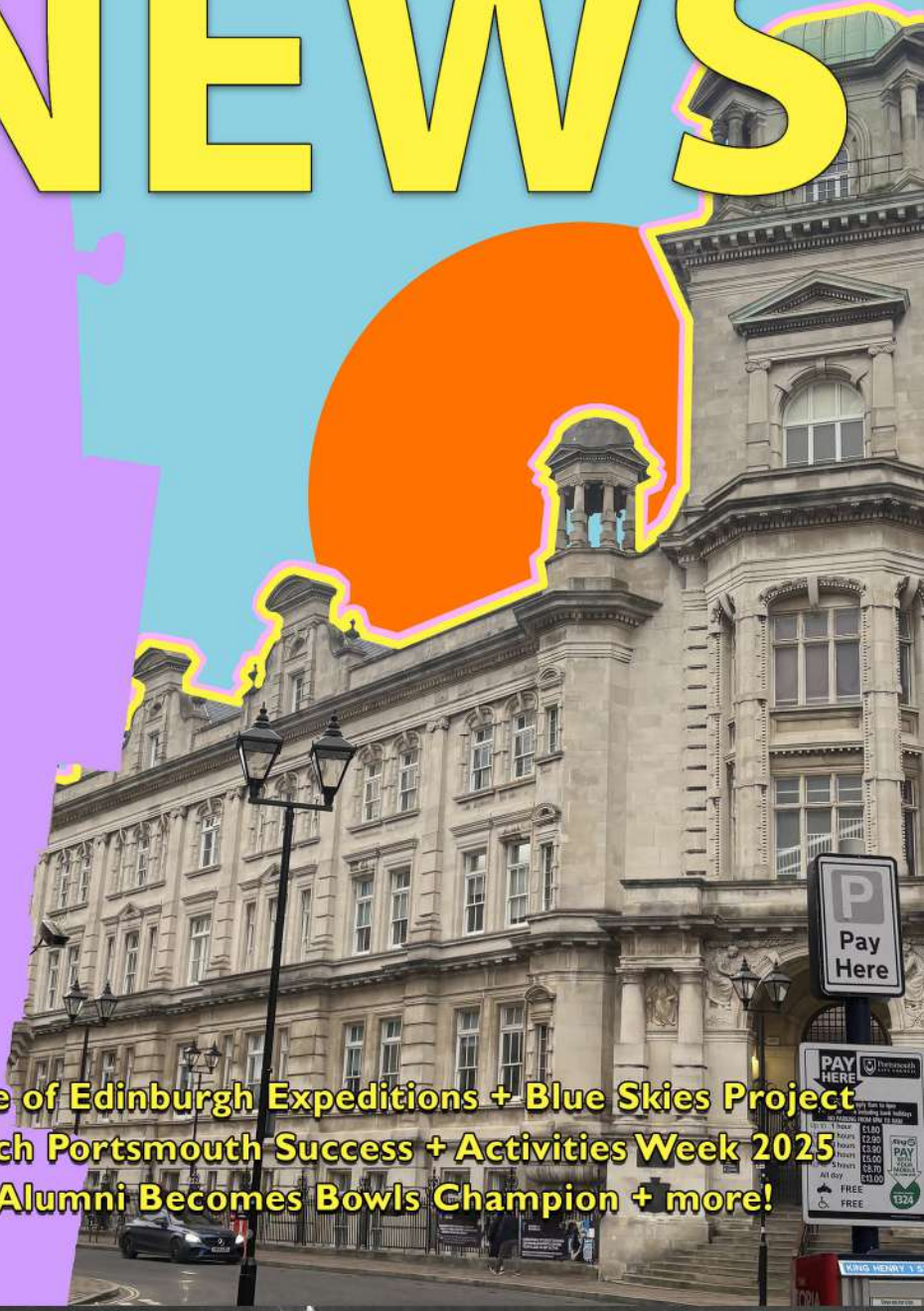




Trafalgar School

NEWS



- + Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions + Blue Skies Project
- + Teach Portsmouth Success + Activities Week 2025
- + Alumni Becomes Bowls Champion + more!



Time	Rate
1st hour	£1.80
2nd hour	£2.20
3rd hour	£2.50
4th hour	£3.00
5th hour	£3.50
6th hour	£4.00
At day	£13.00
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Welcome from the Executive Head

It is hard to believe that we have completed another academic year! The time has flown by, with an abundance of achievements, successes and events accomplished.

Our Year 11 students sat their GCSE exams, demonstrating their resilience and aspiration right to the end. The Leavers' BBQ was a chance to celebrate their hard work during their five years with us, and The Prom, held at The Queens Hotel, was our biggest yet! Staff and students danced the night away! It was a fantastic send off for a wonderful year group. I can't wait to see them all on results day in August and celebrate their achievements.

