Trafalgar Newsletter

Welcome back to the final term of the year, we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term!

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Year 8 Parents' Evening yesterday. There were lots of productive conversations about student progress as we move towards the end of the year. If you were unable to make your appointments, please contact your child's teachers directly to arrange a time to discuss their progress.

Year 11 are over half way through their GCSE exams now! Our students' work ethic has been admirable and they have been making fantastic use of the booster sessions and interventions provided to them. Keep going Year 11!

June is Pride Month! Here at Trafalgar we feel it is incredibly important to create an inclusive environment and raise awareness for students to help build a better community for all. Across the month we will be sharing inspirational figures of the LGBTQ+ community and celebrating them on our social media, along with assemblies and discussions in our community circles.

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' goes to our Year 9 Football team!

The Year 9 Football team worked extremely hard to earn their place in the Portsmouth Schools Cup Final.

They beat Milton Cross 3-2. Trafalgar initially went 2-0 up, however they let the lead slip and the game was level at 2-2. The team really had to dig in deep to find a winner, which they did in the last minute of the game! It was a fantastic game of football with every member of the team playing a vital role. Well done!

Key Dates   2022

Thursday 23rd June - Year 7-10 Presentation Evening

Friday 24th June - Year 7-10 early finish

Friday 24th June - Year 11 Leavers Assembly & BBQ

Reminder about essential equipment: Please ask students to check their bags before they come to school and make sure they have all essential equipment with them.
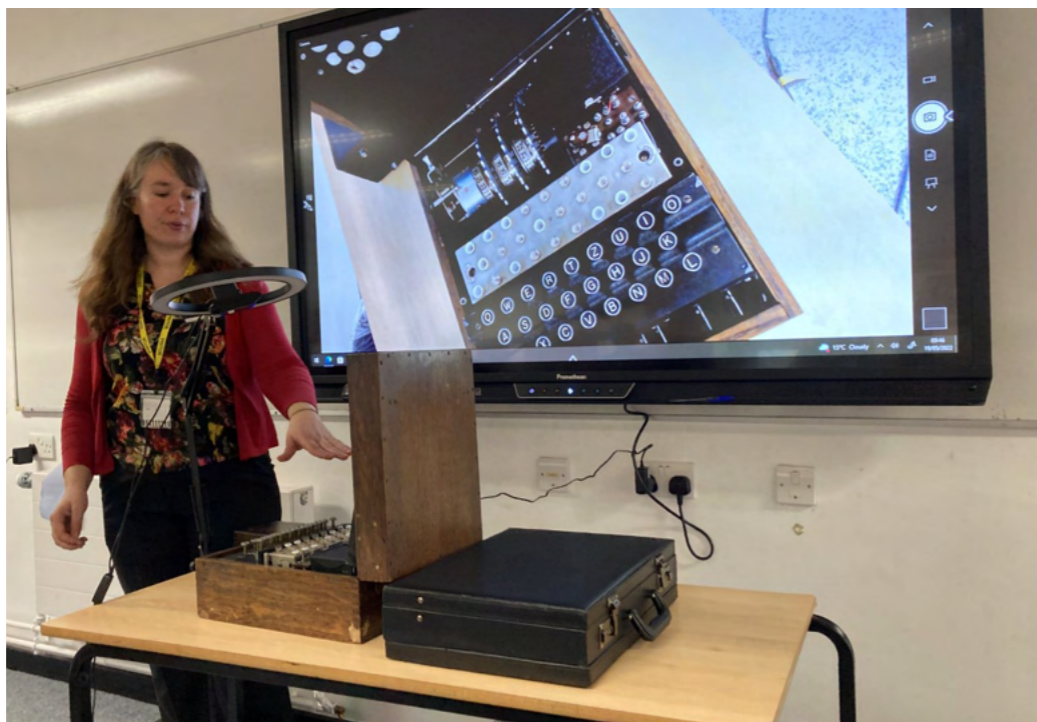
ICT Department Update

Our Year 10 students had a special visit from Bletchley Park this term and were lucky enough to be able to see a real Enigma machine and learn all about cipher devices.

The Enigma machine is a cipher device developed and used in the early- to mid-20th century to protect commercial, diplomatic, and military communication. It was employed extensively by Nazi Germany during World War II, in all branches of the German military.

Everyone had a great time learning about the application of computer science topics in modern and historic contexts.

Community Circles Update

This week our tutor community circles were answering the following Monday check in question:

