

# Parent Bulletin



21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

We're pleased to bring you this week's update from across our school community.

Year 9 Parents' Evening took place virtually last night and was very well attended. Thank you to all families who joined us. Strong communication between school and home plays a vital role in supporting each student's progress, and we truly value the time you gave to these important conversations.

Next week, we look forward to our first Personal Development (PD) Day of the year. Students across all year groups will be taking part in a wide range of experiences designed to help them 'Be Ready', one of our core rules for learning. You can find a detailed overview of the day's programme in the article included inside this newsletter.

Students have now received their Activities Week choices for Summer 2026. Please be reminded that deposits are due by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Paying on time ensures we can finalise bookings and place all students in their preferred activities wherever possible.

A final reminder that next Friday is an INSET Day, and school will be closed to students.

Stay safe and take care,

**Team Trafalgar**

## Reading Plus Winner

Congratulations Inayah in Year 8, our Reading Plus winner of the week!

Inayah chose *Musical Truth: A Musical History of Modern Black Britain in 28 Songs* by Jeffrey Boakye. Inayah loves fiction and non-fiction books. Happy reading!

### Leaderboard

Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (5R)

1. 7G3/En 25/26	<b>33.3</b>
2. 7G1/En 25/26	<b>31.0</b>
3. 7R1/En 25/26	<b>25.8</b>
4. 7R2/En 25/26	<b>25.3</b>
5. 8G4 25/26	<b>21.2</b>

Also, well done 7G3 for topping our reading leaderboard!

Don't forget to help your class climb the table by keeping up with your English home learning.



## Key Dates

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - PD Day 1

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - INSET Day

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Activities Week deposit deadline

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 11 Parents' Evening

## Autumn 2025

### 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. Please ensure students have a bag. You can find full details of what they need [here](#).



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# PD Day 1 - What's happening?

Our upcoming Personal Development (PD) Day is all about bringing one of our core school rules for learning to life: **Be Ready!**

Each year group will step into a day built to boost confidence, spark curiosity, and strengthen the skills that help students thrive both in and beyond school. From creative workshops and entrepreneurial challenges to forensic investigations, career preparation, and post-16 guidance, every experience is designed to help our students be ready for the opportunities ahead.



## **Year 7: Resilience, Community and Creativity:**

Being visited by Positively You! The students will receive a mixture of workshops which are designed to enhance our communication, resilience, and creative approaches to learning.

## **Year 8: Enterprise day with UNLOC:**

A mixture of workshops which inspire entrepreneurship and creative problem-solving.

## **Year 9: CSI - Forensic Analysis Day**

Students will receive a talk from a Up Forensics professor and then embark on multiple interactive workshops enhancing their problem solving, resilience, communication and creative thinking skills.

## **Year 10: Big Interview!**

Students will spend the day developing their confidence in the job sector, accessing various workshops to enhance their application, interview and employability skills. They have been using their English lessons and UniFrog access to build an application and will be interviewed by real representatives from a wide selection of sectors.



Dress to impress! Students are invited to wear their best smart work wear! But can also wear their impeccable school uniforms if preferred.

## **Year 11: Be Ready - Year 11 edition!**

Students will be accessing bespoke, short-sessions in small groups for a variety of hand picked skills in English in Maths, as well as workshops designed to prepare for Post-16 life after school, with visits and talks from our very own Trafalgar Alumni!

# Year 11 Intervention Timetable

Please find below a reminder of our Year 11 Intervention Timetable.

These sessions run every day after school from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	History and Geography	Maths	Sociology Comp Science Travel & Tourism  (Additional Languages)	Creative Arts: 3D Art Fine Art Graphics Photography Food Prep	Film Studies Health: Sports Studies GCSE PE Child Development Health and Social Care
2	Science	English	Business Ancient History  Yr10 Citizenship Online 4-5pm	Languages French Spanish German  Lunchtime also available	Triple Science Performing Arts: Dance Drama Music

To support us in closely monitoring and celebrating student engagement in our intervention sessions, staff will now record attendance through Class Charts, awarding them an intervention reward point.

This will allow us to clearly track participation and acknowledge the effort students are putting into attending extra learning sessions. We will continue to work with Curriculum Leaders to use this information to recognise and celebrate students' commitment and progress.

Well done to the following year 11's who are in the top 10 attendees to interventions this week:

Chidinma	T11
Theo	S09
Lena	T05
Miles	B11
Lacey	S04
Tilly	S01
Fletcher	S08
Christabel	B06
Venice	B03
Rohan	V10



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# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2ND DECEMBER



The winner's design will be digitally created by our school's Graphic Designer, that will be available to purchase by staff, pupils and parents of Trafalgar school.

You'll also receive House Points & a Christmas bundle of goodies!



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a law suit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

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