

# Parent Bulletin



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Welcome to the latest Parent Bulletin from Trafalgar!

This week, we have a lot of information to share with you. Firstly, we would like to remind you about our Annual Progress Review Day, which is scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. During these meetings, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set targets for improvement. If you have any questions about this meeting, please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor, Head of House, or Assistant Headteacher, Miss Ghose.

In addition to the RAP meetings, we are excited to tell you about our upcoming Book Week and World Book Day celebrations. Students and staff will have the chance to dress up as their favorite fictional characters, and we have included the full details and rules for the competition inside this bulletin.

For our Year 11 students, we want to remind you that their next round of mock exams will begin next week. We understand that this is a crucial time for them, and we want to ensure that they have all the support they need to succeed. Please refer to the included mock timetable for more information.

Finally, we are pleased to share some exciting news about a group of our Year 9 and 10 students. They recently travelled to Bath University to take part in a university taster and graduation ceremony for the Scholar's Programme. Please read on to see some pictures from the day and learn more about their course!

Stay safe and take care!

**Team Trafalgar**

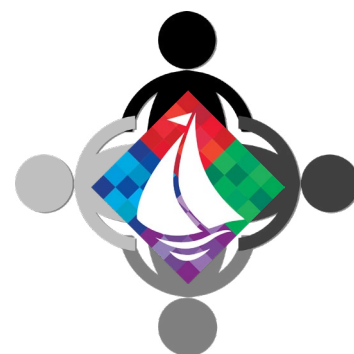
## Community Circles

This week in our Community Circles, students and staff answered a potentially life-changing question; '**pineapple on pizza: yes or no?**'

As with most questions that may at first seem straightforward, tutees and tutors tended to answer either a big resounding 'yes!' or a definite 'no!', but also offered explanations: that winning combination of sweet and salt (guess which one Mrs Argyle went for), or the feeling that pineapple belongs in desserts only.

There were looks of surprise, shock and nods of agreement. Either way, it got people talking, communicating and connecting, which is what it's all about.

How do you think your child/children answered? How would you answer?  
#joining #teamtrafalgar #pineapplepizza



## Key Dates

2024

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day 2024

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 9 Options Evening

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - RAP Meetings - all years (students not in school)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - INSET Day

### 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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# Trafalgar Book Week & World Book Day 2024

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Trafalgar's popular Book Week with exciting events taking place all week from 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March.

During this week, we will be running competitions, events and reading circles celebrating and promoting reading for pleasure. More details will be shared with students during an assembly this week, as well as through our social media posts.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March students and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite fictional characters.

**All are welcome to take part but will need to carefully consider the competition rules.**

- You must be dressed as a fictional character (not a real person from a biography such as sports players, musicians, or video game characters!)
- You must bring the book with you containing the character you've dressed up as (check out the school library in advance).
- Costumes must be appropriate for the school day e.g. no revealing clothing.

Students not wishing to participate are expected in full school uniform. Any students not following the rules will be asked to go home and get changed into uniform and return to school and parents will be notified if this is the case.

There will be prizes for the best dressed student which will be decided via a whole school poll! There will also be opportunities to vote for the best dressed member of staff and best department in school.

We can't wait to celebrate this week with you! If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Mrs Swaffer**

## Annual Progress Review Day - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

As we now have a record number of students wanting to attend Trafalgar, our cohort size has grown. Therefore, we will be trialling a new approach to RAP meetings this year, to ensure that we can still fit them all in, as they remain a vitally important aspect of our Home-School partnership. We will be hosting an Annual Progress Review day with tutors on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for you and your child(ren) to attend.

During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets for improvement will be set. A Raising Achievement Plan (RAP) will be completed to help improve learning and ensure all students reach their full potential.