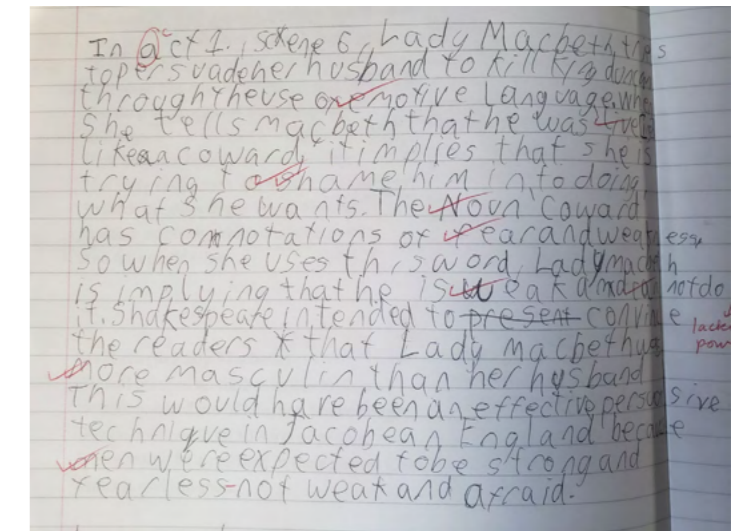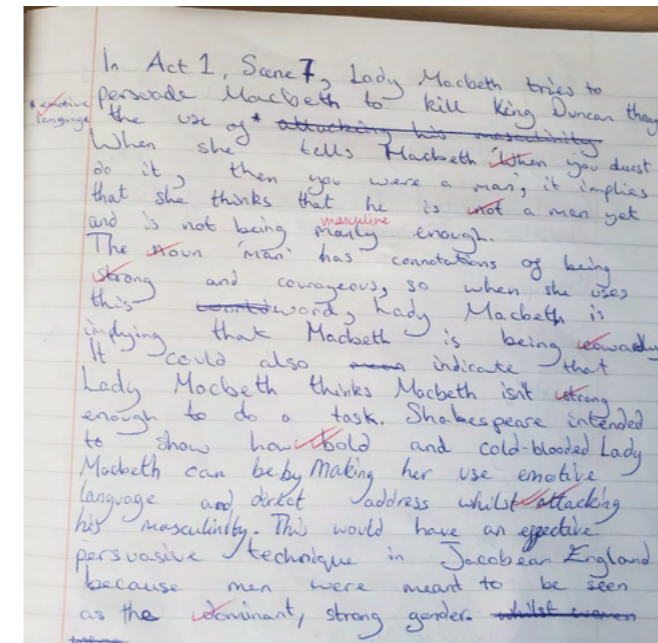**"What is the best movie you have seen this year?"**

Students and staff remarked that despite lockdown rules being relaxed for some time now, some have been slow to go back to the cinema. However, it certainly brought up some discussion around film genre preferences where some surprising results and recommendations were certainly exchanged! It was also interesting to see how streaming services are a popular way to watch films and series, however going to the cinema is a social event and contributes towards strengthening relationships.

How do you think your child answered? Let's keep the conversation going! #joinin
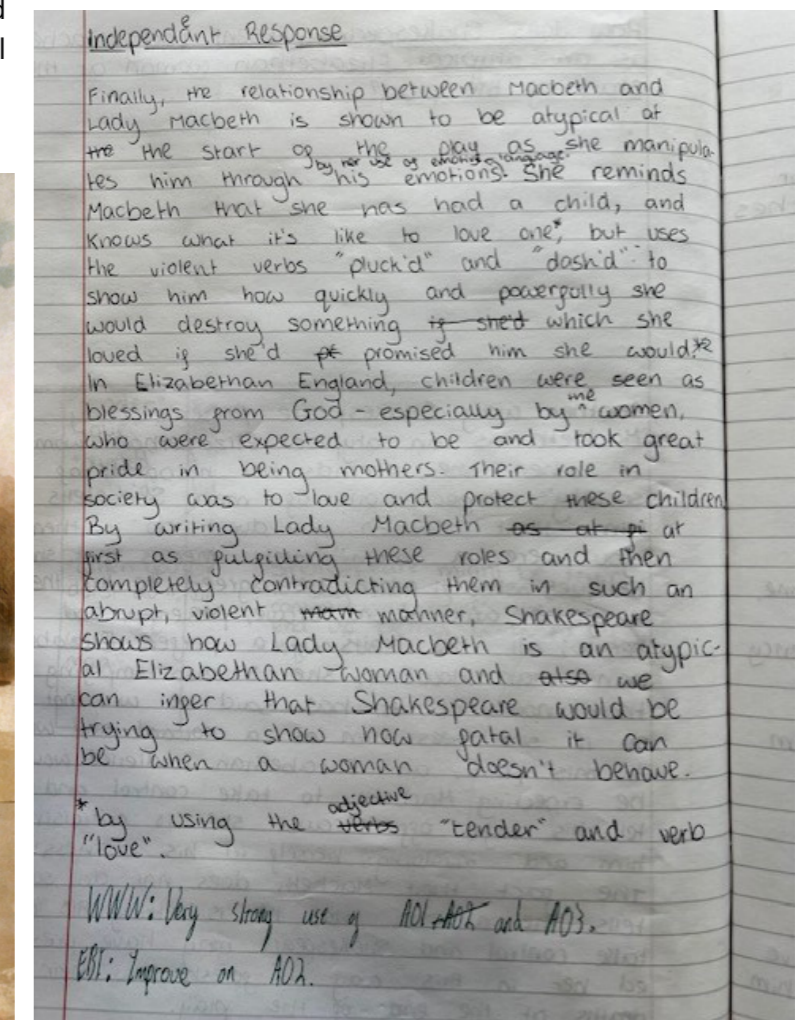
English Department Update

Year 8 have just completed a brief analysis of the persuasive language used by Lady Macbeth in Act II of Macbeth; they connected her persuasive tactics to their contextual knowledge of gender roles in Jacobean England.

