

Trafalgar Newsletter

21st October 2022

We have made it through the first half term and it is safe to say the academic year is off to a great start! Well done everyone!

Inside this edition of the parent bulletin you will find an update on college applications for students in Year 11. We understand how important this year is and will do our utmost to support students as they navigate these applications and prepare for the future. The updated [Year 11](#) section on our website and our [Careers Hub](#) have lots of helpful information for students and parents, but if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor!

In our safeguarding section there is a helpful checklist you can go through with your child regarding online bullying and what they can do to protect themselves online.

We also have the answers to Elsie's Black History Month quiz, along with some additional information about each answer! Thank you Elsie for putting this together for students to do in tutor time, we hope you enjoyed the quiz and found it informative at home!

Enjoy your half term, have a well earned rest and we will see students again on the 31st October!

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Thank you to our Open Evening Superstars!

Thank you to our open evening helpers. It was a fantastic evening with a very large turnout and they all did brilliantly, particularly our new Year 7 students who are still learning the school themselves!

Mrs Copeland met with the students earlier to give them a Trafalgarised bag of sweets and say thank you for all their efforts on Open Evening. They did us all proud!

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Key Dates

Monday 24th - Friday 28th Oct - Half Term
Monday 7th - Friday 11th Nov - Year 8 RAP Meetings
Thursday 24th Nov - Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 25th Nov - INSET Day
Monday 28th Nov - INSET Day

A quick reminder - if you have not yet signed up to our parent portal, Class Charts, please do so immediately as this will be our only method of communication this year. To get your personalised log in details please email studentservices@trafalgarschool.org.uk.



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Awareness Month - Black History Month Quiz Answers

Elsie from our Student Leadership Team has put together a short quiz on Black History Month that students have been doing in tutor time. Have a go at home and see how many you can get right! We'll publish the answers in next week's edition of the bulletin!



1) When did the celebration of Black History month begin?

A. 1970

Black History Month was first proposed by Black educators and the African-American Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State a year later, from January 2 to February 28, 1970. (1987 in the UK)

2) Which US President first officially recognised Black History Month?

C. Gerald Ford

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

3) When did racial discrimination become illegal in the United Kingdom?

B. 1965

The Race Relations Act 1965 was the first piece of legislation in the UK to address the prohibition of racial discrimination and followed previously unsuccessful bills. The Act banned racial discrimination in public places and made the promotion of hatred on the grounds of 'colour, race, or ethnic or national origins' an offence.

4) What is the first name of this famous tennis player (pictured right)?

C. Serena

Serena Jameka Williams is an American inactive professional tennis player. She was ranked world No. 1 in singles by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks, including a joint-record 186 consecutive weeks.



5) Who was the first African American to refuse to give up their seat on a bus?

B. Claudette Colvin

15 year old Claudette Colvin: the woman who refused to give up her bus seat – only nine months before Rosa Parks. It was a spring afternoon in 1955 when a teenager's spontaneous act of defiance changed US history.

6) How long did the Montgomery bus boycott last?

A. 13 months

Sparked by the arrest of Rosa Parks on 1 December 1955, the Montgomery bus boycott was a 13-month mass protest that ended with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that segregation on public buses is unconstitutional.

7) Who presented the "I had a dream" speech?

B. Martin Luther King JR

The "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr. before a crowd of some 250,000 people at the 1963 March on Washington, remains one of the most famous speeches in history.

8) Who was the first African American to play professional basketball?

C. Moses Fleetwood Walker

He was the first African American to play pro basketball. The legacy of Moses "Fleet" Fleetwood Walker as the first African American to play basketball professionally is changing the narrative of sport history.

9) Who was the famous Black nurse who died in London after saving many British soldiers during the Crimean War?

A. Mary Seacole

Mary Jane Seacole was a British-Jamaican nurse who funded her own trip to Crimea, now part of Ukraine, established the British Hotel which was provided to injured or sick soldiers and helped countless lives during the war.

10) What was the name of law that enforced segregation in the US?

C. Jim Crow law

It was a state and local law which enforced racial segregation in the southern United States. This law lasted for around 100 years from the Civil War era until 1968.

