

Trafalgar Newsletter

15th July 2022

ONE WEEK TO GO!

This week we held our first school production since the pandemic hit and the students have absolutely smashed it! The show this year was "School of Rock" and students committed fully to their roles, learning all their lines and musical numbers and never failing to give it 110%, even during the rising temperatures! There was a tremendous turnout for both evenings and plenty of five-star reviews from those who saw the production.

Next week we have our final PD Day of the year, featuring events such as the Big Interview for Year 10 and the return of first aid training. We also have our Sports Festival to look forward to! This is like our Sports Day, but bigger and BETTER! There will not only be the usual athletics events, but also rounders and volleyball competitions, as well as the opportunity for students to have their face 'glittered' for free, or buy an ice cream to cool down after their events (prices starting from £2).

We are aware of the rising temperatures and are constantly monitoring the situation to ensure we do the best we can for the students so they don't miss out on these end of year experiences. Please see the letter from our Head of School with details of the arrangements for next week. Make sure students continue to bring plenty of water and sun cream and let's enjoy the last week of our first full academic year since 2019!

Information about next academic year will come out in our end of term letter from Mrs Copeland, Executive Headteacher.

Take care and stay safe,

Team Trafalgar



Key Dates

2022

Wednesday 20th July - PD Day 5

Thursday 21st July - Sports Festival

Friday 22nd July - Celebration Assembly - 12:30pm finish

Friday 25th August - Results Day

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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School Production 2022 - Welcome to the School of Rock!



On the 13th and 14th July students across all year groups performed a production of The School Of Rock. For the past couple of months, every member of the cast and crew has put 100% into each and every scene without fail. Trafalgar students have worked non-stop for hours on end and have done incredibly well the whole way.

Their talent has amazed every member of the audience, and our students have definitely done Trafalgar School proud. I would also like to mention how excellent our school band has been, consistently working through the heat day by day to help bring our musical to life.

Well done to all students involved for creating such a brilliant performance and well done to Miss Reid, Mr Mounteney, Miss Edwards, Mr King and all other members of staff that have spent their free time helping us to create this wonderful production. It would have not been possible without you. Well done everyone.

Here are some thoughts from the cast and crew:

Why did you take part in the play?

Maisy ~ *I took part in drama because I like performing on stage and loved the friendly environment of everyone surrounding me.*

Caitlyn ~ *I decided to take part in the play because I enjoy performing in front of others and speaking to new people that also share my passion.*

Imogen ~ *I took part in drama because I like the idea of being able to improve my confidence and to have something to work hard to be able to be proud of.*



Tia ~ *I decided to help out with the drama production, because for the last couple of months I have worked alongside many of the students in drama club and I am certain every single one of them is talented and I have loved pushing them to their full potential, which I know each and every one of them has achieved.*

What did you enjoy doing?

Maisy ~ *I enjoyed all the rehearsals because they were extremely fun and exciting.*

Caitlyn ~ *I enjoyed spacing our scenes out on stage and running through lines.*



Imogen ~ *I enjoyed performing with the band and being able to help with some of the props as well.*

Tia ~ *I enjoyed mostly helping all cast with their scripts (learning lines) and making sure all of the cast were calm and prepared. I have also enjoyed being with the crew and cast every step of the way helping to create a production no-one can ever forget.*

What have you found challenging?

Maisy ~ *I have found the heat most challenging because it was really hard to rehearse because of how hot it was with all the lights as well.*

Caitlyn ~ *I have found projections most challenging because where my character is a shouty character I have to raise my voice quite a lot and I don't have a mic in act two so it made it a little harder.*

Imogen ~ *I have found the stress the most challenging because it is really hard to perform when we are all stressed and it meant that a few of us forgot our lines.*

What do you want to do next?

Maisy~ *I would really love to be able to do Beauty and the Beast.*

Caitlyn~ *I would really love to do Mamma Mia! I would love to play Tanya.*

Imogen~ *I would really love to be able to do Beauty and the Beast. I would love to play Belle or Lumiere.*

Tia ~ *I would love to carry on helping backstage for future productions. In the future (college) I hope to have the opportunity to audition for Elphaba in Wicked, and soon also be able to join a musical theatre uni in London.*



TikTok app safety – Parents’ Ultimate Guide

Full article: [Parents’ Ultimate Guide to TikTok](#)

“With so many social networks to keep track of, it’s not surprising if your kid’s obsession with the TikTok app leaves you scratching your head. So what is it exactly?”



TikTok is a free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos -- often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music -- right from your phone. With more than 100 million users in the United States alone, TikTok has innovative video-editing features, viral dances, and celebrity cameos that make it incredibly popular. And though the app has generated controversy, it can be a fun, creative outlet for tweens and teens (and parents!) when used safely and responsibly.

