

Parent Bulletin

22nd September 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Bulletin!

Thank you to all our Year 11 students and parents who attended our Preparing for Year 11 evening last night. There was a fantastic turnout and it was good to see lots of people utilising the careers advice available in the canteen after the main address. We hope you all feel more prepared for what lies ahead this year now and we are sure if we all work together, our students will smash it in their GCSE exams!

We also have updates from our Maths and English departments, as well as information regarding a careers event being held next week at Fratton Park by Portsmouth City Council. You can find information about the event and the QR code to book your places inside this bulletin.

Attendance at our after school clubs has continued to be strong and on social media we will begin announcing the house that has attended most clubs that week, so be sure to encourage your child to get involved with clubs and help support their house! Our extra curricular timetable can be found on our website and daily reminders will be going up on our social media for students to work out what they would like to attend after school in the weeks ahead!

Stay safe and take care,

Team Trafalgar

Year 7 Meet the Tutor and Curriculum Evening!

Year 7 Meet the Tutor and Curriculum Evening is on 28th September 2023 between 17.30 and 19.00.

The event will allow you to have a 1:1 meeting with your child's tutor to discuss their transition and attend a talk explaining our curriculum offer to your child.

You can book your 15 minute appointment with your child's tutor via school cloud - more detail was sent out via Class Charts earlier this week, so please check your messages.



Key Dates

2023

Thursday 28th September - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 3rd October - PD Day 1

