

# Parent Bulletin

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term.

It has been a significant week here at Trafalgar, with students and staff taking part in the D-Day celebrations and our debate team showing students what it means to be part of Team Trafalgar.

Year 11 students are now mostly done with their exams, and starting today, they are officially on study leave. This means Year 11 students will only need to attend school for their exams and relevant booster sessions. They are still expected to be in full uniform during this time. Take a breath and then keep going, Year 11! We look forward to celebrating with you at the leavers assembly on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June and at your Prom in July.

A reminder to any Year 10 students who haven't yet done so: please return your completed work experience booklets to Miss Passmore so you can receive your certificates.

Take care and stay safe.

## Team Trafalgar

## June is Pride Month!

As June arrives, so does Pride Month, a time to honour and recognise the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate the progress made in the fight for equality. This annual event traces its roots back to the historic Stonewall riots of 1969; a series of protests that catalyzed the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States and worldwide.

It is an opportunity to show support and solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community and to acknowledge the importance of creating a society where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

This June we will be honouring the spirit of Pride Month as a school community, celebrating how far we've come and discussing what we can do to create a world where everyone can live authentically, without fear of discrimination or prejudice.



### Key Dates

June/July 2024

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Year 11 Leavers Assembly & BBQ

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Years 7-10 finish at 2:00pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Activities Week 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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# School Represents at D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebration



Staff and students from our school had the honor of representing our community at the momentous D-Day 80th Anniversary celebration on Southsea Common. This national event served as a tribute to the heroes of the historic Normandy landings in 1944.

The occasion was televised by the BBC and streamed on iPlayer, allowing a wider audience to join in,

paying homage to the courageous individuals who played a pivotal role in shaping history. Our school's participation was a testament to the respect and gratitude we hold for those who sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy today.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organisers of the D-Day 80th Anniversary celebration for providing us with the opportunity to be part of this prestigious and meaningful event. It was truly an inspiring and humbling experience for all involved.



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# Unloc - The Big Debate - Trafalgar School Shines at Regional Event

This week, Trafalgar School's debate team competed at Unloc's Big Debate.

Hayden Taylor, the Managing Director of UNLOC, recognised their efforts by stating, "Team Trafalgar were identified as one of the most supportive and collaborative teams taking part in the event - actively helping out and encouraging other teams to do their best."

Not only did Trafalgar School demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship, they also clinched the "Best Closing Statement" award. The students' hard work and dedication truly paid off as they competed against esteemed schools such as Springfield School, The Petersfield School, Mayville High School, Admiral Lord Nelson School, and Charter Academy.



## 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 Director of Science

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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# Using AI ChatBots for Good

You've probably heard of ChatGPT, the wonder AI chatbot. From writing poems to C.U.s, it seems there's nothing this artificial intelligence can't create! That does, unfortunately, include homework.

ChatGPT's terms of services says users must be at least 13 years old and those under 18 must have their parent or legal guardian's permission. However, between the press coverage and the lack of age verification, it's likely that many young people are using it regardless.

But is it *really* helping with homework? Here are some points to consider if the young person in your care wants to use an AI chatbot.



## SOMETIMES AI CHATBOTS ARE WRONG!

This means if someone is relying on them for facts, they might be wrong too. And it might become obvious that they've used AI to complete their work.



## CHATBOTS AREN'T ALWAYS UP TO DATE.

ChatGPT knows about the world up until 2021, after that its knowledge is limited.



## CHATBOTS ARE BANNED IN SOME PLACES.

If a young person is using chatbots but their school has banned it, they might have to face the consequences of breaking the rules.



## EVERY VOICE IS UNIQUE.

Although you can ask a chatbot to create text in a certain way, it's incredibly unlikely that it will sound identical to the user... and even if a young person doesn't think they have a writing style, you can bet their teachers do!



## CHATBOTS AREN'T ALWAYS SHORTCUTS

By the time you're finished fact-checking and editing the grammar, you may as well have written it yourself!

## Alternative ideas for using AI together

### PRACTICE FACT CHECKING

Knowing how to fact check is a very useful skill, both for school and for everyday life. Ask ChatGPT for facts then check them together by Googling, in the news and even in good old-fashioned books!



Being able to tell fact from fiction will also help you and the young person in your care spot fake news and misinformation on social media.

### USE CHATGPT TO INSPIRE

Instead of making the chatbot do all the work, use it for prompting ideas. For example, you can give an example of your favourite novel and ask for recommendations of similar books you might enjoy.

I am 14 years old.  
My favourite book is the Hobbit.  
Can you suggest three novels I might like?

Sure, here are three book suggestions you might enjoy based on your love of The Hobbit:

1. Eragon by Christopher Paolini ...

### MASTER THE SKILL OF EDITING

The text produced by AI chatbots usually needs a lot of changing. Practising editing text for spelling, grammar and comprehension could help improve schoolwork.



### LEARN ABOUT AI

There's no denying that artificial intelligence like chatbots can be fascinating. How does it learn information? Who made it? Researching this together could even inspire a future career in AI!

### STAYING SAFE WHEN USING AI

Make sure the young person in your care knows who their trusted adults are and that they can talk to them if they see something that upsets or worries them online.

Harmful, unhelpful and untrue answers on ChatGPT can be reported by selecting the 'thumbs down' button beside the answer.

Some young people have been using AI for mental health advice. Talk to the young person in your care about what to do if they're feeling depressed, stressed, or upset.

For young people, using AI as a way to get out of homework might be very tempting. If you know the young person in your care is using AI chatbots, talk to them about the possible risks, age limits and alternative ways you can use AI chatbots together as a force for good.

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Ammon, Engineering Apprentice

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