

# Trafalgar Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of our parent bulletin! With the clocks going forward and the lighter evenings rolling in, there is a renewed sense of optimism in the air and that is just the sort of energy we want to continue carrying in to the summer term and the coming exam season!

A couple of weeks ago we announced the date for our Year 11 Prom for 2022. This is a great chance to celebrate students' time at Trafalgar and it will be held at the Queen's Hotel in Southsea on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will be priced at £40 each and places can be secured with a £10 deposit per ticket. Deposits should be paid by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, either in cash or through ParentPay, with the remaining balance due by the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

In this edition of the bulletin, you will find updates from our MFL department, including a sneak peek of the MFL Café which is rapidly taking shape. We also have some exciting photography work from our Year 7 and 8 students, as well as the latest update from our Community Circles and details of activities students can get involved with over Easter with 'HAF Fun Pompey'.

Take care and stay safe,

**Team Trafalgar**

## End of Term Celebration returns to Mountbatten!

We are excited to be heading back to the Mountbatten Centre for our end of term celebration next week!

This will be the first time we have been able to get together and celebrate as a community like this in over 2 years.

If parents are yet to sign their child's annual trip consent form, could you please do this as soon as possible.

**Students will be dismissed from the Mountbatten Centre, 2:40pm onwards.**



### Key Dates

2022

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 11 Prom ticket deposits due

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Easter Break

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** - Students start back

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Reminder about essential equipment:**  
Please ask students to check their bags before they come to school and make sure they have all essential equipment with them.



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# Photography Club

Year 7 and 8 students have been using Photography club to learn how to use our professional studio, dark room, and lighting, as well as how to use the manual focus settings on our cameras to create some detailed, abstract and stunning photos!

Photography club takes place on Thursdays after school. Please see Miss Sturgess in Art 2 if you are interested in getting involved!



# Community Circles Update

This week our tutor community circles were answering their check in questions and community builder, such as this brain teaser:

**"I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?"**

Did you work it out? Students had an imaginative array of answers but correctly identified that it was a map!

Students also discussed Autism Acceptance Week (previously known as Autism Awareness Week) and discussed the difference between 'awareness' and 'acceptance'.

How do you think your child answered? Ask them, get involved and let's keep the conversation going. #joinin



# MFL Department Update



Café

Since moving into our new building at the beginning of September, we really wanted the students to feel like they've walked into their languages lesson in an enticing and exciting way. So we are transforming our MFL building front into a French café! Decorating is well underway, and we will soon be serving up French delicacies to really enhance students' experience of learning a language. We hope to have our grand opening in September 2022! Watch this space!

## Spanish

This week in Spanish, Year 9's have been fully immersed in our new topic. To enhance their learning, we have been watching a short film in Spanish which the students have found useful and interactive.



# PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

## Being late for school means lost learning time

Minutes late per day	Number of hours lost over a year	Number of days lost over a year
5 minutes	15 hours 50 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	31 hours 40 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	47 hours 30 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	63 hours 20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	95 hours	20.7 days

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME?

- It shows respect towards your teacher and your classmates, it shows you value them.
- Being punctual enables you to make good progress.
- If you are late, this has a negative effect on your own learning and impacts the learning of the rest of your class.
- Your attendance and punctuality record will be shared when you apply for college or sixth form.

## TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

### START TIME:

### MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:50AM

(Pupils must be on site at least 10 minutes before the start of the school day)



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**THIS  
EASTER**

**11 - 22 APRIL 2022**

Open to all children from 5 - 16 years old  
and **FREE** spaces available for those eligible.

The programme includes a fantastic range of activities from sports clubs, cooking classes, climbing, tech workshops and drama groups, plus good, tasty food is also provided. Family days are included too, so everyone can get involved!

For more information and details on how to book,  
visit [www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey](http://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey)  
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