

Trafalgar Newsletter

27th January 2023

Welcome to this week's Parent Bulletin!

We know a lot of you are concerned about how the upcoming strikes will impact your child. Today we sent out a letter via Classcharts with further information about what next Wednesday will potentially look like. Having assessed our staffing ratio and considered the implications on our students' safety and wellbeing, the Executive Headteacher has had to make the difficult decision to close the school to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. The school will remain open to Year 11, vulnerable children and children of critical workers and they are expected to attend school in their full school uniform as normal. Remote learning will be available for students to access from home and more details of these digital platforms will be shared next week. For full details see the Executive Headteacher's letter sent out via Classcharts.

There are some fantastic examples of home learning from our Year 7's in Geography in this edition, along with an update on our Portsmouth Literature Quiz team, who took part in the quiz at Fratton park yesterday.

This week we observed Holocaust Memorial Day, which marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau – we heard from a Holocaust survivor about her experiences and looked at how ordinary people can be involved in all aspects of a genocide, but most importantly that we as ordinary people can do something to challenge prejudice and hateful language when we see it, and make a difference to ensure a better world.

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Last week, this group of Year 10 students went to Winchester University for their Annual Festival of Industries.

They took part in two workshops delivered by Design Engine Architects and the Beaulieu Candle Company, and we placed first in both competitions!

They represented the school exceptionally, displaying our core values and wonderful behaviour. Well done!



Key Dates

Tuesday 7th Feb - Live Well Trafalgar - 3-6pm

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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Geography Department Update

Year 7 Home Learning Fantastic Places

This term, our Year 7 Geographers have been given the opportunity through their home learning projects to get creative. In lessons, we investigated some of the most amazing places in the world, using research to find out why Lake Baikal (Russia) looks like it has turquoise ice and why the water in Lake Hillier (Australia) is pink.

For this home learning, our students were able to show their skills as writers, bakers, model makers, artists and presenters.



Lake Hillier by Oliver U

*Placed in Australia where the lake is pink,
The water you really shouldn't drink,
The lake is a beautiful sight,
Like the birds above, that take graceful flight,
This truly is the best world heritage site,
Next door lays a beautiful beach,
Where the underwater world is unleashed,
Neighbours with the forest
A great spot for tourists
Holding tight to your family's wrist
With a lover you might share a kiss.*



Meet our Service Children Coordinator!

For the last 4 years I have worked as Subject Lead in Music to develop, improve and maintain our successful Music department. Now I have taken on the additional role as Service Children Coordinator to build and maintain support for children with parents in the armed forces. Their needs are different from other students within our school.

This is something I am passionate about and have previous experience with, I am very excited to help make a positive difference to students and their families as they progress through our school.

As Service Children Coordinator, my role is to oversee the wellbeing, academic progress and all round development of students at our school who are service children. With a plethora of external and internal support available to them, it is my job to make sure they are getting the support they need, in particular when parents are deployed and their homelife changes. Over the next few terms we will be running meetings to hear students' thoughts, implementing a system for parents to be able to tell the school when a parent or relative at home is being deployed, making all staff more aware of service children and their families, and enrichment opportunities to support and encourage our students.

If you have any questions regarding service children, please contact me at rmounteny@trafalgarschool.org.uk

Mr Mounteny



Portsmouth Literature Quiz 2023

Yesterday our Year 7 & 8 students took part in the Portsmouth Literature Quiz! We are incredibly proud of our team members! This was Trafalgar's first year participating and they worked so hard to prepare for the quiz which took place at Fratton Park, representing #teamtrafalgar brilliantly!

Thank you to the School Library Service who organised the event, to the authors who inspired and entertained us and to Mr Smith and the Library Team at Trafalgar who helped us get there!

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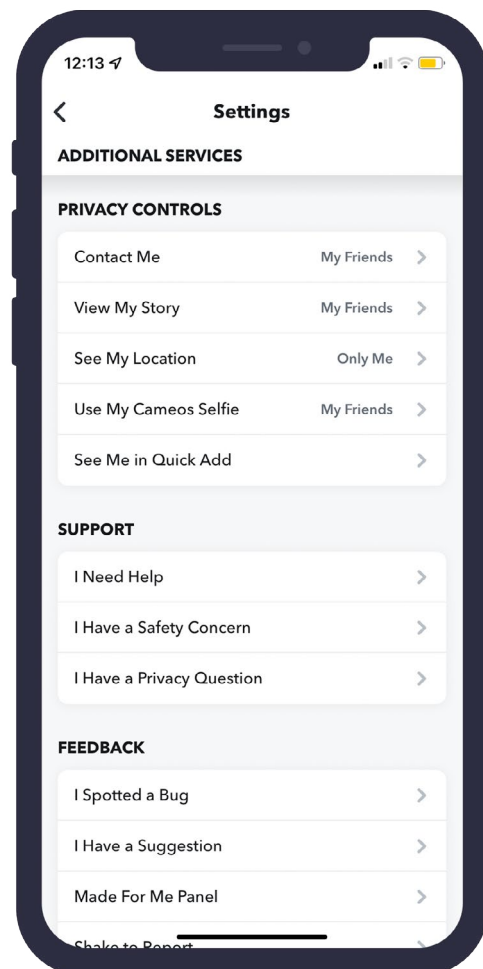
Snapchat is a social media platform used to share photos, messages and short videos. Users can configure how long their friends can see the images and videos they share. Content can be customised with filters, text and stickers. If the content is sent directly, it will disappear after it is viewed. Alternatively, if a user uploads content to their Story it will remain visible for 24 hours.

Stay safe on Snapchat using the instructions on **Privacy, Blocking & Reporting** below.

Privacy

Activate Ghost Mode on your Snapchat account:

- Open the app and tap on in the bottom navigation bar.
- Tap on in the top right corner.
- Swipe right on **Ghost Mode**. This is **Ghost Mode** now activated.



Block

Block a user using these simple instructions:

- Swipe left once you open the app.
- Select the contact you want to block and the tap
- Tap **Manage Friendship** and then **Block**.

Report

Report a user using these simple instructions:

- Swipe left once you open the app.
- Select on the contact you want to report and then tap
- Tap **Manage Friendship** and then **Report**.



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HEALTH AND MONEY ADVICE

Drop in for school parents/carers and staff in partnership with Portsmouth City council

Tuesday 7 February, 3pm-6pm

Trafalgar School, London Road,
Hilsea, PO2 9RJ

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