

# Trafalgar School

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"I think it has been a great experience that I would not have had in any other school. My levels have exceeded my expectations and I have 'smashed' all of my targets this year."

Year 7 Pupil

"This school is a happy, caring school. My son has flourished here. The pupils are encouraged to reach their potential and enjoy school life."

Year 7 Parent

# Aspire and achieve

Welcome to Trafalgar School, where learning is at the heart of everything we do. We pride ourselves on having uncompromising aspirations for the success of all our students and are dedicated to developing lifelong learners and future leaders.

Trafalgar School forms part of the Salterns Academy Trust, established in partnership with Admiral Lord Nelson School. Our aim is to provide an all-round educational experience of the very highest quality to all secondary age children in the North of Portsmouth.

Excellent relationships between staff and students, which are based on mutual respect and a staff commitment always to go the 'extra mile', mean students are able to achieve their potential.

We are committed to meeting the needs of all students, whether through providing additional support for learning or by adding challenge through early entry for examinations or master classes.

At Trafalgar School we know that student enjoyment is an important factor in academic and personal success and our stable and experienced staff strive to ensure students thrive and achieve.

Both staff and students are immensely proud of the school and welcome the opportunity to share its successes.





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“The school has helped me to fulfil my dreams as I played at Fratton Park and won the Portsmouth Cup. I like the school community feel as everyone knows everyone else. The school has helped me to mature and steer my ambitions for the future and I am on track for great GCSE results.”

Year 10 Pupil

“My child has felt well supported which has boosted his confidence. He has an enthusiasm for learning, looks forward to coming to school and has really enjoyed his first year.”

Year 7 Parent

# High expectations for all

The frequent use of new technologies and a practical approach towards learning provide our students with the motivation to work hard.

At the same time our immediate priority is to embed the core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT. These skills enable our students to access all areas of the curriculum, to explore their interests and fulfil their potential.

We aim to:

- 🚩 Equip all students with the skills and qualities needed for them to have a sense of morality, make informed decisions and become successful, considerate citizens of the 21st Century.
- 🚩 Broaden their horizons and raise the hopes and aspirations of all students, building up

their confidence in their own ability and enabling them to achieve academic success.

- 🚩 Recognise and celebrate the diverse talents which lie within every student, encouraging them to make the very best of their abilities and value their own contributions and those of other people.
- 🚩 Provide the guidance and support needed when things are not going well and demonstrate how students can use their own experiences to help and support others.
- 🚩 Model personal and social skills which are the key to building the effective relationships that are so fundamental to a happy and fulfilled life.



“Since starting at the school I have made lots of new friends. I have improved in my reading and writing because the teachers have put a lot of effort into their lessons but at the same time, have made them fun.”

Year 7 Pupil

“I am very pleased with the school. Students’ work is closely monitored. They are encouraged not only to meet their targets but to exceed them. I am impressed with the teaching and learning but also the firm boundaries and high expectations.”

Year 10 Parent

# A broad and balanced curriculum

The Key Stage 3 Curriculum at Trafalgar School is designed to ensure that students are properly equipped with the knowledge and skills that they need for their GCSE courses, whilst retaining motivation, enthusiasm and ambition which are essential for their future success.

It places a major emphasis on embedding and consolidating the core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT whilst building on the work initiated in junior schools to develop personal, learning and thinking skills.

A practical approach towards learning is undertaken in Art, Music, Science, Engineering and PE. All students study either French or Spanish; most with study both.

We recognise that GCSEs are an important milestone but are not the end point and the vast majority of students will continue their education beyond the age of 16.

At Key Stage 4 all students continue to study the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, Computing, French/Spanish and PE.

They are able to complement this by choosing from a wide range of courses leading to GCSE, AS or vocational qualifications. We believe that students should take examinations when they are ready and early entry is common in a number of subjects.

Our experience has taught us that regular assessment, feedback and targeted support are vital to maintain motivation and enthusiasm, as well as ensuring that students do not fall below their targets.

Monthly progress checks and the allocation of a member of staff as a mentor are key components of our highly successful ‘Mentoring’ programme in Key Stage 4.







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“You meet lots of different people and I’ve made lots of new friends at the school. Teachers are quite strict and want you to work hard but are also very helpful and really listen to you.”

Year 8 Pupil

“I have seen my son develop into a mature and confident young adult... A marvellous school where children feel cared for and are motivated to achieve their best.”

Year 10 Parent

# A supportive and inclusive culture

At Trafalgar School we aim to create an environment in which good teaching and effective learning can flourish.

We achieve this by establishing high expectations in terms of conduct and behaviour both inside classrooms and around the school.

Our staff and senior students model high standards of conduct and respect and expect nothing less in return.

All students are provided with clear boundaries with an emphasis on taking responsibility for their actions, accepting consequences and moving on.

Staff retention at Trafalgar School is exceptionally high and so it is not uncommon for students to have the same form tutor from Year 8 to Year 11. This ensures that all students are individually

known and strong relationships can be built. The personalised approach supports the individual learning of each student.

We are a multicultural school. Our students understand that everybody is of equal standing and that intolerance, prejudice and bullying of any kind will never be accepted.

Our nationally recognised peer mentoring scheme and highly valued prefect system provide opportunities for senior students to assume responsibility, as they provide advice and guidance to our younger pupils.

There are excellent internal systems to ensure that on the rare occasions that students are unable to meet our high expectations, their behaviour is not allowed to disrupt the learning of others.



“Moving to secondary school is nerve-wracking but the pupils are really welcoming. The school offers lots of opportunities such as trips and after school clubs. I am also a member of the School Council and training to be a pupil mentor.”

Year 7 Pupil

“Everyone appears to be encouraged to participate in what they are good at whether it’s Sport or Maths or Art.”

Year 9 Parent

# A talented community

We believe that education reaches far beyond the taught curriculum. A key part of our mission is to raise our students’ aspirations and broaden their horizons so that they are aware of opportunities that exist within and beyond the boundaries of Portsmouth.

Every year sees an expansion in the range and variety of trips and visits, from South Africa to the Lake District via France, Spain and the battlefields of Belgium.

The wonders of the scientific world are explored through an extensive series of visits to coal mines, power stations and iron works.

Many of our trips have a specific purpose such as rewarding good attendance, team building or leadership training. Others, such as our sports tours, provide an opportunity to use sport to foster international understanding and friendship.

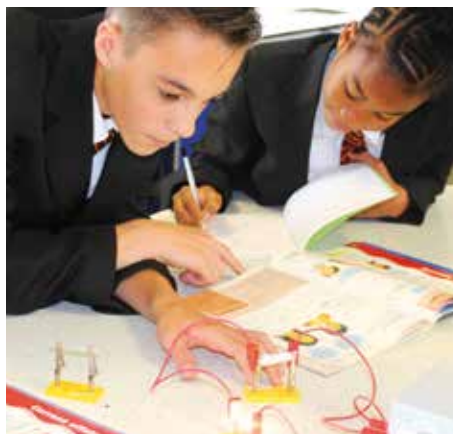
We provide a rich variety of sporting opportunities, particularly in team sports where we regularly achieve local and regional successes.

Perhaps less obvious is the wide range of non-sporting challenges and competitions in which we gain similar success, from public speaking to powerboat design to mathematical mastermind.

We make good use of partnerships available in the local area, working closely with other schools, colleges and businesses to broaden our students’ experiences and raise aspirations.

The school has developed particularly strong links with The University of Portsmouth and Babcock PLC, both of whom are trustees of the school.

Trafalgar School can genuinely claim that, whatever a student’s interest, there is an opportunity for them to develop it.







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