

# Parent Bulletin

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

This term is full of exciting events, including Year 10 Work Experience, our annual school production, the third year of our expanded Sports Festival, Year 11 Leavers BBQ, Year 11 Prom, and our famous Activities Week. We can't wait!

Before we get to all that excitement, our Year 11 students are about to begin their GCSE exams. Our Art, Photography, and PE students have already started, with art exams and PE moderation taking place this week. The written exams will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Students have prepared well, and we're confident they will do themselves and us proud in the exams. #youvegotthis

Yesterday, we hosted our New Intake Parents' Evening for students joining us in September. There was a great turnout, and we're excited for our new Year 7s to join the Trafalgar community come September!

As always, stay safe and take care.

## Team Trafalgar

### Former student captains Portsmouth FC to League 1 title!

Congratulations to Portsmouth Football Club and City Boys alumnus Marlon Pack on winning League One and earning promotion back to the Championship!

Portsmouth have been promoted back into the Championship for the first time in 12 years and Portsmouth FC Women's team finished champions of FA Women's National League Southern Premier Division.

An inspirational time to be part of Portsmouth!

#Champions #Aspiration #CityBoys #TeamTrafalgar  
#Alumni #PUP



### Key Dates

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - INSET Day - School closed
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday - School closed
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - GCSE Exam season begins
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 10 Work Experience
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half Term

2024

### 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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# English Department Update

We wanted to congratulate the amazing progress KS3 students are making with their Reading Plus home learning.

As it stands, the leaderboard currently shows...

Leaderboard	
Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (SR)	
1. 8G1/En (2023/24)	62.1
2. 7G4/En (2023/24)	57.9
3. 7G3/En (2023/24)	55.0
4. 9G1/En (2023/24)	54.2
5. 7G2/En (2023/24)	52.9



There is plenty of time before the May half term for this to change, so all is still to play for!

**WOW!**

A particular congratulations to Chindinma in 9G2 who has the total highest words read in the entire school with a staggering 282,032!

In KS4, students are making good progress with their GCSE content. Year 10 have been responding with high engagement to their new Language unit.

We, of course, wish the absolute best for Year 11 as they approach their GCSE period.

Team English have belief in each and every one of you!

**BELIEVE**



## Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Learning Support Assistant
- Teacher of Art and Design Technology
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Maths & AHOH
- Teacher of MFL
- Head of Computing and Business
- Exam Invigilator
- Trust - People Director

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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# Open Afternoon

NCFE Level 3 Extended  
Diploma in Sport and Physical  
Activity (Outdoors)

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**Saturday 27th April**  
**10am-3pm**

Andrew Simpson Centre,  
Eastern Road, PO3 5LY

**Find out more**  
**Meet the team**  
**Try the activities**

Find out more & book  
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# 12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

## WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE?'

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

### 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

### 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

### 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

### 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

### 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

### 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

### 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

### 12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

### 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

### 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

### 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

### 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

## Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



Source: [www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-word](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-word) | <https://haveibeenpwned.com>



# WHAT COULD THEY BECOME?



1 in 5 pupils in Portsmouth had one week of unauthorised absence from school last year. Don't let that be your child. Get them to school today and see what they could become.

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SCHOOL**

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OUT**

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