

Parent Bulletin



26th January 2024

Welcome to our latest Parent Bulletin!

In this edition you can learn about what our Humanities and PE departments have been up to, learn about some upcoming webinars to help you understand how to better support your child and keep them safe in this ever-changing world, some exciting job opportunities here at Trafalgar and find some reminders of upcoming open events at local colleges for our Year 11s who may still be unsure of their next steps.

This has been an important week full of reflection as we approach Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday. Students have had meaningful discussions in their circles, along with taking part in a live stream with a Holocaust survivor and watching an interview with one of our own community, whose family was impacted by the Holocaust. As part of the Beacon Schools programme, we are honoured to be the first school in Portsmouth to work with experts at UCL in Holocaust Education, aiming to help develop a sense of tolerance, mutual respect and deeper understanding within our school community.

Year 10 students are busy finding themselves placements for work experience which takes place in May. Support will be on offer over the upcoming half term to help students secure placements. Please encourage them to contact potential employers and if you need any additional advice or support, please send them to see Miss Passmore in the library at the earliest opportunity or email WEX@trafalgarschool.org.uk.

Stay safe and take care,

Team Trafalgar

College Open Events Coming Up

For our Year 11 students, here are some upcoming dates of open events at local colleges this term:

- Fareham College - Wednesday 28th February, 4-7pm
- City of Portsmouth College - Wednesday 28th February, 4:30-7:30pm
- HSDC South Downs - Thursday 29th February
- Eastleigh College - Monday 4th March, 4:30-7pm
- HSDC Havant - Wednesday 6th March
- City College - Thursday 21st March, 5-7pm



Key Dates

Thursday 8th February - PD Day 3

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Tuesday 22nd February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th March - Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 15th March - RAP Meetings - all years (students not in school)

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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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Humanities Department Update

This week we have been marking Holocaust Memorial Day, with a week-long commemoration of tutor activities, including reading about the Cambodian Genocide, and watching an assembly about the fragility of freedom and the story of Leon Greenman.



On Tuesday the whole school came together to hear the testimony of Hedi Argent MBE, who survived the Holocaust and Nazi persecution she faced in Austria. Students said they felt huge empathy for Hedi and found her story fascinating. In doing so, the students have become important witnesses to the history of the Holocaust, which is a key message we have been discussing in tutor, and in History this week.

We have also had a visit from Penny Mourdaunt this week to meet with Mrs Hudson-Roberts, Miss Arnold and some Year 9 and 10 students to see the work that we have been completing towards our Beacon school accreditation.

Mr Coram's star of the month is D.A in Year 8! Mr Coram says: he worked so hard writing his essay on the death penalty. He didn't stop for the entire assessment time, and it is the best thing he's ever written in Ethics!

Geography have been creating some incredible home learning projects from Year 7! They have made projects about the amazing world. The whole faculty are incredibly impressed with the level of detail and the commitment!



Cyber Choices for Parents/Carers

Claire Walden from SEROCU is holding two webinars for parents and carers from across the city to understand how to support their child and keep them safe in this ever-changing world.

9:30-10:30am session:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlg

8:00-9:00pm session:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar:

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Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Subject Lead: Geography
- Teacher of Art and Design Technology
- Pastoral Support Worker (Temporary contract)
- SEMH Lead
- Learning Support Assistant
- Exam Invigilators
- Trust Chief Finance Officer



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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PE Department Update

Year 7 & 8 Curriculum

Since coming back to school after the Christmas break, our students have been organised into mixed gender classes where they will be undertaking a variety of different sports until Easter. The students look forward to participating in Netball, Hockey, Dance and Basketball. Here are some pictures of our pupils participating in the various activities.



PE Kit Reminder

A reminder to our students that Trafalgar PE kit expectations remain the same during the winter and that we don't allow hoodies in PE lessons. Students have the choice of black tracksuit bottoms, leggings, shorts or a skort, but we would encourage them to wrap up for outside lessons. We are happy for students to wear under armour underneath their PE tops or/and Trafalgar branded tracksuit tops over the top. It is extremely important that the students are taking part in PE lessons, and we wouldn't want them to be put off from joining in due to their lack of clothing so please encourage them to bring layers.

Fixtures

Our Year 8 boys football team have progressed not only in the Portsmouth Cup, but also through to the semi-finals in the Hampshire cup; most recently beating Charter Academy 9-0. Congratulations on this achievement and all the best for the rest of the competition.

Look out for:

- Year 11 boys Football Vs Admiral
- Year 8 boys Football Hampshire cup semi final Vs Calthorpe Park
- Year 8 boys Football Vs Admiral
- Year 9 boys Football Vs Castle View

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**SOMETIMES MEANS I WORRY
ABOUT PAYING MY BILLS**

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to start a conversation about mental health

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