic work!

#aspiration #geographysuperstars



Key Dates

Tues 10th - Fri 13th Jan - SLT drop in (8:30am - 8:50am)

Thursday 9th Feb - PD Day 3

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb - Half Term

Thursday 23rd Feb - Year 8 Parents Evening (virtual)

Mobile Phones in School

Please remember that students are not allowed to use their mobile phone in school for safeguarding reasons. Whilst we understand that students use their mobile phones to communicate safe arrival at school etc, please remind your child that on arrival to school, mobile phones should be turned off or on silent.



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“Be the best you” - Extra Curricular Timetable - Spring 2023

A new term presents students with a fantastic opportunity to take up a new Extra Curricular activity. Our range of activities provide students with the opportunity to be the best version of themselves, meet new friends and develop new and existing skills.

We've listened to your feedback about how students can sign up and know that lots of parents are keen to sign students up themselves. To enable you to do this a link to the sign up sheet on our School Website is below. Sign-ups need to be completed by 11th January 2023.

<https://www.trafalgarschool.org.uk/curriculum/extra-curricular/>



EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE		
WEEK 1	Lunchtime	After school 3-4pm
Monday	Year 7/8 Basketball. Gym 1. MFL Cafe Volunteers. MFL Block.	Homework Club. Library. Astronomy Club. Sc 8. Years 7-11 Girls Football. Field. Years 8 and 9 Boys Football. Field. Year 7-11 Netball. Astro. KS3 Band. Music Room. Whole School play. Drama Room. Photography enrichment. Art 2. Week 2 only. Year 10 Art enrichment. Art 3. Week 2 only.
Tuesday	Year 9 and 10 Basketball. Gym 1. MFL Cafe Volunteers. MFL Block. LGBTQ+ Club. En2.	Homework Club. Library. Model UN. Hu7. Minecraft Club. IT1. Drawing club. Art 1. Week 1 only. Speaking and Debating Club. EN2. Year 10 Spanish Intervention (selected students) LA1 Week 1 only. Year 11 Spanish booster (Higher) LA1 Week 2 only Pokemon Club. Sc8
Wednesday	Year 7/8 Basketball. Gym 1. MFL Cafe Volunteers. MFL Block. Film Club. En1 Harry Potter Appreciation Club. En3. Week 2 only.	Homework Club. Library. Year 7 Boys Football. Field. Year 7-11 Cheerleading. Gym 2. Year 7-11 Basketball. Gym 1. Year 7-11 Rugby. Field. MFL Homework Drop in La1. MFL Film Club La2. Board Games Club. Library. Dance Club Dance studio Year 7-11 KS4 School Band - Selected students Photography Club. Art 2. Week 1 only. Story Slam Club. En4
Thursday	Year 9 and 10 Basketball. Gym 1. MFL Cafe Volunteers. MFL Block. MFL Magazine Club. La1.	Homework Club. Library. STEM Club. Sc2. Year 9-11 Duke of Edinburgh. En6. Year 7-11 Volleyball. Field. Year 10 & 11 Boys Football. Field. Year 10 HSC/Child Development/Sports Studies Intervention. Ma1. National Cipher Challenge. Ma2 Textiles club. Art 4. Week 2 only 3D Printing. Tech 1. RCL. Week 2 only KS4 Coursework Enrichment - All ADT Subjects - Art 3 Lexia Homelearning Support Club. EN1 Year 7 and 8 Lit Quiz Club (After feb half term this will change). Library. Year 11 Spanish booster (foundation) LA1 Week 2 only
Friday	Girls Football. Gym 1. MFL Cafe Volunteers. MFL Block.	Homework Club 3- 3.30. Library.

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Community Circles Update

This week's tutor community circles were answering the question:

“What was your favourite part of the Christmas holidays?”

Some students (and staff) were simply enjoying catching up on their sleep, whilst others enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Some also spoke about presents they'd given or received.



This moment of nostalgia felt like the perfect remedy to coming back to reality - let's face it, January can be a tough time of year to come back to! How do you think your child/children answered?

As always, please let your tutor know if your child needs any help or support getting back into the swing of things.

#joinin #christmasnostalgia

Annual General Meeting - 18 January 2023



Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Salterns Academy Trust will take place on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7pm to transact the following business:

- To receive the Trust annual report and audited accounts
- To elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Trust Board
- To confirm the Trust's auditors
- Receive an update from the Trust CEO and Chair of the Board
- To respond to any questions submitted in advance by Parents, families, and other members of the community.

We welcome parents, families, and other members of the community to attend this meeting via Zoom, and to submit questions to be answered by the board.

To allow for sufficient time for informed answers to be provided by Trust leaders, questions must be submitted no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

To register your interest in attending this meeting, or to submit a question to be answered at the meeting please contact clerk@alns.co.uk

Please be advised that recording of the meeting is prohibited.



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English Department Update

As part of our enrichment programme to support Year 11 in their English Literature GCSE, we were pleased to offer the opportunity for the whole cohort to watch a production of 'A Christmas Carol' by Quantum Theatre Company.



The aim of this experience was to enrich the students' knowledge of the Literature text studied in English to provide them with a broader understanding of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', and ultimately equip them with knowledge they can use in their exams.

The feedback from the performers was excellent, stating that they were incredibly impressed with the conduct of our students and would love to come back again next year. In fact, the student feedback showed that 85% of students would recommend the production to our next Year's 11's!



Xbox Series X and S



The Xbox Series X and the Xbox Series S, are the latest home video consoles to be released by Microsoft. The Xbox series X is considered higher-end hardware, with the ability to display high-resolution graphics than it's Series S counterpart.

Both consoles were released in November 2020 and are expected to be a major competitor against the latest PlayStation 5, as the two platforms have regular footing for dominance in the games market.

Parental Controls

Xbox offers all families access to the Xbox Family Settings App, where users can set up a family group for managing all accounts and has the following features:

- Manage screen time and set limits on how long children and young people in your care can play. This can also be supplemented by weekly reports to provide insight.
- The **Ask a Parent** feature means parents receive an email when a child or young person in their care wants to purchase something. IF parents or carers choose, they can purchase it. You can also create a passkey to limit purchases or set up an allowance.
- Filter all content based on PEGI Rating systems.
- Manage what a child or young person in your care can do such as play online games, create and join clubs, add friends or engage in chat.
- You can choose who can communicate with children and young people in you care and modify shared information via their profiles.



Blocking users on the new Xbox is very simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Press the **Xbox** button on the controller.
2. Select **people** and then the username of the person you wish to block, if this person is not on the friend's list, they will appear under recent players or you can search their username via **Find Someone**.
3. Select the **profile** and select **block**.



To report a user:

1. Press the **Xbox** button on the controller.
2. Select **people** and then the username of the person you wish to block, if this person is not on the friend's list, they will appear under recent players or you can search their username via **Find Someone**.
3. Select the **profile** and select **Report**.



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