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

Thursday 12th October - Open Evening 2023

Uniform & Equipment

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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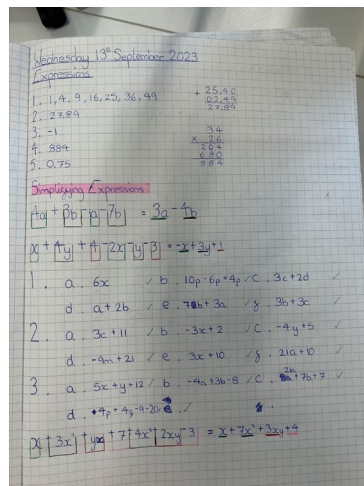
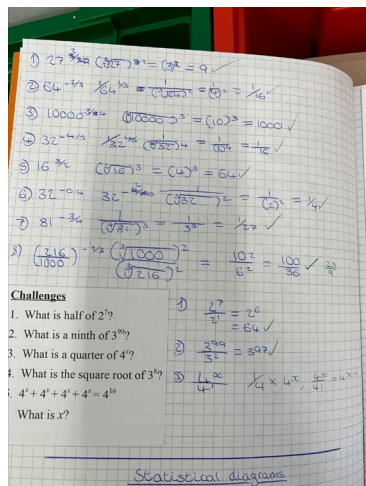
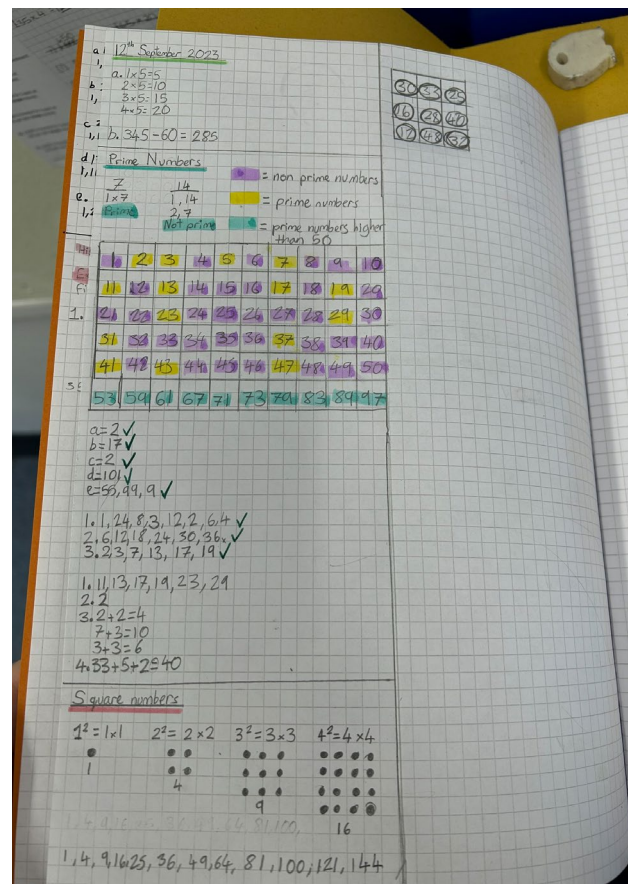
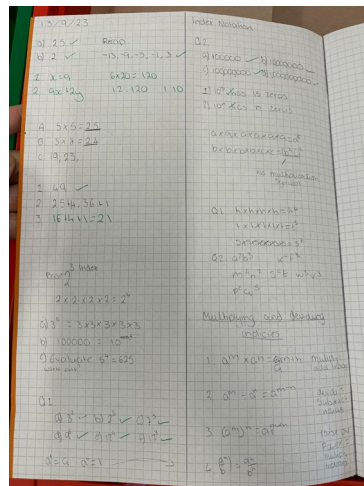
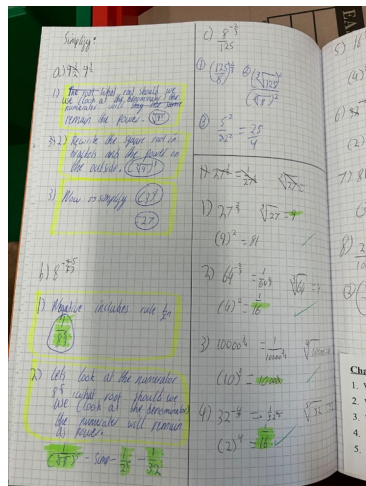
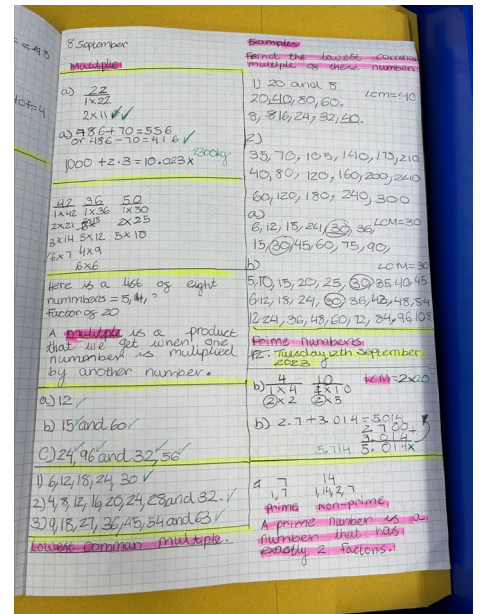
Maths Department Update

We started off this academic year with lovely new Year 7's and welcoming back all of our other year groups.

As a department, we are really excited to see what all our students will achieve this year.

Year 7's have been focussing on factors, multiples and squared numbers to ease them in, whilst our Year 10 and 11 students have been working on index notation and fractional and negative indices.

Well done to all for already showing resilience in maths.

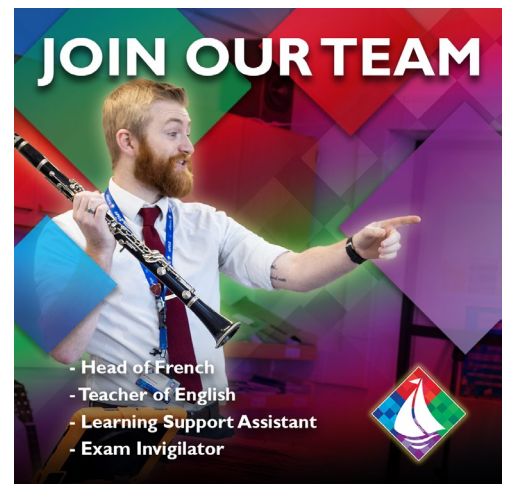


Join our Team!

We are currently recruiting for the following roles to join our fantastic team here at Trafalgar:

- Head of French
- Teacher of English
- Learning Support Assistant
- Exam Invigilator

If you, or someone you know, would be great for any of these roles then visit our website to find out more and apply!



