

Parent Bulletin



22nd March 2024

Thank you for reading this edition of our parent bulletin!

We would like to express our gratitude again to all those who attended our annual progress review day last Friday. It was a wonderful turnout, and everyone had productive conversations throughout the day.

This week, our students have participated in their fourth personal development day of the year, which focused on the core value of Resilience. Inside this bulletin, you can find pictures and learn more about the day.

Inside you will also find details of a parent governor opportunity that has arisen at the school.

We want to remind you that Friday is a bank holiday, so our Celebration Assembly will take place on Thursday instead. Please note that this is a normal finish day not a half day.

We hope you have a fantastic final week of term and an even better Easter break!

Stay safe and take care,

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's Hot Chocolate with the Head goes to our Made in Portsmouth team for 2024!

They represented the school beautifully at the Made in Portsmouth launch of their newest enterprise challenge.

The students all took part in three workshops, showing their wonderful ability to collaborate and share ideas with others.

Well done!



Key Dates

- Tuesday 26th March** - Year 7 Easter Concert
- Thursday 28th March** - Celebration Assembly
- Thursday 28th March** - Year 9 Options Deadline
- Friday 29th March** - Bank Holiday - School closed
- Monday 15th April** - Students start back

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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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PD Day 4 - Resilience

This week our school ran the fourth personal development day for all year groups, focusing on our core value of Resilience.

During the day, each year group participated in different activities:

- Year 7 learned how to create healthy relationships.
- Year 8 had a "Healthy body, healthy mind" day and took part in activities such as archery and walks around Foxes Forest.
- Year 9 focused on mindfulness and relaxation, with activities such as colouring, drawing, board games, cake decorating, and speaking to mental health providers.



- Year 10 received first aid training and learned how to maintain a positive online presence while supporting mental wellness.



- Year 11 focused on core subjects and learned fun revision techniques to help with their Maths and English revision. Additionally, the Year 11 geographers went on a field trip to Hayling Island and Old Portsmouth to complete a compulsory element of their GCSE course.



Could you be our next parent governor?

There is an exciting opportunity to join our governing board as a parent governor.

The role of the local governing body

The school's governing board is responsible for providing effective challenge and support to the Executive Headteacher and her senior leadership team for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.



The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children.
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance.

The governing board is keen for candidates to have skills in Finance.

Expectations of governors:

- Attendance at 8 Local Governing Body meetings a year
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training
- Visiting the school
- Term of office- 4 years

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to the Executive Headteacher's letter and return to the Clerk to Governors at clerk@alns.co.uk by **Monday 15th April 2024**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we must do this.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Jo Bennett, Chair of Governors on chairofgovernors@trafalgarschool.org.uk.



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Parent Power/ Managing Children's Behaviour



Parenting can be tough!

Come along and learn some new strategies, helpful hints, tips and advice to establish boundaries and create a calmer, positive environment.

This course is recommended for parents / carers of children aged 2 - 11.

Free!

Monday mornings 9:30 - 12:00

22nd & 29th April 13th & 20th May

This course will take place at
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.
Book your space now by calling (023)92 621860
or emailing thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Learning Support Assistant
- Trust - People Director
- Teacher of Maths

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!