

Parent Bulletin



10th November 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Bulletin.

Year 11 have made a brilliant start to their Mock Exams and we have seen great effort and attitude from them all. Let's all continue working together to maintain that high level of effort for the second week of Mock Exams.

This week our students took part in an assembly to mark Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War One when an agreement to stop fighting was reached on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. It is held to remember all those who have died in wars since and is marked by a two-minute silence at 11:00am. Students discussed the significance of this day, before respectfully observing a two-minute silence at 11am on Friday, so we could remember as a community.

A reminder of our Year 9 Parents Evening coming up on the 23rd November. These events are a great opportunity to learn how your child is progressing and discover ways we can work together to support them in achieving the best grades they can. Information will be sent out nearer the time on how to book your appointments with your child's teachers.

Stay safe and take care,

Team Trafalgar



Presentation Evening 2023

It was great to see so many of our alumni students last night as we came together to celebrate student achievement across all years.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and can't wait to see what they'll do next!

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Trafalgar Alumni

Key Dates

2023

Thursday 23rd November - Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th November - PD Day 2

Friday 1st December - INSET Day (school closed)

Monday 4th December - INSET Day (school closed)

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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Trafalgar receives prestigious Artsmark Award

Pupils and staff at Trafalgar School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Gold Artsmark Award.

Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports them to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education across the whole curriculum, bringing learning to life for children and young people.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

To achieve their Artsmark Award, Trafalgar had to develop their arts and cultural provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

"Evidently, you place high value on the arts, and recognise that they serve to underpin your school values of Inclusion, Respect, Community, Aspiration and Resilience. There is a firm commitment to promoting the arts at Trafalgar, and to increasing your students' cultural capital and, as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, the Duty Bearers ensure that pupils receive their right to participate in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities." The Artsmark assessor commended Trafalgar on our Activities Week, stating "Your Activities Weeks have facilitated a variety of enrichment opportunities, such as workshops with artists, theatre trips, residential abroad and gaming sessions."

On receiving the award, Mrs Copeland, Executive Headteacher said: "We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education and we look forward to continue to grow with Artsmark."

Dr Darren Henley OBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said: "I would like to congratulate Trafalgar School on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious and creative curriculum, young people have the opportunity to develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life."

Job opportunities at Trafalgar School

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

- Teacher of Physical Education
- Teacher of Art & Design Technology
- Learning Support Assistant
- Subject Leader: Music
- Teacher of Humanities
- Subject Leader: Geography

If 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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Duke of Edinburgh Dates and Sessions 2023/24

We are really excited to get this year's Duke of Edinburgh award under way. The location and more details about the expeditions will be sent out closer to the time, but below you will see the dates and brief overview of our sessions for the following year.

In between now and the expeditions, it is vital that students signed up for DofE attend the DofE club every Monday (Bronze) and Tuesday (Silver) after school 3-4pm in Science 8. The sessions between now and the expeditions are mandatory to passing their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Below is a timetable of what your child can expect at the DofE club for each award, what we complete in each session is subject to change but the dates are set.

During weeks where sessions have been cancelled and over the holidays please ensure your child is uploading their evidence to eDofE. If you have any questions, or if your child cannot attend any DofE sessions, please do not hesitate to email me on dofe@trafalgarschool.org.uk.

Miss Nersessian and I are so excited for this year to come and we cannot wait to see the progress your child makes throughout this award.

Miss F Green - Outdoor Education Coordinator

Date	Session Number	Session
6/11/23	1	Logging into eDofE - Getting students set up of eDofE and filling in the information for the sections. Students will need Chromebooks, if they have their own please can they bring it along.
13/11/23	2	The 20 Conditions -These are the conditions that students must know to pass their award, we will also look at the country code.
20/11/23	3	Meal Planning - What is a suitable meal plan for an expedition, what needs to be considered when planning?
27/11/23	4	Equipment Check - What equipment will students need for the expedition, what do they already have, and what is being provided by the school?
4/12/23	Session Cancelled due to Staff PD Day	
11/12/23	5	Team building - Students will finalise their expedition teams and complete team building activities to develop communication and teamwork.
Christmas Holidays		
1/1/24	Session Cancelled due to Bank Holiday	
8/1/24	6	Reading Maps - Looking at symbols, grid references, and hazards
15/1/24	7	Using a compass - How to use the compasses in navigation and work out a compass bearing.
22/1/24	8	Writing a route plan - what makes a good route, what to avoid on the map and how to work out the distances on a map.
29/1/24	9	Weather Dependent: Stove Practice - Students will practice using the stoves as a team to ensure everyone can use the equipment safely.
5/2/24	10	First Aid - Students will have a basic First aid session with a member of St John Ambulance to ensure students are competent in basic First aid for the expedition.
Half Term		
19/2/24	11	Weather Dependent: Tent Practice - Students will be shown the best way to put up and pack away the tents they will be using for the awarding expedition.
26/2/24	12	Bag Fitting & Packing - Students will have a chance to practice fitting a large rucksack to themselves and packing equipment in the most efficient way. We will also review the equipment list.
4/3/24	13	Practice Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meal and route for the practice expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
11/3/24	14	Practice Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meal and route for the practice expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
18/3/24	Session Cancelled due to INSET Day	
23/3/24	Bronze Practice Expedition	
25/3/24	15	Practice Expedition Reflection - Students will reflect on their navigation skills and their planning to make improvements for their awarding expedition.
Easter Holidays		



15/4/24	16	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
22/4/24	17	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
29/4/24	18	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
4 & 5/5/24	Bronze Awarding Expedition	
6/5/24	Session Cancelled due to Bank Holiday	
13/5/24	19	Expedition Evidence & Reflection - Students will upload the information of their expedition and reflect on how it went (this is particularly important for students wishing to complete their Silver award next year). Bring Chromebooks.
20/5/24	20	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
Half Term		
3/6/24	21	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
10/6/24	22	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
17/6/24	23	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
24/6/24	Session Cancelled due to Activities Week	
1/7/24	24	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
8/7/24	25	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
15/7/24	26	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.
22/7/24	27	Evidence Catch-up - Catch-up sessions to assist students to complete their eDofE evidence. Bring Chromebooks.

