



Trafalgar School **NEWS**



**+ End of Term Awards + Activities Week 2023
+ Duke of Edinburgh Award 2023 + more!**

Welcome to Trafalgar News

What a wonderful year it has been that I have the absolute pleasure to reflect upon. This year has seen so many achievements, events and changes that have all enhanced and improved our wonderful school.

Our Year 11 students showed incredible resilience and aspiration during the GCSE exam period. A huge well done to you all; I so look forward to seeing how well your hard work has paid off on results day. I hope you all enjoyed your amazing Prom at the Queens Hotel; you all looked incredible!



The events that have taken place this year are well worth reciting. Of course, the annual activities week went above and beyond this year with 3 trips abroad, others out of the city, and the remainder visiting and representing our school so beautifully within our very city. The response from our parents thanking our staff for taking care of their children was certainly humbling to read.

Aside this, we've had school productions, art gala's, charity fundraisers, World Book Day, our 5 PD days, our Awareness Months, Open Evening, Year 12 Certificate Evening, Local Authority Summits; again, another extensive list that could go on and on. We really pride ourselves on creating opportunities in every way for our children, not just learning in the classroom, but a well-rounded education for the whole person, and I love watching our students grow through these experiences.

Our Relational Practice outreach work has enabled us to improve students' lives further afield in over 30 schools across the city. After a period of intensive due diligence, we have now started working with our colleagues at Mayfield School and I am excited about what we can achieve together.

I wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable and sunny Summer.

Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher

End of Term Awards

This has been a term full of challenges, but our fantastic community has risen to all of them brilliantly, embodying our core values and smashing expectations.

Here is a list of some of our students who have received awards in our end of term celebration, in recognition of their successes.



Top Boy is Callum



Top Girl is Alina

HOH Star Students



Temeraire: Vlad



Sovereign: Bonnie



Britannia: Kate



Victory: Matilda



Well done to every student who received an award! Have a great Summer!
#teamtrafalgar

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Silver Award Expedition



In June, 14 of our Year 10 students embarked on the first ever Trafalgar Silver DofE Expedition!

Our students spent three days hiking and camping around the New Forest, and while some groups may have got a bit lost along the way, they worked together to reach their final destination successfully.

Their polite and contentious behaviour was noted by members of the public and they were a credit to themselves and our school with how hard they worked and how they supported each other in this challenge.

The bar has been set for next year's Silver students.



RGH AWARD 2023

Bronze Award Expedition



In May our Bronze DofE students completed their expedition and absolutely smashed it!

They hit all their checkpoints across both days and made it to the campsite in record time. Lots of fun was had and students were greeted by staff across the checkpoints, cheering them on and keeping up their amazing energy levels.

Well done to all our students for their efforts and a massive thank you to our staff for volunteering their time to support the students.



WORK EXPER



WORK EXPERIENCE 2023

This year was our largest Work Experience yet, with the whole of Year 10 going out for two weeks to a variety of work environments.

The feedback we had from their employers was phenomenal; it was great visiting students on placement and hearing how much they enjoyed it.

The majority of students said it exceeded their expectations and they have learnt a valuable lesson from taking part; learning new skills and growing in confidence.

This year was such a positive experience that 22 students were offered a job or apprenticeship as a result of the two weeks.

We are incredibly proud of them all for how they conducted themselves and represented the school. We are looking forward to 2024!



SCIENCE 2023



Here is some of the amazing feedback our students received:

"Really respectful young man, good work ethic and great sense of humour – happy to have him back for a job!"

"An honest, respectful and incredible young lady. Confident to share thoughts and opinions on tasks – fitted into the team really well and no question at all about taking her on! Thank you for sending her our way."

"It has been a real pleasure watching this student's confidence grow. Got on well with all the staff and kids and supporting me with all tasks. Always on time and enthusiastic. Will be missed by us all."

"Great with people, polite and grew in confidence although is very talented already! Would definitely offer an apprenticeship to this student!"

"We couldn't have asked for anything more, we all love her and have offered her a job!"

"We will miss having him around every day, a very polite boy and everyone loves him – we would love him to come back."

"An absolute credit to herself, her parents and her school. Offered a weekend job."

Activities Week 2023

Activities Week 2023 took things to new heights!

