



Trafalgar School **NEWS**

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Welcome to Trafalgar News

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, the last of our regular communications for 2023; and it has certainly been a successful and enjoyable year so far. I take pride in times such as these to reflect on all the achievements and accomplishments of our students, of which there have been so many in just one term.

Some particular highlights for me have been; those representing Trafalgar School at the city Remembrance Service, students receiving their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards, amazing performances at our school productions, our sporting teams competing against other schools in competitions (very successfully!) and the festive enjoyment of our Year 7's on the annual trip to the pantomime!



What I find speaks volumes about the friendly and inviting nature of our Trafalgar community is how many external visitors choose to come and see our students every year. This term we welcomed the BBC Careers Roadshow, Sky Up Academy Tour, a number of professionals from the city at our PD Days and finally, TV's Dan Snow, who inspired our Y10 and Y11 historians with his stories of the interwar years, and his recent expedition to the Antarctic to search for Ernest Shackleton's sunken ship, The Endurance.

Our end of term celebrations look excitingly different this year as we host all 1026 students on site across 3 different venues, with state-of-the-art technology live streaming the ceremony as we celebrate their achievements. As noted by Ofsted inspectors in our Ofsted report, "Numerous badges adorn pupils' blazer lapels to signify their purposeful leadership roles in school and the community. Pupils see themselves as 'Team Trafalgar' and are proud to represent their school."

I wish you all a wonderful, warm and very happy Christmas with your loved ones.

Mrs Copeland
Executive Headteacher

Student Leadership Update



From raising awareness of our Big Read and Reading Leaders opportunities, to introducing our awareness month themes and informing students of key curriculum information, our student leadership team have been very busy this term!

They presented their plan for the year to the Senior Leadership of the School, as well as representing the school at a host of external events.

Other members of our student team participated in the first COPS summit of the year, which gives students from across the city an opportunity to share their thoughts and have their voices heard.



PD DAY - COMMUNITY

Personal Development Days enhance our core curriculum provision at Trafalgar School. For five days during the school year the usual timetable is suspended and each year group undertake a range of experiences designed to develop further personal learning as well as social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. Our first PD Day in October focused on community.

Charity was the word for Year 7's, as they spent the day researching local charities to find out more information about them and what it is that they do. This was completed in houses with each group producing a poster/powerpoint to support some amazing presentations.

Year 8 focused on building good relationships. During these sessions they analysed the role of relationships in our communities and developed the skills to grow healthy relationships and recognise when things are not quite right.

Year 9 had the infamous CSI day! They took on the roles of crime scene investigators, unpicking the evidence of a crime scene and discovering how real forensic scientists use a wide range of skills and evidence to catch criminals!

Year 10 looked at how to develop loving and respectful relationships and to have a responsible attitude towards intimacy and sexual activity. They spent the day learning about connection and developing their understanding of how positive intimate relationships develop.

Year 11 worked with Elevate on their revision strategies to discover which work the best. They also looked at what is on offer after you leave school and how to apply to college, or for an apprenticeship. They ended the day knowing how to revise and how to apply to college successfully.



PD DAY - ASPIRATION

On our second PD Day of the year, students focused on our core value of aspiration and looked at careers and future opportunities.

Year 7 considered how to present themselves to others, working on how to communicate professionally and using non-verbal communication to good effect, whilst partaking in a careers fair and interacting with a host of local employers to learn about career paths.

Year 8s took part in the Business and Enterprise Day, creating their own business venture and learning how to market and pitch their ideas!

Year 9 had the Stock Market Challenge, experiencing the highs and lows of stock market trading and learning how interest rates rise and profit is made.

For Year 10, it was all about The Big Interview! Students had previously filled out their applications and then interviewed with a raft of local employers and businesses, who very generously gave our students their time for this invaluable experience. A few students were nervous to begin with, but seeing the confidence radiating from them after taking part was brilliant. The feedback received from employers was incredibly positive and this was one of our strongest year groups yet!

Year 11 worked with UNLOC on their Accelerate program with City of Portsmouth College, as well as taking part in subject booster sessions.



Dan Snow visits Trafalgar School



This term we were lucky enough to have historian Dan Snow come in to talk to our Year 10 and 11 History students, along with students from Admiral Lord Nelson school.

Dan kindly took time out from his busy schedule to talk to our students on the topic of interwar Germany and the search for Shackleton's ship, the Endurance.

Students listened intently as Snow shared his experiences and knowledge.

Thank you to Mrs Davies for arranging this exciting opportunity!



We've achieved our 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.

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 continuing 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."

It has been a fantastic term for careers events here at Trafalgar!

BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow

An excited buzz descended on Trafalgar earlier this term as students had the chance to hear from the BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow!

Students got to hear from a host of professionals about their career paths, including an Associate Test Engineer from McLaren Applied!

Students had a great time and asked some really insightful questions.



Aviation Careers Fair

This term Trafalgar students attended an Aviation Careers Fair held at the Fareham Innovation Centre.

This exciting event showcased the aviation sector to young people and highlighted the wide range of opportunities available within the sector!

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Sky Bus comes to Trafalgar!

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic week with Sky Up Academy Studios last month. They had to prepare pieces for TV, learning about the planning and pre-production processes and then got to watch their finished pieces.

They created campaigns to encourage people to make small, environmentally friendly changes. These were fantastic sessions, with students learning about branding and how to ensure a message is explicit. They learned about different roles and opportunities available in TV production, with students choosing roles of strategist, writer, creative and producer during the process.

Students were able to develop foundational digital skills by having hands-on experience with Sky technology, whilst gaining insight into creative and technical careers.



STUDENTS CREATE THEIR M



We have had the pleasure of welcoming local artist Samo into our school to work with our PD Day 5 winning team from last term.

The team had the opportunity to turn their winning design for an Equity and Diversity mural into a living piece of art in our school.

The students had a fantastic day creating their final mural and have made memories to last a lifetime.



MURAL WITH LOCAL ARTIST





From our family to yours,

Merry Christmas.