



Trafalgar School

# NEWS



## Community:

*The people of a district or country considered collectively, especially in the context of social values & responsibilities.*

# Welcome to Trafalgar News

The last 18 months have been extraordinary and I am so proud of how our whole school community has risen to the challenges that we have faced. Staff and students quickly adapted to online learning during the periods of school closure, demonstrating resilience and determination during adversity.

Our teachers and support staff have worked hard to close any learning gaps as a result of long periods of school closure. Although engagement with live lessons was high, it is not the same as being in school. Changes to subject curriculums have addressed these quickly and will continue to do so next academic year. Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to celebrate our students' successes. As staff, we have enjoyed surprising our students on their doorsteps with their well earned awards! Although we haven't been able to go to The Mountbatten Centre for our end of term assemblies, our virtual assemblies have ensured our students have gained the recognition of their hardwork and efforts this year.

This newsletter celebrates the achievements of our students and highlights all the wonderful learning and opportunities that have taken place this term, so I hope you enjoy reading all about them!

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming back the children, especially meeting our new Year 7's in September.

## **Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher**

Reflecting on the last year is difficult - I think all of us will shy away from too many memories of the pandemic year! As a parent, I know for me, home schooling really wasn't easy.

I was incredibly proud of Trafalgar when my work took me into other school settings, as I was blown away by how quickly Trafalgar had moved to online lessons and adapted learning practices in comparison. I think as parents, we all took this new practice as the normal service for students across the city, when I can honestly say in comparison to other settings, it was quite extraordinary.

Moving forward, as we have returned to our children being in school, I could not be prouder of the Trafalgar community. I was eager to get into school at the first opportunity and to walk the school to feel how things were going. As my work had taken me around the city and I had heard stories of schools struggling with poor behaviour and high exclusion figures, I was eager to visit Trafalgar to see how things really were. The problems I had been hearing about across the city I found simply weren't evident at all at Trafalgar, and my sense of things when speaking to the children and staff was that they were glad to be back together, were being honest about the struggles of having been in lockdown and were talking to each other about how they were feeling.

All in all, I could not be more impressed with how our children and the Trafalgar community have dealt with the last year, that being said, I would be very pleased to never relive it! Here's looking forward to a sunny and at least a reduced impact from the pandemic for 21/22.

Wishing you all a fabulous summer and hoping for an easier year next year.

## **Jo Bennett - Chair of Governors**



# Hello from our Head Girl & Boy

Hello, my name is Ruby and I will be your Head Girl for 2021/2022.

I am delighted and honored to have been chosen to become your Head Girl. Over the last two months in post, me and the senior prefect team have had 1-1 meetings with students, spoken in assemblies and promoted events across the school's social media.

Come September Liam, Ellie, Dejaune and I are planning to kick-start our mental health improvement projects such as 'Thankful Thursdays'.

We are all so excited to officially step into our roles and can't wait to see what the new term has in store for us. #goteamtrafalgar!



Hi, my name's Liam and I'm the school's Head Boy for this year.

I'm very excited for the upcoming year and can't wait to share our ideas with you. We have many important events planned including PD days - awareness themed, sports themed etc. The previous year has been tough for everyone in different ways but we are hoping we can work together to get past it all and act as a community against these hard times.

Within the first half-term of the new year I hope we can present to you our ideas and get your feedback so we can know what you want, not just what we want.



# SUPPORTING ○



Just hours after the eruption of La Soufrière Volcano in their hometown of St Vincent & the Grenadines, students Kyla and Jade approached their Heads of House to ask if the school could help with the volcano relief effort. With **community** as one of our core values the whole school pulled together to help our wider community in St Vincent.

In true #teamtrafalgar style we were soon inundated with donations, and they were sent safely on their way to help the people of St Vincent!

We would like to thank everybody that donated items from children's toys, books, sanitary products and food, to face masks to protect against the constant streams of ash, your generosity was much appreciated. Your donations will have helped countless people on the island to access basic necessities during that devastating crisis.

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# OUR COMMUNITY

In June we were raising money and awareness for Brain Tumour Research - and looking good doing it!

Well done and thank you to everyone who donated and wore a hat for this important cause!

#wearahatdaywithflowers



# End of Term Awards

This has been a term full of challenges, but our fantastic community has risen to all of them brilliantly, embodying our core values and smashing expectations.

Here is a list of some of our students who have received awards in our end of term celebration, in recognition of their successes.

**Top Boy** is Micky Felstead

**Top Girl** is Jessica Chambers

## HOH Star Students

Temeraire: Dejaune Felix    Britannia: Havin Yalcin

Sovereign: Airidas Baranauskas    Victory: Dirhat Abdulla

## Resilience

Maisie Fox  
Harmoni Harrigan  
Betty Budd  
Bailey Rance

## Inclusion

Frankie Ratcliffe  
Matilda Boakes  
Kaitlyn Wilson

## Respect

Archie Harding  
Joshua Osbourne  
Logan Robinson

## Community

Caitlyn Shortt  
Lilyanna Green  
Quinn Wylie

## Aspiration

Tilly Rogers  
Eva Tremlett  
Harvey Sheldon



Well done to every student who received an award! Have a great summer!

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# Hot Chocolate with the Head



Mrs Copeland was delighted to celebrate with so many students and congratulate them on their achievements this term.

Well done to everyone featured!



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