

Trafalgar Newsletter

3rd March 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Bulletin!

This week we held our first Trafalgar Book Week! During the week, we celebrated all things literature with competitions and events based around reading. This culminated in World Book Day on Friday, where students were invited to dress up as a fictional character. There were some fantastic costumes from staff and students and you can see their efforts inside this bulletin!

Our students smashed it at Dance Live! on Monday evening. They performed brilliantly, claiming the award for Best Concept and Judges Technical Award. These are the first awards we have won in this competition and we couldn't be prouder of all involved. Thank you to the students and Miss Edwards for all their hard work and for everyone who went to support and cheer them on. We can't wait to see what you come up with next year!

Our Year 7 RAP meetings have got off to a good start and will continue into next week. Please be aware that our Year 9 Options Evening on 16th has now moved to the 14th in light of the potential strike action on the 15th and 16th March.

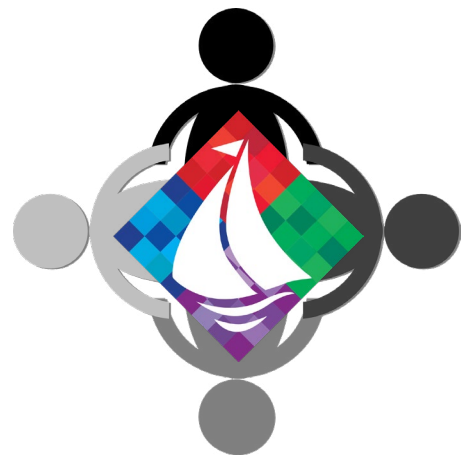
Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Community Circles

This week in our community circles we started to get excited for World Book Day. The sequential question was "what was the last book that you read?" Students and staff talked about outfits and characters from books they wanted to dress up as. We discussed how all taking part needed to represent a clearly defined literary character and ideas for this! The competition amongst staff very much heated up, with each department having a theme and students voting on winners. What was the last book you read?

#joinin #teamtrafalgar #wbd



Key Dates

Mon 27th Feb - Fri 10th Mar - Year 7 RAP Meetings (onsite)

Tuesday 14th Mar - Year 9 Options Evening

Monday 20th Mar - INSET Day

Tues 21st Mar - Thurs 30th Mar - Year 9 RAP Meetings (onsite)

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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Art Department Update

Students in photography club did some great paper edits this week, check them out!



Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Year 11 Mock Timetable WB 6 th March (Timetable Week 2)						
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Monday 6 th March	Maths Paper 1 90mins				Science – Biology 70mins	
Tuesday 7 th March	English Language Paper 2 105mins				History – Germany 60mins	
Wednesday 8 th March	Science – Chemistry 70mins				Maths Paper 2 90mins	
Thursday 9 th March	Geography Paper1 - Physical 90mins		Hair and Beauty 70mins		Business Paper 1 90mins	
Friday 10 th March	Sociology Paper 1 105mins		French Reading & Spanish Reading Higher– 60mins Foundation– 45mins		GCSE PE Paper 1 90mins	

World Book Day 2023

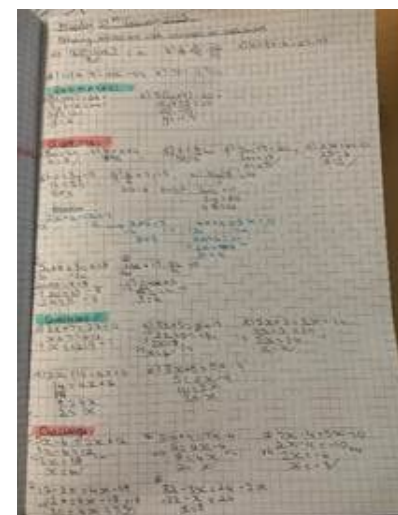
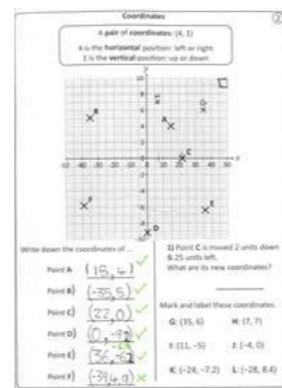
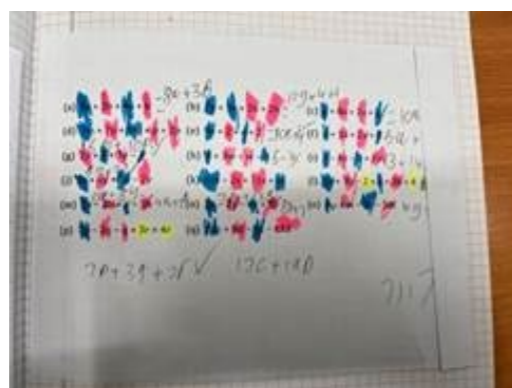
This year students and staff dressed up as their favourite fictional characters for World Book Day - here are some of our favourites!