Date	Session Number	Session
7/11/23	1	Introduction Session - Logging into eDofE, good evidence vs bad evidence, suitable activities for the different sections. Students will need Chromebooks, if they have their own lease bring it along.
14/11/23	2	The 20 Conditions -We will revisit the conditions that students must know to pass their award and identify the differences between Bronze & Silver, we will also revisit the country code.
21/11/23	3	Meal Planning - We will reflect on the meals from bronze and consider if any changes will be needed to make a suitable meal plan for a Silver expedition.
28/11/23	4	Equipment Reflection - What equipment will students need for the expedition, what do they already have? What was useful and what wasn't? What is being provided by the school?
5/12/23	5	Team building - Students will finalise their expedition teams and complete team building activities to develop communication and teamwork.
12/12/23	6	Evidence Catch-up. Bring Chromebooks.
Christmas Holidays		
2/1/24	7	Evidence Catch-up. Bring Chromebooks.
9/1/24	8	Reading Maps Revisit - Looking at symbols, grid references, and hazards. Seeing the difference between the Bronze and Silver expedition areas
16/1/24	9	First Aid - Students will have a basic First aid session with a member of St John's Ambulance to ensure students are competent in basic First aid for the expedition.
23/1/24	10	Using a Compass Revisit - How to use the compasses in navigation and work out a compass bearing, which is especially useful for the Silver expedition
30/1/24	11	Writing a route plan Revisit - Reflect on what makes a good route and plan from their Bronze expedition, what areas on the map to avoid and how to work out the distances on a map.
6/2/24	12	Queen Elizabeth Country Park (QECP) Navigation Planning Session. Bring Chromebooks.
Half Term		
20/2/24	13	Group 1 QECP Navigation
27/2/24	14	Group 2 QECP Navigation
5/3/24	15	Group 3 QECP Navigation
12/3/24	16	Practice Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meal and route for the practice expedition. Bring Chromebooks.

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26/3/24	18	Practice Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meal and route for the practice expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
Easter Holidays		
16/4/24	19	Practice Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meal and route for the practice expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
19/4/24 - 21/4/24	Silver Practice Expedition	
23/4/24	20	Practice Expedition Reflection - Students will reflect on their navigation skills and their planning to make improvements for their awarding expedition.
30/4/24	21	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
7/5/24	22	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
14/5/24	Session Cancelled due to Work Experience	
21/5/24	Session Cancelled due to Work Experience	
Half Term		
4/6/24	23	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
11/6/24	24	Awarding Expedition Planning - Students will plan their meals and route for the awarding expedition. Bring Chromebooks.
14/6/24 - 16/6/24	Silver Awarding Expedition	
18/6/24	25	Expedition Evidence & Reflection - Students will upload the information of their expedition and reflect on how it went. Bring Chromebooks.
25/6/24	Session Cancelled due to Activities Week	
2/7/24	26	Evidence Catch-up and Presentation planning. Bring Chromebooks.
9/7/24	27	Evidence Catch-up and Presentation planning. Bring Chromebooks.
16/7/24	28	Presentations
23/7/24	Session Cancelled due to Sports Festival	

Careers Corner

(message from BAE Systems)



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28 February 2024**



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Zoom Sleep Course for parents

*"Sleep is as important for survival as food and water;
yet most people know very little about this vitally important process.
80% of children with a special educational need or disability struggle to sleep."*



Join Nickie Sutton, experienced sleep practitioner and trainer, for sessions to learn more about sleep and how you can help children sleep better.

These sessions are specially written for parents of children with additional needs and disabilities and are interactive so that your specific questions and needs are answered.

Course

Session 1. How and Why we Sleep. What our brains need us to do to sleep well.

Session 2. SEND and Sleep. How sensory processing differences, autism, anxiety, ADHD and other conditions make sleep so much harder, and how you can help.

Both sessions are 90 minutes long with time at the end for questions.

**You will need to commit to attend both sessions;
as the strategies discussed in session 2 relate back to what is covered in session 1.**

Dates



Tuesdays 21st and 28th November 2023, 10am 12pm
Wednesdays 6th and 13th December 2023, 7pm - 9pm
Tuesdays 16th and 23rd January 2024, 10am 12pm
Wednesdays 7th and 14th February 2024, 7pm - 9pm
Wednesdays 6th and 13th March 2024, 10am 12pm
Tuesdays 16th and 23rd April 2024, 7pm - 9pm



**To book & further information please email:
ppvadmin@hsportsmouth.org.uk**

Nickie Sutton has been a sleep practitioner for 6 years and developed the successful and effective sleep courses for Space4Autism in Cheshire which have been running for over 3 years. Prior to this Nickie was a nurse for 34 years, most recently working as a Specialist Community Public Health School Nurse, and ADHD Nurse Specialist. Her background means that she is scrupulous about offering evidence based advice that is grounded in science. She is currently one of small team of experienced sleep practitioners working on the National Sleep Helpline and in 2022 was commissioned by the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (NHS) to run a new Cheshire East sleep service for neurodiverse children and young people.



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