Activities Week is one of my favourite weeks of the year and this year only cemented this further. It was wonderful watching our young people just being children, enjoying a broad range of enrichment activities that will have created memories for life. A particular highlight for me was our first ever year 7 camp, which I visited on Thursday, helping to serve lunch. Our students were full of smiles and laughter (and dirt!) and the 'Team Trafalgar' spirit was strong. Planning has already begun to make 2026 bigger and better than ever! Our annual Sports Festival has been another success this term. Our sporting students thrived, with Britannia House taking the cup as overall winners. I enjoy seeing the healthy, competitive side of our students (and staff) challenging themselves for their house.

Our PD Days saw our students develop their cultural, diversity and social understanding, and has supported their development as active citizens in our society. These days are so instrumental in supporting our young people to become well rounded individuals and promote our five core values, which really mean something at our school. A standout moment for our days this year was the presentation by Charlie's Promise. The impact this had on our whole community was profound and not something any of us will forget.

Trafalgar took a leading role in the Festival of Friends project this year and I was thrilled to attend the celebration event at the University of Portsmouth. This project highlighted the challenges children of serving parents face, particularly when a parent is deployed.

I become more and more proud of our students at every event they represent us at. Events such as College Taster Days, Sporting Tournaments, the Duke of Edinburgh programme, Unloc Big Debates, and so many more. The opportunities our students have here are endless and are led and enabled by the wonderful staff we employ. I'd personally like to thank them for going above and beyond for your children.

With the end of a school year brings new beginnings and I so look forward to working with our newly appointed Student Senior Leadership team, and our outstanding prefects next year; not to mention welcoming our new cohort of Year 7's in September. It's an exciting time to be a part of Team Trafalgar!

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Summer.

Mrs Copeland
Executive Headteacher

Mr Furnell Wins Innovation Award



We are really pleased to share that Mr Furnell won this year's Innovation Award at the Teach Portsmouth Awards.

The award, which is sponsored by City of Portsmouth College, celebrates someone who has developed new ways of working to improve teaching and learning in Portsmouth.

He has done exactly that! He has introduced fresh ideas in the classroom and beyond that have helped students learn in more engaging and effective ways.

His work has had a real impact on attendance at Trafalgar School and is also a great example to others across the city. We are very proud of this achievement and pleased to see his efforts recognised in this way.

Well done Mr Furnell, and thank you for your continued hard work and inspiring approach to teaching.

Trafalgar Alumni Crowned National Champion



We're incredibly proud to share that earlier this term, former Trafalgar pupil Chris achieved his long-standing goal of becoming the Under-18s Short Mat Bows National Champion 2025.

Chris' journey to the top has taken years of hard work, commitment and determination. He has dedicated countless hours to training, competing and developing his skills. His success at the national level is a well-deserved reward for all his efforts.

This remarkable achievement is not only a personal milestone for Chris, but also a brilliant reminder to our current students of what can be achieved with focus and perseverance. We hope his story inspires others to pursue their own goals, whatever their interests may be.

Congratulations Chris! Your Trafalgar community is cheering you on every step of the way. #TeamTrafalgar4Life

BAE Systems Roadshow Inspires Students with AI and Robotics



Earlier this term, our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an exciting and interactive visit from the BAE Systems Roadshow, delivered in partnership with the Royal Navy and the RAF.

The session gave students the chance to explore the world of artificial intelligence in a creative and hands-on way. They worked together to write and produce their very own original song using AI tools, learning how technology can be used in music and media. Another popular activity involved guiding a blindfolded teacher through a maze using simple instructions, helping students understand how AI is programmed to follow commands.

One of the most memorable moments was meeting Lexi the Robodog. Students were amazed by her abilities and fascinated to learn how robotics and AI work together in real-world applications. The students had a fantastic time and came away inspired about the future of technology.

Activities Week 2025: A Week to Remember!

Activities Week 2025 was a brilliant few days filled with fun, new experiences and the chance for students to learn outside the classroom. There was something for everyone, whether you stayed on site, went on a day trip, or took part in a residential.

This year included an exciting range of trips both in the UK and abroad. Students travelled to Paris, Germany, Athens, Barcelona, and took part in themed experiences at Thorpe Park and Gothic London. These trips gave students the chance to explore new places, experience different cultures and grow in independence.

A special highlight was our first ever Year 7 Camp! It gave our youngest students the chance to enjoy the outdoors, try new things and build new friendships. Highlights included a t-shirt painting ice-breaker activity and an incredible evening talent show, as well as students cooking their own meals together on the camp stoves.

There were also many exciting day trips. These included:

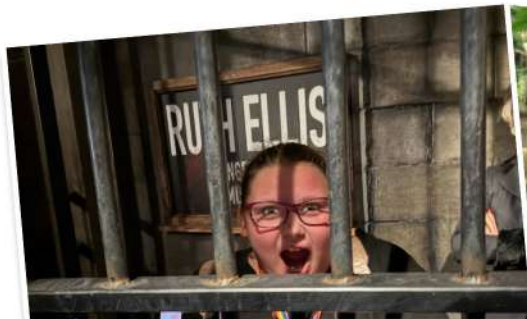
- Natural History Museum
- Thames boat ride
- Paintballing
- Sailing taster day
- Water sports multi-activity days
- Sensas London
- Laser quest
- Longleat Safari Park
- Go Ape
- Chiquito's
- Bowling
- London Dungeon
- Harry Potter Studio Tour
- Living Rainforest

Each trip gave students the chance to have fun, try something different and learn in a new way.