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Careers and Apprenticeship Show 2023

Portsmouth City Council and its partners would like to invite you to this year's **Careers and Apprenticeship Show**. This event aims to support young people aged 15-25 and their parents/carers to find out more information about the education and career opportunities available after school or college.



Date: Wednesday 27th September 2023

Venue: Portsmouth F.C. Fratton Park

Doors Open: 15:00 - 18:00 pm

This event is free to attend and is an opportunity for you and your young people to explore the range of progression routes available in and around the city. Over 40 employers and training providers will be exhibiting at this event, to answer your questions and showcase the opportunities in their business and industry.

- Talk directly to inspiring employers and hear about the range of opportunities available.
- Find out about education and training opportunities in the city.
- Explore the range pathways available, from intermediate, advanced, higher, and degree apprenticeships!

We encourage Parents and Carers to explore the event with their young people between 15:00-18:00. To register at the event please sign up via our Eventbrite: <https://CASPortsmouth2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

English Department Update

We have had our first Reading Leaders' meeting of the year this! Students are extremely excited about all the fabulous reading events and competitions that are coming up this year.

The meeting also marked the start of our new Student Librarian scheme! Every day at break and lunch, one of our Student Librarians will be in the Library to chat, help and support anyone in all things reading.



So remember to come to the Library, which is open every break and lunch, to browse and select another fabulous book to read. Be it fiction, non-fiction or audiobook; we have lots of each to suit everyone!

Our next big reading news will be announced shortly, so keep your eyes peeled! #teamtrafalgarreads



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Community Circles

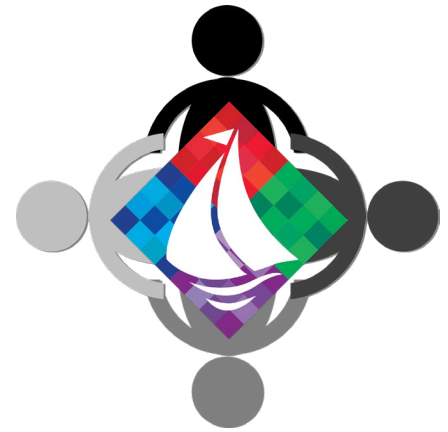
In community circles this week, our check out question was:

'What have you done this week that has benefited our community?'

As our theme this month relates to the environment, some chose to focus on how they have made sure they have done the small things to benefit our school environment, such as putting rubbish in the bin and making sure they re-use water bottles. Others chose to focus on our school values, and gave examples of this. These included making sure that their new Year 7 tutees know where they are going in lessons, or ensuring they check-in with friends or classmates. Relationships are so important here, but that doesn't mean we don't all have to work at them.

Ask your child/children how they answered this question. How would you answer it?

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BAE Systems: Careers Event

BAE Systems Maritime Services is offering an exciting opportunity for young women aged 15 – 18 years to explore careers within security and defence.

Whether they're a problem solver, organiser, hands-on learner or computer whizz, we have all kinds of career options available, for everyone.

They are inviting young women to join them for a fun and informal networking lunch at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard:

- Thursday 26 October 2023, 1pm – 3pm (half term)
- Thursday 8 February 2024, 1pm – 3pm

BAE SYSTEMS

For 15 to 18 year olds

Women in Maritime Networking Lunch

Get to know our female professionals

Whether you're a problem solver, organiser, hands-on learner or computer whizz, join BAE Systems for a fun and informal networking event for young women interested in exploring rewarding careers helping to defend our nation.

They'll meet some of their inspiring female leaders, learn about their work and explore their current apprenticeship opportunities. PLUS enjoy a delicious FREE afternoon tea, while they chat.

Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

To register, or for more information or to discuss attending the February event as a small school group, please contact maritimeeducation@baesystems.com or call Sam on 0330 046 1848.



