



Welcome to the latest Parent Bulletin from Trafalgar School!

It's been a busy week for us, with our Year 11 students already halfway through their mock exams. We're happy to report that the students have been conducting themselves brilliantly, and we have been impressed with their attitude and approach to these exams. Please continue to encourage them for the final week of their mock exams next week.

We're pleased to share that it was Book Week at Trafalgar School, and we hosted various quizzes and competitions for the students to celebrate reading. We capped off the week by having staff and students dress up as their favourite fictional characters for World Book Day.

Students also celebrated International Women's Day and learned about how to 'Inspire Inclusion' and work together to create a better world.

This week's bulletin also includes information about our upcoming Science Fair, which will take place in a couple of weeks. Additionally, you can enjoy an informative interview with one of our students about their love for athletics!

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a great week ahead.

Team Trafalgar

International Women's Day - 8th March 2024

International Women's Day 2024 campaign theme is 'Inspire Inclusion'

Inclusion is one of our core values here at Trafalgar.

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.

Students had an assembly from Mrs Hudson-Roberts this week on the history and significance of International Women's Day.



Key Dates

2024

Thursday 14th March - Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 15th March - RAP Meetings (in person)

- all years (students not in school)

Monday 18th 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](#).



Trafalgar to host first ever Science Fair!

On 22nd March, Trafalgar School will be hosting its first ever Science Fair! Here, Year 7 and Year 8 students will be able to show off their amazing periodic tables, atom models, CREST projects, physics turbines and batteries!

This will reflect some of the incredible work that our KS3 students have done so far this year in lessons highlighting some incredible design ideas, as well as fantastic artistic flair!

As part of this, the Science fair will be judged by Professor J. Collett (Head of Cosmology and Astrophysics UoP) and Stephen Morgan M.P. who will also meet various pupils during their visit.

Parents are invited to view our Science Fair from 4pm until 5pm on this day.

The science department and our science ambassadors look forward to welcoming you all to showcase this fantastic work!



PE Department Update

Athletics - Cross Country

We are extremely proud of our students who have represented Trafalgar School and the Portsmouth area as part of the Hampshire Schools Cross Country Championships in Aldershot this term. The students did very well, but unfortunately didn't make it to qualify to the next stage. Jess and Oren finished as the first Portsmouth runners and in respectable 48th and 44th place overall. Colby started out strong, at the front of the pack, ending up at 52nd overall.

Jess has also been competing in the Chichester Corporate Challenge, again representing Trafalgar School. She has so far completed one of three races in the series of 2.1km road races and achieved a fantastic 3rd place result. Miss Nersessian completed an interview with Jess to find out more about how and when she got into athletics and why she enjoys it so much.

Why did you get involved in athletics?

"I always loved running when I was about 5/6 and I used to do junior park runs. I was achieving 12 minute 2km runs so I knew I was quite good at running at that age. I sometimes do the adult park runs now and do this at the Lakeside event on a Saturday morning".

Who do you compete for and train with?

"I train and compete with City of Portsmouth Athletics Club at the Mountbatten Centre".

<https://www.portsmouthathletic.co.uk> for more information.

How do you feel when you compete or train?

"After I finish a race, I feel so good physically. I also get runners high, which is feeling really proud of myself after a good, successful run. This isn't always about beating others but about taking time off my personal best".

What is your favourite event?

"I love the 1500m. If you mess up the start of the race, there is time to fix it. In the 800m, there isn't time!"



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Who inspires you in your sport?

"Eilish McColgan. I like her story and how she has progressed through her career. We use her training programmes to help us sometimes and follow them".

What was your proudest moment?

"Last summer I managed to take 35 seconds off my personal best for the 1500m race at my Athletics Club. I hadn't trained over the summer so I didn't expect it and in running, 35 seconds is a lot!"

Thank you Jess; we can't wait to see how you get on in the rest of the Chichester Corporate Challenge series. Good luck; we are super proud of you!



