

# Parent Bulletin



29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Bulletin!

Thank you to all our Year 7 parents who attended our Meet the Tutor evening last night. It was encouraging to see so many parents and students there and to help build those strong links between home and school. We are really proud of how well Year 7 are settling in and look forward to seeing what successes they achieve this year!

We have an update from our Science department, as well as information regarding an MFL trip being held later in the term.

We have photos from earlier this week when local artist Samo came in to work with our winning PD Day team to help them turn their mural design into a reality. This was an amazing opportunity and now students have a permanent reminder of their achievements which will be seen by the whole school daily!

There is still more excitement to come, with our first PD Day of the year taking place next week, along with the launch of Activities Week 2024! Information will be shared on our website on the 5th October and we can't wait!

Stay safe and take care,

**Team Trafalgar**

## BBC Bitesize comes to Trafalgar!

An excited buzz descended on Trafalgar this week as students had the chance to hear from the BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow!

Students got to hear from a host of professionals about their career paths, including an Associate Test Engineer from McLaren Applied!

Students had a great time and asked some really insightful questions.



### Key Dates

2023

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - PD Day 1

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - School Photographer - Years 7, 9 & 11

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Activities Week 2024 Launch (remote)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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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# Science Department Update

## Year 7

Year 7 have begun their Science journey at Trafalgar by learning how to work safely in the lab and think scientifically. They have practised planning and carrying out investigations, recording their results and presenting them as graphs to evaluate.

## Year 8 and 9

Our Year 8 and 9 students have been recapping key ideas from the previous year in preparation for their first Landmark Assessments. Some of the many topics they have reviewed include cells, the human body, particles, energy, metals and non-metals and atoms.

## Year 10

Year 10 students have been reviewing key concepts across the three Sciences, including cells, atoms, the Periodic Table,



chemical bonding, forces and motion. Here, students in 10G1 used the molymods to create 3D models of a carbon structure known as Buckminsterfullerene (Buckyballs).



## Year 11

Year 11 begin their final year of Science at Trafalgar revising for their Paper 1 mock exam. They are practising their retrieval skills and applying knowledge to practice exam questions in their lessons.

This is also an opportunity for students to carry out their core practicals again and hone their 'working scientifically' skills. Students in Year 11 Triple Science carried out a titration experiment to find the concentration (strength) of an unknown acid during their Chemistry lesson.

## Join our Team!

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

- Head of French
- Senior Inclusion Assistant - Social Communication and Interaction
- Learning Support Assistant
- Exam Invigilator
- Social Emotional and Mental Health Lead - Temporary

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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# Community Circles

This week in our circles, in honour of European Day of Languages, which was on Tuesday 26th September, tutor community circles answered the question:

**“Imagine you can instantly learn any language; which would you choose?”.**



As a Languages teacher myself, I found the variety of answers fascinating. Japanese and Arabic were popular choices, but in terms of European languages, Spanish seemed to steal the show! What did your child/children answer? How would you answer?

#europeandayoflanguages #joinin #holateamtrafalgar

## PD Day winners create their mural with local artist

We have had the pleasure of welcoming local artist Samo into our school to work with our PD Day 5 winning team from last term.

The team had the opportunity to turn their winning design for an Equity and Diversity mural into a living piece of art in our school.

The students had a fantastic day creating their final mural and have made memories to last a lifetime.



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One day  
AT  
CHRISTMAS

# Jingle All the Way to Lille's Enchanting Christmas Market!

## What is included?

- ✓ 1 day trip - £140 per student
- ✓ Christmas Market
- ✓ Visit at the French bakery
- ✓ Sightseeing in Lille
- ✓ Christmas shopping spree



## Pick-up Point

TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

## Departure



Friday the 1st of December 2023  
Time: 00:15am



Channel ferry crossings via Dover - Calais

## Return



Friday the 1st of December 2023  
Time: 23:00pm

**44 spaces available only and PASSPORT REQUIRED**  
**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT MISS ABDILLAHI AND MR KOHLI.**



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# Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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