

# Trafalgar Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## WE MADE IT!

This week we held PD Day 5 featuring events such as the Big Interview for Year 10, Diversity through Art for Year 9, Unloc Enterprise Challenge for Year 8 and Inter-personal skills and a careers fair for our Year 7's in the Big Impression! Students did brilliantly at all the tasks and challenges, with our Year 10's receiving some lovely feedback from the employers who interviewed them. Our Year 7's did fantastically during the careers fair and developed their leadership skills, whilst our Year 8 students proved they would be on Dragons Den before you know it with their brilliant business ideas!

Yesterday also saw our annual Sports Festival take place at Mountbatten. This year it was expanded to include volleyball and rounders, along with our first ever Opening Ceremony! There were plenty of talents on display, from a raucous rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' led by Maisy and Saffron, along with some expert level baton twirling and a cheerleading display that you wouldn't believe was put together in under a week! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the parents who came down to support their children and the other students.

Well done to all our students and a massive thank you to all our parents for your support over the last year, we are proud to be part of one of the best communities ever and hope you all have a well deserved break!

We look forward to seeing our Year 11's for their results day in August and all the rest of you back here in September. Good luck to 2022-23 in topping this year! #bestcommunityever #teamtrafalgar

Take care and have a fantastic summer,

## Team Trafalgar



## Key Dates

2022

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August** - Results Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September** - INSET Day - school closed

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Year 7 and 11 in school

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - All students in school

## 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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# Sports Festival 2022!

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July, students competed in our annual Sports Festival! The event was expanded this year to include volleyball and rounders, giving students even more opportunities to compete!

Students represented their houses brilliantly and there was a great atmosphere right from the off, with the opening ceremony featuring an array of talents, from cheerleading and baton twirling, to a rousing rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' by our School of Rock superstars, Maisy and Saffron!

The competition then heated up as students gave it their all across a vast number of events, from track and field to rounders and volleyball and even the old favourite, tug of war!



A massive thank you to all the parents who came to support, students who gave it their all competing and to our wonderful PE Department who organised such a fantastic event!

Britannia won Sports Festival 2022, and we can't wait to see who will claim the crown in 2023!





## Oracy at home - Home Discussion Guidelines

Here at Trafalgar, we have just successfully completed stage 1 of the Voice 21 oracy programme. Oracy is using talk to learn and learning how to talk effectively. It is a key part of our school curriculum and developing oracy skills are vital in supporting our students' learning and in preparing them for life beyond school.

To help support you at home in developing your child's oracy skills we have home discussion guidelines which reflect the oracy discussion guidelines we use in lessons and you may find helpful to use for family talk.

Discussions can take place anywhere: around the table during dinner, in the garden, on long car journeys, etc. They can also be about any subject and here are some suggestions to get discussions started:

- Coke or Pepsi?
- Plane trips or road trips?
- Coffee or tea?
- Movies or television series?
- Go shopping or online shopping?
- Writing or speaking?
- Big parties or small gatherings?
- Concerts or sporting events?



### Home Discussion Guidelines

**MAKE IT EASY**  
Switch off devices and remove distractions

**MAKE IT REGULAR**  
Make family discussion part of your daily routines and value your time together

**MAKE IT CHALLENGING**  
Disagree politely, offer alternative views

**MAKE IT NICE TO TALK**  
Show interest and ask questions

**MAKE TIME**  
Set aside dedicated time for family discussion



Being late or having unauthorised absences will impact their future. Most employers and courses require maths and English GCSE as a minimum. Get them to school every day and see what they could become. If you need support, please speak to your school.

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