

Parent Bulletin

26th April 2024

What an eventful week it has been here at Trafalgar School!

Our Year 11 students have successfully completed their art and photography exams. They displayed exceptional conduct during the 10-hour exams, as well as during the speaking exams that took place this week. The formal written exams will begin on 8th May, but before that, we have an Aim Higher Conference scheduled on 3rd May. During this conference, students will have an opportunity to engage in subject revision, receive expert guidance, and network with teachers and tutors.

A group of Year 10 students participated in the Made in Portsmouth competition this past week. They competed against other schools from the area in 'Dragons Den' style pitches to a panel of experts. The students formed two teams and worked independently. We are thrilled to announce that a team from Trafalgar was selected as the winner. They presented in the Made in UK final today, and we should find out the final results next week!

Take care and stay safe.

Team Trafalgar

Trafalgar wins Made in Portsmouth!

We are thrilled to announce that our students have won the prestigious cross-school competition, Made in Portsmouth, funded by Landsec.

The competition involved 'Dragons Den' style pitches by students from Admiral Lord Nelson School, Miltoncross Academy, The Portsmouth Academy, and our own Trafalgar students. Our students worked in two separate teams and delivered impressive presentations showcasing their fantastic ideas. All the schools involved gave strong presentations, making the competition a tough one.

We would like to congratulate all the schools and students who took part and express our gratitude to the Ahead Partnership for organising the event. We are especially proud of our winning team who went on to compete in the virtual Landsec Made In UK finals that took place today - the result will be announced next week.



Key Dates

- Friday 3rd May** - INSET Day - School closed
- Friday 3rd May** - Year 11 Aim Higher Day - 10:40 - 15:10 pm
- Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday - School closed
- Wednesday 8th May** - GCSE Exam season begins
- Monday 13th - Friday 24th May** - Year 10 Work Experience
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May** - Half Term

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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](#).

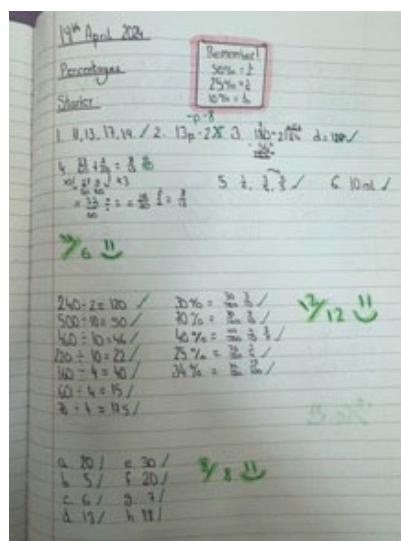


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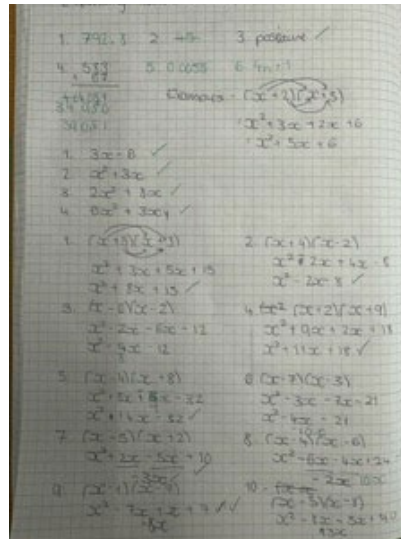
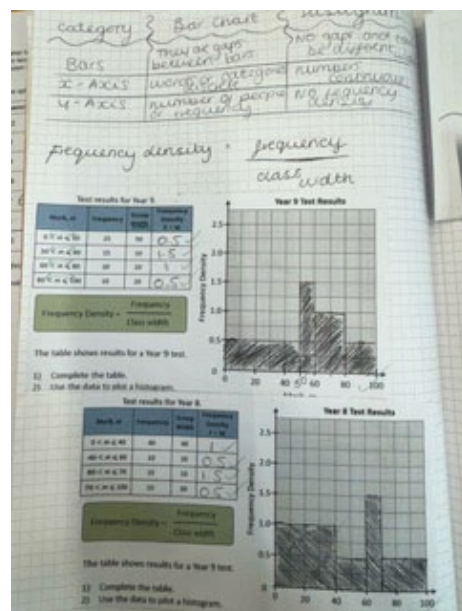
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Maths Department Update

At Trafalgar School, our dedicated maths team and students are immersed in a journey of learning and preparation, gearing up for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the form of landmark assessments and GCSE exams.



With a focus on excellence and academic achievement, we are proud to share the progress and dedication of our students across different year groups. For our enthusiastic Year 7 students, the focus has been on delving into the fascinating realm of ratio and proportion. In Year 9, our students embarked on a journey through the depths of algebra, with a focus on problem-solving and critical thinking.



As our Year 10 and 11 students approach their landmark assessments and GCSE exams, they are engaged in intensive revision across all topics. Our students are embracing the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge, refine their skills, and demonstrate their understanding.

To our Year 11 students, we extend our heartfelt support and encouragement as they prepare for their upcoming GCSE exams. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience has not gone unnoticed, and we have every confidence in your ability to excel. Remember, you are capable of achieving greatness, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Wishing you all the best of luck in your preparations and exams.

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
- Exam Invigilator
- Trust - People Director
- Trust - Director 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!



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

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