Year 9 and 10 Mixed Netball

On Tuesday 5th March, our Year 9 and 10 netball team took part in a fun and friendly netball festival at Trafalgar School.

Our students played really well in their opening game against TPA, beating them 8-2. Overio was awarded player of the match, as he managed to gain a large amount of interceptions in defence. All of the players worked really hard to get the ball into attack and with some excellent shooting from Edward and Connie, we were able to convert a huge 8 goals.

During the second game against Priory, the rain came, making it really difficult for both teams to catch the ball. It was a scrappy game and both teams fought hard, but unfortunately, Priory got the edge with a 2-0 win. Well done to all of the students involved and remember, netball club runs on a Tuesday for all years, after school 3-4pm.

Year 7 & 8 Boys Football Club

Football club attendance has been spectacular this term! We've had a huge turnout from Year 7's who give 110% in each session. The boys turn up week in, week out, and play through the elements for pure enjoyment of football and build great relationships through playing in different teams. There are lots of Year 7 fixtures on the horizon so lots of opportunities for them to play over the coming weeks!

Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 boys football have been in phenomenal form making their way to the semi final of the Hampshire Cup due to be played on the 11th March and just missing out on the final of the Portsmouth Cup after losing to Admiral earlier this week. The boys managed to beat Calthorpe Park 2-1, making the trip to Fleet worth the battle and securing their game against Thornden. Keep your eyes peeled as there are plenty of league games for the Year 8 boys approaching in the coming weeks.



Year 11 Boys football

The Year 11 football team have progressed to the final of the Portsmouth Cup. They beat ALNS 3-1 in a convincing victory. We are waiting for an opponent and date for the final, but we hope to see you all there. The boys could be the first Trafalgar team to win the cup twice!!



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Girls Football

Our KS4 girls played against ALNS on Tuesday 5th March. The girls were fiercely challenging the opposition. Trafalgar unfortunately conceded both goals within a few minutes of halftime and full time leaving the game 2-0. The girls should be proud as they put in a great fight with Tash in defence being relentless.



KS3 girls have a game against Castle view on Tuesday 12th March so keep your eyes out for updates on this fixture.

Year 9 boys have an upcoming away fixture against Milton Cross on the 26th March. We are also looking to arrange some more fixtures before the Easter break!

Year 11 GCSE PE

The year 11 GCSE class have been preparing for their practical exam through several mock moderations in netball, football, handball and table tennis. They have all worked exceedingly hard in this and just need to maintain their efforts for the remainder of the course.

Final Chance - Help us thank our school's superheroes!

We need your help to recognise staff in our school who have gone above and beyond for you. Teach Portsmouth are asking primary and secondary schools in the city to thank their school superheroes.

To do this, all you need to do is visit the Teach Portsmouth website and share your thank you message using their online form. It's as simple as that!

Thank you messages will be shared with us in June 2024 on a special printed document to display.

Visit www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou and share your message today!



Community Circles

This week, in honour of International Women's day, the question we answered in our Friday circles was **'Who is the most inspirational woman in your life and why?'**

There were the common answers of Mum, Grandmother and Aunty. What also came out were other inspirational women such as close friends, inspirational figures in History, and celebrities. It's clear that this was quite a personal choice, and lovely to hear students and staff being open and vulnerable about their choice of answer.

We can often be playful when asking and answering circle questions, but when we're vulnerable in our safe spaces, this can also serve to help deepen connections with one another. How did your child/children answer? How would you answer and why?

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Annual Progress Review Day - 15th 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 15th 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

A letter should have been sent home with your child 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!

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable - March 2024

Well done to our Year 11 students for completing their first week of mock exams. Here is the timetable for remaining exams next week.

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

Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Lead Teaching Assistant (Cover)
- Science Technician (Temporary)
- Learning Support Assistant
- Cover Supervisor
- Exams Invigilator

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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