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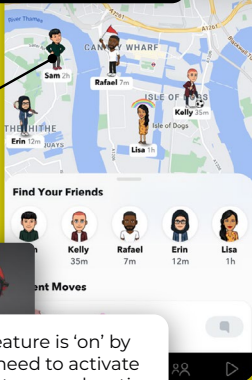
STREAKS, MEETS, AND SNAPS

YOUR HOW-TO GUIDE TO SNAPCHAT FEATURES

SNAPCHAT is a social media platform used to share customisable photos, messages, and short-form videos referred to as 'Snaps' which can disappear after 24 hours. But this app isn't only for turning your messages into ghosts. It has a multitude of features that keep it fresh and current with young people today.

SNAP MAP

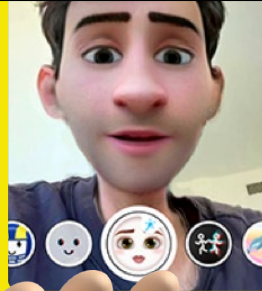
- Shows real time location on an interactive map.
- Includes street, town/city, and building names.
- Options for 'meet up' and 'live location sharing' with friends.



CAUTION: This feature is 'on' by default. You will need to activate 'Ghost Mode' to stop your location from appearing on the map.

FILTERS

- A moving image 'overlayed' onto pictures and videos.
- Can range from colour changing to face/setting altering.
- A popular way for users to express themselves.



DID YOU KNOW...

Snapchat is the original disappearing messages app! It's been around since 2011.

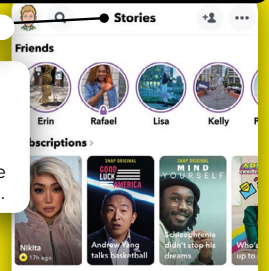


STORIES

- Personalised images or videos on your profile.
- Can be seen by select friends, all friends, or wider public.
- Posts will last for 24 hours before disappearing forever.



Stories



NEVER FORGET
If you want to stop a snap or story from disappearing, it can be archived in 'Memories' to be timestamped and reshared.

Discover



DISCOVER

- A live news feed featuring Snapchat's chosen publishers.
- Wall Street Journal, ESPN, and others are included.
- Influencers and brands are also featured.



SNAPSTREAKS

- Achieved when two users send messages daily for 3 or more days.
- Once reached, a flame emoji appears next to the friend's username.
- The number of days will appear as well to show how long the streak is.



SPOTLIGHT

- Short form videos used for viral video content.
- Users can like, reply, and share with friends on Snapchat.
- Videos cannot be downloaded or shared to other platforms.



THE PUBLIC EYE

Snapchat accounts must be 'public' to create Spotlight videos. This feature can be viewed and accessed by all users.



ALL ABOUT SNAPCHAT+

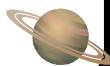
Snapchat launched a premium option for its platform called 'Snapchat+' in June 2022 across the world. Described as having "exclusive, experimental and pre-release features", this paid version costs £3.99 per month and includes:



'Ghost Trails' - see up to 24 hours of a friend's shared location history.

'Story Rewatch Indicator' - view which users have rewatched a story.

'Friend Solar System' - use planetary order to highlight friendships.



RISKS, RISKS, AND MORE RISKS



AGE VERIFICATION - there is currently no effective process to verify user age.



STRANGER DANGER - 'friending' users is easy and opens up direct contact.



SCREENTIME OVERLOAD - trends like 'Snapstreaks' could encourage bad habits.



CYBERBULLYING - disappearing messages may give bullies extra ammo online.



EXPLICIT INTERACTIONS - users may feel more comfortable 'sexting' others.



PRESSURE - users might experience pressure to send nude imagery to others.

'DISAPPEARING' DANGER

Just because images and videos 'disappear' within 24 hours doesn't mean that other users can't save them. Even though Snapchat tells you when another user screenshots your message, it does not consider secondary devices or video capturing software being used to record photos or videos.



TOP TIPS



TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIP CULTURE.
Remind young people that they should only ever share personal details with trusted friends who they know in-person.



TURN ON PRIVACY SETTINGS.
Explain the importance of protecting their privacy on apps where others may have access to their profile and their real-time location.



DISCUSS WHAT NOT TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.
By talking through the false security of 'disappearing' messages, you can help them feel more confident saying "no."



REMINDE THEM WHO THEY CAN TALK TO.
Check that your young person knows who their trusted adults are and that they can turn to them if something happens.