Matilda created a fantastic independent response to the presentation of Lady Macbeth's character in Act 1 Scene 7, which was briefly peer assessed using the assessment objectives. Mrs Swaffer was impressed by how detailed her links to context were and how Lady Macbeth is presented as an atypical Elizabethan woman. Well done Matilda!

Safeguarding Update -
A Parent's Guide to Protecting Kids' Privacy on Social Media

Original article *available here*.

If your kids use social media, as many children do, you may be worried about protecting their privacy. Teenagers may be a bit unconcerned about such things, and may not care who reads their Twitter or Facebook posts, or who sees their photos on Instagram or Snapchat. As a parent, you know how important it is to keep your kids' online life out of the public domain, as much as possible.

It's a good idea for parents to explain to their children why this is important, and help them choose the right settings to protect their privacy. Kids can always go back and change the settings, of course; you can't lock their settings to prevent them from making changes. But if you have a serious conversation with your children about privacy, you can work together with them to apply the appropriate settings, and help them understand why those settings are important.

In this article, We are going to show you how to adjust privacy settings for the most popular social media apps and sites, so you can help your children protect themselves.

Facebook
While Facebook isn't as popular with kids anymore—too many parents and adults are there—plenty of teenagers still use it, and its privacy settings are among the most complex. To make matters worse, Facebook changes their privacy policy and settings often, so what you see today may be different next month.

To access Facebook's privacy settings from the Settings page on the Web, go to https://www.facebook.com/settings/?tab=privacy.

To get to Facebook's privacy settings in the Facebook app on iOS or iPadOS, tap the menu button, then scroll down to Settings & Privacy and tap that. Note that the interface in the app is quite different from what you'll see on the Web.

Facebook explains these settings in the Privacy Shortcut section. It tells you to Check a few important settings, Manage your profile, and suggests that you Learn more with Privacy Basics. It's a good idea to go through these sections to better understand what Facebook settings do.

Some of the main privacy settings to check include the following:

Who can see your future posts?
Who can send you friend requests?
Who can see your friends list?
Who can look you up using the email address you provided?
Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?
Do you want other search engines to link to your timeline?

For all of these, the safest settings are "Friends" and "No." Have a look at all of the Privacy settings and see which others you want to change.

Facebook also lets you block users. Click Blocking in the sidebar at the left; you can add names or emails of users to block, and you can block apps, app invites, and pages. Help your kids learn to do this if they get harassed on Facebook.

There's a Face Recognition setting accessible from the sidebar, where Facebook asks, "Do you want Facebook to be able to recognize you in photos and videos?" It's a good idea to say no to this, to prevent Facebook from tagging your child in photos posted by others.

Other settings to change are in the Profile and Tagging section; you want to only allow friends to post on your child's profile, and you should probably only allow friends view what's on their profile as well.

In the Public Posts section, you can choose who can follow your child, who can comment on their posts, and more. The Location setting allows you to turn off location history in the Facebook app, which is advisable.

Instagram
Instagram is a fairly simple service that lets people share photos and videos. As such, its privacy options are mostly limited to who can send a user photos, and who can view their stories.

In the Instagram app, tap the profile icon (at the bottom; the head-and-shoulders silhouette or photo), tap the gear icon at the top left of the screen, then tap Privacy and Security. Check Private Account at the top of the screen to ensure that only people your child has accepted as followers can view their photos and videos.

This help article on the Instagram website tells you more about keeping posts and photos private.

TikTok
TikTok is a popular service among young people, used for sharing short videos. Many teenagers, or even younger children, use TikTok, so it's a good idea to check it's privacy settings. TikTok requires that users be aged 13 or over, and all accounts for users aged 13-15 are private accounts. The service has other age-related settings for users.

There is also TikTok for Younger Users, a limited app experience, which segregates younger users and prevents them from seeing in appropriate content.

TikTok has privacy settings similar to other services. Tap the head and shoulders icon at the bottom of the screen, tap the ellipses (...) at the top of the screen, then tap Privacy.

You can make an account private, which means that only users your child approves can view their videos. There are a number of other settings, for who can download videos, like videos, comment, and more. You can also filter spam and offensive comments, and control who can send your child direct messages.

TikTok has a good overview of these settings here.

Snapchat
Snapchat is a messaging app, but, like Twitter, much of what users share can be viewed by the public. You can go to the Settings screen — tap the gear icon at the top of the Feed screen — scroll down to the Who Can section, and adjust who can contact your child, view their story, see their location, and see them in quick add.

For the former, you can choose Everyone or My Friends, and for the story settings, you have the same options, plus a Custom option, where you can choose specific friends who can view a user's story.

One of SnapChat's features is SnapMap, a map with user locations. The See My Location settings offer granular control, with the ability bo choose specific friends who can see your child's location, or all friends except specific friends. It's probably safest to enable Ghost Mode, whereby your child's location will not be shared.

See the Snapchat website for more information about privacy settings.