On the day:

- Appointments will last around 20 minutes between 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Students will only be attending school for their scheduled appointment
- Students are not required to be in school uniform

Over the next two weeks students will sign up for a meeting slot with their tutor, then a letter will be sent home confirming your appointment time. If you require a specific time slot, please let your child know for when they sign up or contact their tutor directly. We look forward to seeing you!



# Students complete the Scholar's Programme

Congratulations to our amazing Year 9 and Year 10 students who completed The Scholar's Programme!

These students have been part of 'The Brilliant Club' for several weeks, working closely with a university PhD lecturer to complete a thousand-word essay on refugee poetry and how the media can manipulate reader response.

Students were assessed under the university grading system and some even received first-class grades! Yesterday, they visited The University of Bath to experience life as a university student, touring the campus and attending a lecture. The day concluded with a graduation ceremony to celebrate their amazing achievements.

We are incredibly proud of you all and hope this experience has shown you your true potential and given you the ambition to achieve great things in the future beyond Trafalgar School. #teamtrafalgar



## Free Parent Webinars for Year 10 and 11 Parents

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students which help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school!

Register today at:

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>



Elevate Education's Spring Term

### Parent Webinar Series

Hear expert advice on the following topics:

**How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking**  
23rd January 6:00pm

**How You Can Make Technology an Ally**  
6th February 6:00pm

**How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**  
5th March 6:00pm

**How You Can Support Your Child During Exams**  
19th March 6:00pm

Click the link in the caption to reserve your space.

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# Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable - March 2024

Here is the timetable for our Year 11 Mock Exams starting next week.

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS – Week A

All am exams start in tutor	Tutor and Lesson 1 (8.50- 10.00)	Lesson 2 (10-10.50)	Lesson 3 (11.10 - 12.00)	Lesson 4 (12:00 - 12.50)	Lesson 5 (13.20-14.10)	Lesson 6 (14.10-15.00)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Geography Paper 1 A B C D 90 mins (84)</b>					<b>Maths Paper 1 90 mins (184)</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>History USA Paper 45 mins (97)</b> <b>History Crime Paper 75 mins (97)</b> A B C C D					<b>Biology Paper 2 Combined Science 70 mins (173)</b> <b>Biology Paper 2 Triple Science 105 mins (11)</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Physics Paper 2 Combined Science 70 mins (173)</b> <b>Physics Paper 2 Triple Science 105 mins (11)</b>					<b>Maths Paper 2 90 mins (184)</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>English Lang Paper 2 105 mins (184)</b>		<b>French Listening 35 mins and Reading 45 mins F</b> <b>French Listening 45 mins and Reading 60mins H</b>			<b>Child Dev 75 mins (10)</b> <b>Religious Studies 105 mins (11)</b> <b>Comp Sci Paper 2 105 mins (14)</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>History Elizabethan Paper 60 mins (97)</b> <b>History Germany Paper 60 mins (97)</b> A B C C D					<b>Geography Paper 2 A B C D 90 mins (84)</b>

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Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Computer Science C Paper 1 120 mins (14)</b> <b>Business B D 90 mins (40)</b>					<b>Spanish Writing F 60 mins H 75 Mins A C (37)</b> <b>French Writing F 60 mins H 75 Mins A C (29)</b> <b>Polish, Turkish and Arabic Writing 75 mins</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Sociology A B 105 minutes (37)</b> <b>Hair and Beauty A C 120 mins (11)</b> <b>PE GCSE Paper 1 B 90 mins (16)</b>		<b>Spanish Listening 35 mins and Reading 45 mins F</b> <b>Spanish Listening 45 mins and Reading 60mins H</b>			<b>Food Prep B C D 90 mins (58)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Maths Paper 3 90 mins (184)</b>					<b>English Lit 50 mins Paper 1 A Christmas Carol (184)</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science 70 mins (173)</b> <b>Chemistry Paper 2 Triple Science 105 mins (11)</b>					<b>Health and Social D 75 mins (23)</b> <b>Sport Studies A D Paper 1 75 mins (24)</b> <b>PE GCSE Paper 2 B 75 mins (16)</b>

## Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Teacher of Art & Design Technology
- Subject Lead Geography
- Learning Support Assistant
- SEMH Lead
- Cover Supervisor

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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# ALL ABOUT TikTok

TikTok is a video sharing social media platform used to create and share short form videos that allows users to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing. It exploded in popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic and has only continued its rise since.