Maths Department Update

Year 7

This week in maths, Year 7 have been working on their algebra skills: collecting like terms and plotting coordinates.



Year 8

This week in maths, Year 8 have also been working on their algebraic skills; solving equations and interpreting real life graphs.

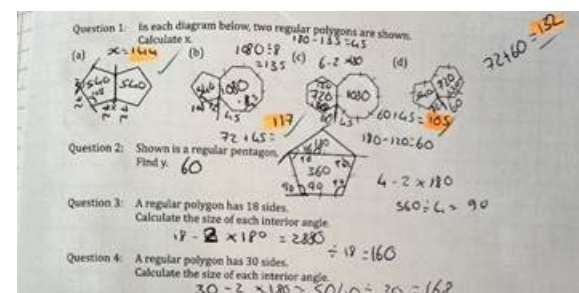
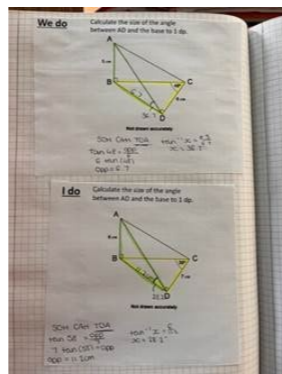


Year 10

Students completing the foundation GCSE have been working on converting and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages whilst students working towards the higher GCSE have been focusing on trigonometry.

Find the sums that make 1 whole! Go vertical, horizontal or diagonal! You may choose more than 2! There are 34 to find!

96%	$\frac{3}{10}$	25%	0.35	$\frac{1}{10}$	10%	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	0.15	
0.05	0.05	0.1	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.5	$\frac{1}{4}$	25%	0.05	0.4	
0.35	65%	75%	0.6	$\frac{1}{10}$	0.4	0.5	0.75	0.05	
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.7	$\frac{9}{10}$	35%	70%	$\frac{7}{10}$	20%	0.45
10%	0.7	$\frac{3}{10}$	15%	0.65	0.05	0.55	0.2	$\frac{3}{10}$	50%
$\frac{7}{10}$	0.1	20%	70%	0.4	0.1	40%	$\frac{1}{10}$	15%	0.4
0.2	0.05	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	0.15	0.5	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.45	0.9	$\frac{3}{10}$
0.1	0.85	5%	0.05	85%	0.1	$\frac{1}{10}$	0.15	0.3	10%
$\frac{7}{10}$	25%	85%	$\frac{9}{10}$	90%	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	10%	20%	$\frac{3}{10}$
0.1	7	20%	0.8	0.4	$\frac{3}{10}$	0.15	70%	$\frac{2}{10}$	30%



Year 11

Year 11 have been very busy revising for their Mock exams next week – we wish them all the best of luck.

Reminder:

Home learning for all students is now set every week on Sparx Maths and is compulsory for all.

There is an after-school home learning support club in MA4 every Thursday, if students need any help from the Maths Department.

Congratulations to the following students for making the top 10 on our Sparx XP leader board!
Hasna J, Kira S, Alessia B, Dinia G, Vlad S, Edward P, Leeroy R, Matilda L, Louie Q, Isaiyarasy T.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

LONELINESS ONLINE:

What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely? In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature

FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111

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