

Trafalgar Newsletter

24th June 2022

It has been a busy week here at Trafalgar!

Year 11 have now finished their exams and today we said goodbye to them. It has been a challenging few years for them with the impact of the pandemic, but they have come through it brilliantly and did themselves and the school a credit with how they conducted themselves during these exams. It is only a temporary farewell though, as we will see lots of them for Prom next week, and then in August to celebrate their results!

Next week is our Activities Week! This is a great opportunity for students to have fun and enriching experiences outside of their regular learning. All information and letters have been given to students detailing the arrangements for each day, but we will also be posting activity meeting points and timings each day next week on our social media. Be sure to keep an eye on our Instagram account for all the latest posts to see what fun everyone is getting up to!

We have lots of exciting news from our PE Department inside, with students proving once again why our community is one of the best ones around!

Take care, stay safe and enjoy activities week!

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' goes to our Unloc Big Debate winners!

Miss Kemp and Mr King took the students to the Unloc: Big Debate at the University of Portsmouth.

During the day, the team competed against 3 other teams from Springfield, UTC Portsmouth and The Petersfield School, winning their group unanimously!

After this, they went on to debate AGAINST the legal voting age being lowered to 16 against the other finalist and WON!!!



At the event Quinn also won the award for best speaker on our side of the 8 teams that competed! Well done everyone!

Key Dates

2022

Monday 27th June - 1st July - Activities Week

Monday 4th - 5th July - Year 6 Induction Days

Wednesday 6th July - Art Exhibition 6-7:30pm

Stay Hydrated!

During the warmer weather, please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle with them and to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated!



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Community Circles Update

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

“What activities are you undertaking during Activities Week and what do you need to do to prepare?”

This created an enormous amount of buzz and excitement, for both students and staff, alike! The huge array of activities were discussed and students were excited to go over previous activities week experiences with their peers, whilst getting organised with what they need to wear and bring. Some were even discussing potential hashtags to go on our social media, which I know some staff are extremely competitive about #missalexandershouldhavewonlastyear.

What activities are your children due to get involved in? #joinin #teamtrafalgar



PE Department Update

Rounders Tournaments

This half term, Trafalgar has hosted the city-wide rounders tournaments for Years 7-10. We have developed these tournaments that were previously led by another school pre-covid. These tournaments are now mixed gender which has created an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. Our Year 7 students came in first place in their tournament. A massive congratulations to the team.

The Year 8 students came a close 2nd place in their tournament, losing out by 2 rounders to ALNS. Well done to the team!

Finally, our Year 9 and 10 team also finished in 1st place, not losing one game all tournament - well done everyone!



Miss Nerssessian, Miss North and Miss Potter

Volleyball

Volleyball has been a real hit with our Year 10 students as part of their summer curriculum and we have been really impressed with the progress they have made. They have developed the skills to carry out a full game and have shown outstanding teamwork and resilience within each lesson. A reminder that the volleyball club is on after school on a Tuesday.



Miss Nerssessian and Miss Potter

Cricket Festival

A huge well done to the students who represented Trafalgar School at St Johns for a cricket festival. We

were the only inner-city state school present and the students held their own against the other schools (who had several county players) and played with a hard ball for the first time. We have lots of exciting cricket opportunities coming up so if anyone is interested please see Mr Swaffer.

Well done to Overio F, Ronnie R, Ziath U, Josh C, Oscar B, Frankie R, Fraser R, Harvey J and Tyler B.

Mr Swaffer



Tennis

Our students are absolutely loving our new Multi Use Games Area which currently has tennis set up within it. It is a fantastic new facility that is being utilised for tennis at lunch times, in lessons and after school clubs. The rush to the gate during lunch time demonstrates how popular it is, with students enjoying some movement and fun in between lessons. A reminder that tennis club is on at lunchtime for Year 7 on a Tuesday, Year 8 on a Wednesday and Year 9 on a Thursday. It is also on after school on a Thursday for all years.

Miss Nerssessian and Miss Potter

Sports Studies - Outdoor activities



As part of their course, the students who study sports studies will need to complete a variety of outdoor activities over the next three years, being assessed practically and also written coursework to explain the safety, equipment and skills required to take part. Some of the Year 9 students are currently undertaking a Paddle-Up qualification at the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre on the Eastern Road. They have loved their first couple of sessions and have learnt a lot of new skills (including how to splash one another effectively with the paddle).

Miss Nerssessian

Golfing Superstar

Josh in Year 10 recently won the Mens Championship Division One Handicap McDonald Trophy, competing against adults! He won with net scores of 71 & 72 playing off 6 (cut to 5).

Well done Josh!

Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders did an outstanding job supporting with the Mary Rose Sports Day today. We received multiple comments from their staff about how they made the children feel included and successful, with lots of PE teachers in the making. **#teamtrafalgar #inclusion #community #ourstudentsrock**



Safeguarding Update - Tombstoning

Please read and discuss with your child the dangers of tombstoning. This is a real problem in Portsmouth.

Tombstoning: safety advice

What tombstoning is

- jumping or diving from a height into water
- a high-risk, unregulated activity, undertaken by unsupervised individuals

Why tombstoning is dangerous

- water depth alters with the tide; the water may be shallower than it seems
- submerged objects like rocks may not be visible; they can cause serious injury if you jump onto them
- the shock of cold water may make it difficult to swim
- strong currents can rapidly sweep people away

Think before you jump: don't let alcohol, drugs or peer pressure affect your judgement; even if you're jumping safely, children may be watching and try to copy your actions.

Since 2004 the Coastguard has dealt with over 200 incidents, with 70 injuries and 20 deaths.

Of those injured the youngest was 12 and the oldest was 45.

Don't jump into the unknown.



Nick Biddlecome, left paralysed whilst tombstoning when he was 17 years old said:

"I got bet 50p and a cigarette that I wouldn't jump in first."

[Tombstoning warning: 'I jumped in...and woke up 6 weeks later in hospital' | ITV News Meridian](#)