

Parent Bulletin

15th May 2026

It is hard to believe that next week will already be our final week before half term, marking the midpoint of what has been a busy and productive summer term. We hope everyone has had a positive week and that students are continuing to make the most of the opportunities this term brings.

GCSE examinations remain a key focus, and we would like to once again commend our Year 11 students for the mature and determined way they are approaching this important period. Their commitment to revision, attendance to booster sessions and positive mindsets have been excellent to see. We encourage them to keep going—each exam is another opportunity to succeed, and their continued effort will make a real difference.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 10 students, who have successfully completed their GCSE Citizenship examinations this week—an impressive achievement a year ahead of schedule. They approached the exams with maturity and confidence, and we are extremely proud of how they conducted themselves.

In addition, our Year 10 students are now halfway through their work experience placements. It has been fantastic to see them rising to the challenge, representing the school so positively and developing valuable skills in real-world settings. We look forward to hearing more about their experiences when they return.

Inside this week's bulletin, you will find further updates, celebrations and useful information to support students and families as we approach the half-term break.

Until next week,

Team Trafalgar



Key Dates

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May - Y10 WEX - Week 2

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - Students back in school

Wednesday 17th June - Art Gallery Event 17:30-18:30

Year 10 College Taster Options

Students need to submit their college choices asap as the form closes Monday at 5pm: if they do not submit their choice they will be allocated whatever is left for both COPC and HSDC.



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Blue Skies Update - Year 8 Students visit Airbus

As part of our ongoing work with the Blue Skies Project, a group of our Year 8 students recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring visit to Airbus, where they were able to explore the world of aerospace engineering first-hand.

During the trip, students took part in a range of team-building activities designed to develop communication, problem-solving and collaboration skills. These tasks encouraged pupils to work together and think creatively, reflecting the kinds of challenges faced by engineers and scientists in the aerospace industry.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to step inside a real clean room, where highly sensitive technology is carefully assembled. This gave students a fascinating insight into the precision and attention to detail required in the production of advanced equipment. Another memorable moment was meeting Saxon the falcon, who plays an important role in protecting rooftop equipment by keeping seagulls away—something that certainly captured students' interest.

Students also explored detailed models of satellites, learning more about how they are designed, built and used in everyday life. This helped them to better understand the real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and maths.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to see how the skills they develop in school can be applied to exciting, high-tech careers. It also supported the aims of the Blue Skies Project by broadening horizons and sparking interest in future pathways within aviation, engineering and STEM-related fields.



Turning Kindness into Action

We are incredibly proud of Ray, who recently donated his hair to the charity, 'Little Princess Trust'. Ray chose to grow his hair in honour of his friend, showing real thought and compassion. His dedication to this goal has been truly inspirational, and he has demonstrated great resilience in the face of the challenges he has endured.



Ray also raised a fantastic £850 in donations. His kindness, resilience and generosity have made a genuine difference, and he should be extremely proud of what he has achieved—as we all are of him.

Well done, Ray!



Reading Plus Winner

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

Ellie likes to read horror and chose *Shadow Academy*, *The Whispering Walls* by Phil Hickeys. Spooky Reading Ellie!

By keeping up with your Reading Plus, you stand the chance to win one of our new books from the book vending machine! Which book would you choose?

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.

Leaderboard	
Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (SR)	
1. 7G3/En 25/26	86.8
2. 8R1 25/26	65.8
3. 7G1/En 25/26	64.3
4. 7R2/En 25/26	62.2
5. 7R3/En 25/26	54.4



HELLO YEAR 11

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO CITY OF PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE?

Keep an eye on your emails! An invitation to visit the College for a Welcome Day will be sent to you soon.

Welcome Days will be held on 8th and 9th July – you'll receive all the details in your email.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Not applied yet?
It's not too late!

Visit copc.ac.uk
and apply today.