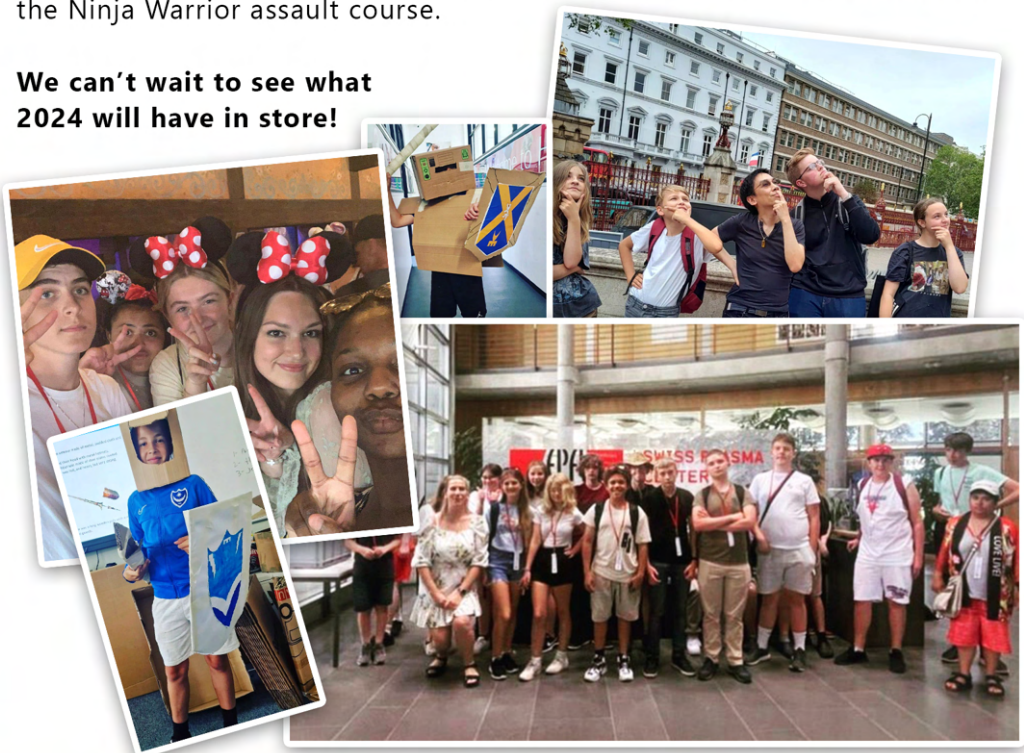
Building on the success of 2022, students have enjoyed a range of activities during the week, getting a chance to experience things outside of the normal curriculum.

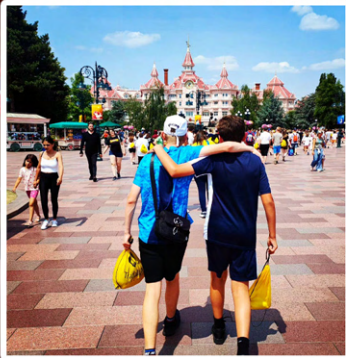
Students got to go to places such as Paris, Barcelona and Geneva as well as people going to London for experiences like the Lion King, Harry Potter World and even Hamilton! Trafalgar also set up shop at Thorpe Park, hosting an almost mini-takeover with two overnight residentials and a day trip in the middle. (Is there really such a thing as too many rollercoaster rides?!)

In school there were plenty of activities, including the ever popular Trafalgar Bake Off and Multi Sports Days.

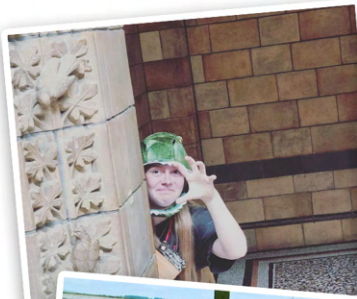
Students were able to go to Goals, enjoy retro gaming or test their skills on the Ninja Warrior assault course.

We can't wait to see what 2024 will have in store!









COLLEGE TAST

We would like to say thank you to both HSDC and City of Portsmouth College for hosting our Year 10s this year on their college taster days.

As you can see from the photos, students had a great day experiencing college life, taking part in a variety of courses and activities; using this to help them clarify their ideas and plans for post Trafalgar life.



ER DAYS 2023



We had lovely feedback showing that the conduct and behaviour of Trafalgar students was exemplary. They were a real credit to themselves.

As always, we are incredibly proud of how well our students present themselves and their willingness to take on new challenges. We hope this has given them all an insight to their possible next steps and inspired them to keep on being the best they can be.



Trafalgar students represent Portsmouth



We had 4 students from Trafalgar who were nominated and went on to successfully represent Portsmouth at the Hampshire Athletics Championship this term.

We are so proud of them for their achievements outside of school in a very competitive sport.



We can't wait to see what they will go on to achieve next year.

Well done Oren, Jess, Cameron and Talia!

Trafalgar visits Wimbledon



The Wimbledon Foundation's Set for Success programme is a new school youth leadership initiative funded by the Wimbledon Foundation and delivered in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust. At the start of the academic year, a group of Year 9 students were selected to be part of the new initiative.

Due to the Youth Sport Trust connection with the Wimbledon Foundation, Trafalgar were gifted tickets to Wimbledon which was an amazing opportunity. The pupils selected for this have gone above and beyond within PE, not only at Trafalgar school, but within the community, sports leader events and fixtures. These pupils have shown a real interest and dedication to helping other staff and pupils, and are wonderful role models always demonstrating the Trafalgar values within PE and further.

The selected students were able to watch some highly skilled athletes in various competitive situations and they had an amazing day!



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