**58%**  
of children aged  
3-15 use TikTok  
(alongside other  
social media).



**1 billion**  
global daily  
users by  
early 2022.

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## THE FYP

TikTok wants users to see the content they want to see – which is where the 'For You Page' comes in. The platform uses algorithms to figure out a completely unique feed for every individual user.



## HOW IT WORKS



### SHARE

Upload short videos for other users to view, comment, and like.



### EDIT

Change or alter videos to include popular filters or themes.



### STITCH

Use snippets of existing videos to create a new video or trend.

Use this sound

### COLLAB

Add popular music or audio (including from other users) to videos.



### DUET

Create a video that is posted directly alongside another user's video.



### MESSAGE

Users aged 16+ can send private messages to one another.

## RISKS



**PUBLIC VIEWS** - For users registered as 16 and over, their profile is 'public' by default and their videos can be viewed and downloaded by anyone.



**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** - Some videos include suggestive language, mature situations, and sexualised content without warning.



**SCREENTIME OVERLOAD** - The continuous scrolling design of the app makes it harder for users to look away from their screens, and is likely to increase screentime.



**PAID ADS** - Many brands and companies have taken to TikTok to try and boost product exposure with paid adverts that mix into normal content.



**INFLUENCERS** - Young people may be 'influenced' by popular creators on TikTok, and could spend time or money following someone or trying to become an influencer.



**IN-APP PURCHASES** - Users can make in-app purchases to get 'coins', which can buy virtual gifts to send to influencers on the platform.



## WATCH OUT FOR... #TikTokChallenges

Hardly a day passes without a new TikTok Challenge popping up. A 'challenge' is a type of video that is widely shared and copied by others. Many of these can be fun and engaging, incorporating things like dances, songs, and filters.

There are some, however, that can be riskier and potentially harmful - which can make them even more tempting to try! These can include dangerous stunts, mean pranks, or reacting to upsetting content.



## ALERT

TikTok says users must be 13+ to use the app, but our research shows that it is extremely popular with younger children.



## NOW

The TikTok Now feature prompts users to take an 'in the moment' photo or video at a random time once a day. Make sure the young person in your care knows to check the content before uploading so they're not unknowingly sharing personal details under pressure!

## TOP TIPS



**KEEP PRIVATE.** Ensure your young person's privacy settings are appropriate for their age. Remember – a private profile gives the most control!



**TALK IT OUT.** 'Digital life' should be as much a part of everyday conversation as every other aspect of a young person's life.



**DISCUSS TOGETHER.** Find out what videos and influencers they view, what they like, what they dislike – and why!



**BE HONEST.** Talk about how social media content is often a far from accurate depiction of real life, especially for influencers.



**STAY SAFE.** Some TikTok challenges could be potentially harmful to young people. Remind them that their safety is #1 always!



**GIVE SPACE.** Give them room to voice any concerns they might have around harmful or inappropriate content they come across.



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# **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**

***18th - 24th March***

***Guess the sweets  
(Drawn on Friday)***

***Staff Raffle  
(Drawn on Friday)***

***Bake Sale  
(Tuesday-Friday)***

***Staff Car Wash  
(Wednesday afternoon)***

***For the first time, all three Inclusion Centres (ARC, Lighthouse and Compass) are joining together to do a whole week of fundraising to help celebrate Neurodiversity Week!***

***All money raised will be put back into all three centres, to help support our most vulnerable students.***

***Thank you for your support. From, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Langford and Miss Galloway.***



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