While much of TikTok is harmless fun, there are real concerns about kids using the app. As with any social network, you have to use privacy settings to limit how much information you and your kids are sharing. Because you can post videos immediately without first reviewing or editing them, kids can upload impulsively. And other issues have dogged the app: reports of online predators using the app to target younger users; an FTC suit for violating children’s privacy law; and serious software glitches -- including one that could have allowed the company to collect user data.

How safe is TikTok?

Using any social network can be risky, but it’s possible for kids to safely use the app with adult supervision (and a private account). TikTok has different rules for different ages:

- Users under 13 can’t post videos or comment, and content is curated for a younger audience.
- For kids age 13 to 15, accounts are private by default; only friends can comment on videos, and other users can’t duet (explained below) with your videos.
- Only users 16 and over can livestream and use direct messaging, and only users over 18 can buy, send, or receive virtual gifts.

TikTok also offers some tools for parents to limit how much time kids spend on the app and what kids can see. Parents can also use Restricted Mode to reduce mature content or Family Safety Mode to pair their account with their kid’s to control settings completely.

How does TikTok work?

Tik Tok users sign up with a phone number, an email address, or a third-party account such as Facebook and Instagram. Once logged in, you can search popular creators, categories (comedy, animals, sports), and hashtags to find videos. Or you can use your phone contacts or social media followers to find friends already on the app. Many kids on Tik Tok like to create videos, but plenty of people don’t post themselves -- they just use the app to find and follow content creators.

Is TikTok appropriate for kids?

If you supervise your kids, use safety settings, and stick to songs you already know, TikTok can be a kid-friendly experience. But TikTok’s emphasis on popular music means many videos include swearing and sexual lyrics, so it may not be age-appropriate for kids to use on their own. Even with limits, it’s easy to find people wearing revealing clothing and dancing suggestively, although TikTok won’t let you search for objectionable content such as “porn.” As with social media apps like Instagram and Snapchat, TikTok has a commercial element that encourages kids to buy stuff. Users can also earn TikTok Reward points by inviting friends to download the app, and then they can redeem those points for coupons from brands like Sephora and Uber. You’ll find plenty of other marketing and purchasing

opportunities.

What age is TikTok recommended for?

Common Sense recommends the app for age 15+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the full TikTok experience, although there is a way for younger kids to access the app. Anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users.

How can you make your TikTok account private?

To make your TikTok account private, go to your profile page and select the three-dot icon in the top-right corner. On the “Settings and privacy” page, tap Privacy. That takes you to the Discoverability page. Toggle the switch for Private Account. On this page, you can also control other safety and privacy features, such as who can send you comments and direct messages, and who can do a duet with you. Using the Friends setting or turning those features off completely limits contact with strangers.

What are TikTok Challenges?

Challenges are any idea that goes viral. They can be songs, activities, or dances that start trending and then get copied by users on the platform. Sometimes they’re spontaneous, but sometimes they’re planned out by brands, musical artists, or influencers for marketing purposes. Most popular challenges, such as the intricately choreographed dance number Renegade and pranks such as the backwards hoodie fridge mixup are harmless. But some, such as the skull-breaker, are really dangerous. Learn more about viral internet challenges and how to talk to your kid about them.

Does TikTok have parental controls?

TikTok offers a few ways for parents to manage kids’ accounts. You can either enable time limits and the content filter on your kid’s phone and protect the settings with a passcode, or you can download TikTok, create your own account, and use the Family Pairing feature to manage your kid’s TikTok settings using your phone. (If you choose Family Pairing, you’ll need your kid’s phone to sync the settings.)

Here’s how to enable screen limits and filter content on your kid’s phone: Go to your kid’s account and tap the three dots at the top right of the user profile. Then select “Digital Wellbeing” next to the icon of an umbrella. From there, select the features you want to enable:

Screen Time Management. This setting limits users to a maximum of two hours on the app per day, but you can limit it to 40 minutes. If you’re only enabling this on your kid’s phone, choose a passcode to lock the setting.

Restricted Mode. This blocks mature content, but even with the filter on, kids using the app on their own might come across age-inappropriate videos. Lock the setting with a passcode.

To set up Family Pairing so you can manage the above settings, plus safety and privacy, first download TikTok onto your phone and create an account. Then, make sure you have your kid’s phone and their TikTok login handy.

Family Pairing. On both phones, tap the three dots next to the user profile; tap Family Pairing and sync your account to your kid’s via the QR code.

Keep in mind kids can always re-download TikTok and create a new account using a different phone number or email address, so any controls you enable aren’t foolproof.