Year 11 - College Application Deadlines

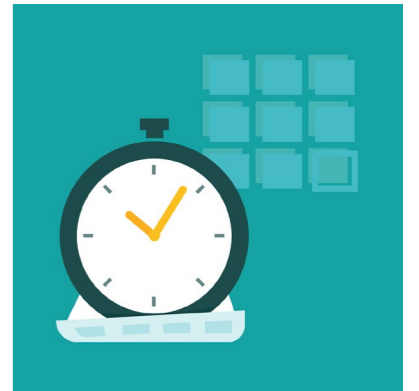
Applications to apply to the college of your choice are open now - to avoid disappointment, if applying to a local college, we would encourage you to submit your application in the Autumn term which runs up till the 16th December. Once submitted, you will be invited to an informal interview to discuss your study programme.

We are planning an 'application workshop' from the week beginning 21st November. HSDC, Portsmouth and Highbury College, The UTC and Fareham College will be on site in the library to answer any questions about courses and assist students who are yet to submit an application.

If you feel you would benefit from further assistance with an application, please contact Miss Passmore on careers@trafalgarschool.org.uk who will arrange a time slot with your preferred college to complete this.

Students in Year 11 can also access an independent interview with our Careers advisor, Mandy Haddigan, who will be on site every Thursday to discuss careers options and college applications. If students are uncertain on what to do next, an appointment with Mandy would be a great start to get them thinking about their future. Students can arrange an interview via Miss Passmore, or parents, if you feel you would like to discuss this on behalf of your child, you can email Mandy Haddigan on mandy.haddigan@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Please visit the [Year 11 section](#) and the [careers hub](#) on our website for more information!



Music Department Update

It's business as usual in music, with Year 8 and 9 progressing their musical knowledge by studying chords and key signatures. Year 7 are starting their musical journey by learning how to read, understand and apply rhythmic notation on drums by playing as a whole class, in groups, and even composing their own individual rhythms.

KS4 pupils are hard at work focusing on their BTEC coursework with Year 10 studying different genres of music, and Year 11 developing, honing and presenting their skills through a developmental project.



Instrument lessons are starting next half term, with a few spaces left for drums, guitar and vocals - if pupils are interested, then please contact Mr Mounteney to get information and sign up forms!

Community Circles Update

This week in our community circles we checked in on Monday with the question "What is the best TV series you have watched this half-term?"

This set off an interesting discussion around how anyone can 'binge watch' a series from streaming services nowadays. I certainly remember having to wait what felt like a year (in reality, a mere week) to get my next fix of 'Casualty'.

Of course, with such a wealth of things to watch at our fingertips, recommendations are incredibly helpful, however it is important for students to ensure that what they watch is age appropriate.

'Married at first sight' came out as a family favourite for some. What do you and your child/children like to watch together? #joinin #teamtrafalgar



BE A CYBER-HERO! Not a Cyberbully!



Online bullying is quite common but that doesn't make it OK. You definitely shouldn't have to live with bullying in any form, even online.

Read through this list and tick off which Cyber Powers you have to beat those villainous online bullies.

If you see someone being bullied online BE A CYBER HERO and talk to them about this checklist so they can get help.

- BE YOURSELF** - You are not the problem and don't let them change you.
- Remember, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** - Many people experience and overcome bullying.
- The earlier you **TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST** the better - this could be a teacher, parent/carer, social worker or family member.
- DON'T RESPOND** or retaliate - sometimes a reaction is exactly what bullies are looking for.
- Take **SCREENSHOTS** of any nasty messages or comments sent over text or social media, then delete the message. This means you have evidence of what the bully has sent.
- PROTECT YOUR ACCOUNTS** with long, strong passwords. Don't share your passwords with anyone, even best friends.
- Control who sees what you post online with your **PRIVACY SETTINGS**.
- If the bully is **THREATENING** you, you should report them to the police.
- BLOCK, REPORT** and **DELETE** the bully.
- Take a **BREAK** from your phone and computer; spend some time doing things you enjoy.

Learn how to **BLOCK** and **REPORT** someone online at h2bsafetycentre.com



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