Students also chose to take part in some sessions on site, where there were lots of creative and hands-on activities for students to enjoy. These included Stitch and Style, Lego and Retro Gaming, the HSDC Creative Workshop, Chemistry Fun Day, Plan Your Own Festival, and a writing challenge to find the next children's author.

Engagement across the whole week was fantastic and it was great to see so much enthusiasm and teamwork. Many students have reported that it was one of the best weeks of the year!

A big thank you to all the staff who planned, supported, and led activities across the week helping our students make life-long memories. We're already looking forward to Activities Week 2026!



WORK EXPER

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students on completing your 2025 work experience!

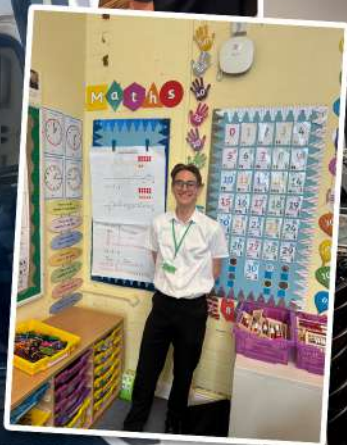
We're incredibly proud of each and every one of you. The feedback from your employers has been outstanding, it's clear you've represented the school with maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism.

It was a pleasure visiting many of you during your placements and hearing how much you enjoyed the experience. You told us it exceeded your expectations, helping you build confidence, learn new skills and gain valuable insights into the world of work.

A special shout-out to those who were offered apprenticeships or job opportunities as a result of your placements. What an amazing achievement!

Well done everyone. You've set a fantastic example for future year groups.

We're already looking forward to seeing what the 2026 cohort will achieve!



SCIENCE 2025



Salterns Students Visit Oxford University



Just before half term, students from across Salterns Academy Trust – Trafalgar, Admiral Lord Nelson and Mayfield Schools – took part in an inspiring visit to the University of Oxford.

The day was all about raising aspirations, giving students a real insight into university life and the many exciting opportunities available after school.

Through engaging talks, campus tours and conversations with current students, our young people learned about the different pathways into higher education and what it takes to succeed.

It was a fantastic experience that helped students see just how far their ambition can take them. A big thank you to Oxford University for hosting such a valuable and memorable day.

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Over the course of the summer term, both our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award students successfully completed their expeditions – a fantastic achievement for all involved.

Our Year 9 Bronze participants completed their expeditions, putting their navigation, teamwork and resilience to the test. We are proud to say that all groups passed, showing real determination and supporting one another throughout the challenge.

Meanwhile, our Silver students completed both their expeditions this term. They demonstrated excellent group dynamics, perseverance and leadership, rising to the challenge with confidence and maturity.

We were lucky to enjoy some good weather along the way, which made the experience even more enjoyable for everyone. A huge well done to all students who took part – your hard work and positive attitude have been brilliant to see.

COLLEGE TAST

Our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend taster days at some of our local colleges this term. These events provided enriching experiences, giving students a valuable glimpse into the world of further education and helping them make more informed decisions about their futures.

The visits allowed students to explore a range of educational pathways and consider what life beyond Trafalgar School might look like. Through hands-on activities and tours, they gained a better understanding of the courses, facilities and learning environments on offer.

We hope these experiences gave students a useful insight into college life. As they move into Year 11 this September, it's the ideal time to begin thinking more seriously about their next steps after school. To support this, we encourage all students to attend college open evenings and to take full advantage of the application support available in school. Students are also encouraged to book a one-to-one careers guidance appointment, where they can receive personalised advice and support with planning their next steps.



CAREER DAYS 2025



Participating in these taster days has not only broadened students' horizons, but also inspired many to set clear goals for the future. We believe these opportunities will play an important role in shaping their next steps and future success.

We look forward to seeing the impact these experiences will have in the year ahead! For further information see the Careers Hub on our school website.

BLUE SKIES

Our Blue Skies students have recently celebrated their graduation after a brilliant year of exciting trips, hands-on activities and personal growth through the Blue Skies programme.

Over the course of the year, students took part in a wide range of experiences designed to develop key skills like teamwork, problem solving and communication, while learning more about careers in STEM and the armed forces. Highlights included trips to RAF Odiham and Alstom, where they saw engineering and aviation in action, and most recently, an inspiring visit to Airbus. There, they took part in practical challenges, such as satellite building and even had the chance to operate a replica Mars rover — an activity that tested their patience, planning and collaboration.

Alongside these trips, students also participated in a variety of in-school workshops and activities, where they worked with professionals from the industry, developed their leadership skills and built confidence through presentations and team challenges.

We are so proud of how far the group has come over the year. Their recent graduation event was a brilliant celebration of their achievements, with each student taking to the stage to reflect on their journey and share what they've learned. It's been a fantastic first year — and just the beginning of what we're sure will be a bright future for all involved.



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