

Parent Bulletin



15th September 2023

Welcome to our latest Parent Bulletin, it has been a busy first full week here at Trafalgar!

You may have seen recent news stories concerning RAAC in schools. Please rest assured that we had a survey completed before the summer and are pleased to confirm that we aren't affected by this issue, so the school will continue to operate as usual.

In this edition we celebrate our first Hot Chocolate with the Head of the year and we look forward to celebrating more students achievements and contributions to our community across the coming weeks.

You will also find an update regarding our pastoral team structure, introducing our new Heads and Assistant Heads of House for the year ahead, along with details on how you can contact them should you need to.

There has been great attendance and buzz around our clubs so far, thank you to everyone who attended and got stuck in! We have included our extra curricular timetable again so students can work out what they would like to join and attend after school next week!

Stay safe and take care,

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head!

This week's 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' goes to David!

David proved himself to be an important asset to #TeamTrafalgar when he performed the duties of Student Ambassador for the day earlier this week. His praises were sung by the main office team he was assisting for his hard work and dedication to the role. He represented the school beautifully to visitors who entered via main reception that day and completed all his tasks professionally and with a smile on his face.

Amazing achievement, David!



Key Dates

2023

Thursday 21st September - Preparing for Year 11 Evening

Thursday 28th September - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 3rd October - PD Day 1

Thursday 5th October - Activities Week 2024 Launch (remote)

Uniform & Equipment

As we begin the new academic year, please ensure your children have the correct uniform & equipment with them each day. If you require any support contact your child's form tutor. You can find details of what they need [here](#).



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Trafalgar joins network of Languages Hubs

Admiral Lord Nelson School and Trafalgar School have been recognised for their long-term commitment to inclusive languages education by being selected as one of only 15 lead language hubs to join the NCLE's* centre for excellence.

As lead schools they will work with partner schools with the aim of improving languages learning across the 7-16 age range, as well as encouraging pupils from all backgrounds to study languages through to further and higher education.

This announcement is the next step in the rollout of the government's flagship language hubs programme, which will raise national interest in studying languages and drive more pupils to study them throughout their education from primary schools onwards.

National Data from this year's GCSE entries showed that modern foreign languages have become increasingly popular as a subject, with a 5.1% increase in GCSE entries in 2023 compared to last year and a 9.2% increase compared to 2019.

Claire Copeland, Director of Education at the Salterns Academy Trust and Executive Head of Trafalgar School said: "We are delighted that the strong leadership of languages by Rebecca Britti and Aamir Kohli in our two schools has been recognised nationally and that they will be able to share their passion for languages learning across the local region."

Nys Hardingham, CEO of the Salterns Academy Trust added: "We pride ourselves on providing an inclusive education experience for all of our students. We are proud to have achieved recognition for the excellent languages education we deliver and being a languages hub lead will enable us to share our approach and expertise and ensure as many students as possible are able to benefit from an excellent education in languages"

*The NCLE comprises of University College London, the British Council and the Goethe-Institut.



IT System Upgrades

We have upgraded some of our IT systems over the summer and are currently experiencing a few teething problems with things writing back to Class Charts accurately. We are working hard to get this resolved but please don't hesitate to contact the school if things such as attendance marks don't appear to be correct on the app. Rest assured, the school will still contact you, via Class Charts, on the morning your child is absent from school if we have not already received a reason for absence.

Thank you for your patience with this!



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Extra Curricular - September Taster Timetable

Our clubs are up and running, we hope students have been having a great time getting involved!

We will be reviewing our offer over the next few weeks and will share with you updates to the timetable, including the addition of lunch time clubs, later in the month.

	After school 3-4pm
Monday	DofE Club Catch Up- Invited students only (Sci8) Girl's football (Gym2) Basketball (Gym1) Monologues and Manuscripts (Drama Studio) Home Learning Support (Canteen) Art and Photography Club (Art 2)
Tuesday	Minecraft Club (IT1/2) Eco Club (Hum1) LEGO Robotics Club (Sci2) Netball (Astro) UNLOC Debate Club (EN2) Year 7 and 8 Boy's football (Field) Trafalgar School Newspaper Club (EN7) Sparx Support (Ma1) Year 7-9 Book Club (Library) Home Learning Support (Canteen) MFL Film club
Wednesday	History Club (HUM1) Science Club (Sci1) Year 9, 10 and 11 Boy's football (Field) Trampolineing (Gym2) Whole School Play (Drama Studio) Whole School Production Band (Invite only- Music Room) Dance Live (Dance Studio) Year 10 Art, Photography and Food Prep Coursework Enrichment (Art 2 Week 1) Year 11 All Art Subjects Coursework Enrichment (Art 2 Week 2) Year 11 Food Prep Culinary Skill Workshop (Food Tech Week 2) Board Game Club (Library) Home Learning Support (Canteen)
Thursday	Home Learning Support (Canteen)
Friday	Home Learning Support (Canteen) Active Citizenship (HUM3)

Join our Team!

We are currently recruiting for an English Teacher to join our fantastic team here at Trafalgar.

If you, or someone you know, would be great for this role then visit our website to find out more and apply!



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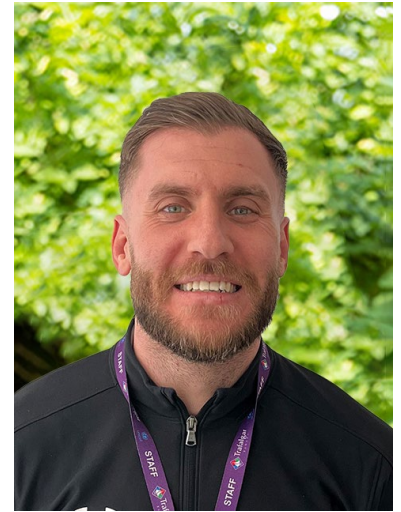
New Pastoral Team for 2023/24









Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready and raring to go for another school year at Trafalgar.

We are excited to share with you a couple of changes within our pastoral structure, and how to make contact with your child's House team should you require.

We look forward to working with you all in what will no doubt be another incredible year.

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