

Parent Bulletin



15th December 2023

Welcome to our final Parent Bulletin of 2023! IT'S CHRIIIIISSSTMAAAAASSSSSS!!! (Almost)

Students have had an exciting week, enjoying Christmas lunches together in their Houses, completing Christmas quizzes and celebrating achievements in House Celebration Assemblies. All rounded off by our Whole School Celebration Assembly, this time with the added excitement of being live streamed across 3 venues within the school. Inside this edition of our bulletin, you can see who won our Top Boy and Top Girl for this term and who our Star Students are!

Year 10 have been doing a great job so far finding placements for their work experience next year. We have taken the decision to extend the deadline for finding private placements; students now have until the 19th January to secure private placements for Work Experience, with the final deadline for all placement forms being 2nd February. If students need any extra help or guidance with finding a placement, please encourage them to see Miss Passmore in the library after the holidays or email WEX@trafalgarschool.org.uk.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas break and manage to relax and enjoy time together with loved ones.

Stay safe, take care and see you in 2024!

Team Trafalgar



Key Dates

2024

Tuesday 2nd January - Students start back for Spring Term

Thursday 8th February - PD Day 3

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Tuesday 22nd February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

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. You can find details of what they need [here](#).



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Lille Christmas Market Trip

On 1st December, our MFL team and 40 students embarked on a delightful day trip to France.

Our itinerary included a visit to a bakery, where students immersed themselves in the art of bread-making, enjoying a delectable breakfast featuring baguettes, pain au chocolat, and croissants.

The highlight was a visit to the Christmas market in Lille, where they indulged in crepes and gaufres, took a spin on a ferris wheel, and selected thoughtful gifts for their families.

The students' enthusiasm and the overall experience made it a truly memorable day.

We cannot wait to go back again next year.



Trust Annual General Meeting – 17th January 2024

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Salterns Academy Trust will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 18.00 hours to transact the following business:

- To receive the Trust annual report and audited accounts
- To elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Trust Board
- To confirm the Trust's auditors
- Receive an update from the Trust CEO and Chair of the Board
- To respond to any questions submitted in advance by Parents, families, and other members of the community.

We welcome Parents, families, and other members of the community to attend this meeting via Zoom, and to submit questions to be answered by the board.

To allow for sufficient time for informed answers to be provided by Trust leaders questions must be submitted no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

To register your interest in attending this meeting, or to submit a question to be answered at the meeting please contact clerk@alns.co.uk

Please be advised that recording of the meeting is prohibited.

Season's Greetings from the Executive Team at the Salterns Academy Trust!



Salterns
Academy Trust

As another school term draws to a close and our students and staff prepare for a well-deserved break we are pleased to be able to send you the Autumn edition of the Salterns Academy Trust newsletter.

The newsletter is available on the Trust website: Trust Newsletter (salternstrust.co.uk) and this issue includes information on the Trusts vision and values, our strategic priorities for 2023/4 as well as an update from the CEO and a host of other information about the work of the Trust and our schools that we hope you will find interesting.

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nys, Claire, Vicky and Rob
Salterns Trust Executive Team

Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

We are currently recruiting for the following roles to join our fantastic team here at Trafalgar:

- Learning Support Assistant

If you think you, or someone you know, would be great for any of these roles, then visit our website to find out more and apply!



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End of Term Awards

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting term filled with tons of achievements, and our fantastic community have been embodying our core values and smashing expectations every day.

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 Jan



Top Girl is Zara



HOH Star Students

Temeraire: Eva T

Britannia: Sarah A

Sovereign: Evie S

Victory: Ellie Mck

Well done to every student who received an award!
Have a great Christmas and we'll see you in 2024!

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When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide - curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs - no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizard.

5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents - and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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