

LATITUDE

The Admiral Lord Nelson School Magazine



Summer Term 2024

THE 50th ISSUE!

Featuring...

- ▶ Berlin Trip
- ▶ Dance Live!
- ▶ D-Day 80
- ▶ Year 11 BBQ & Prom!
- ▶ Year 8 Camp!
- ▶ Summer Sports Day!

AND MORE...

CELEBRATING ✨ Last Term

Results Day in August brought last year to a close with so many ecstatic students and staff sharing this success together.

So much has happened over the last term in terms of trips, clubs and opportunities for students to get involved with. This 50th edition of Latitude shows many of these.

To students I would like to say: Well done on a great year and please continue to take risks and try out as many new things as you can in the coming year.

To staff I would like to say: Thank you for making all of these opportunities possible and for always going that extra mile.

As we start a new term I'm really excited for what we can all achieve together this year!

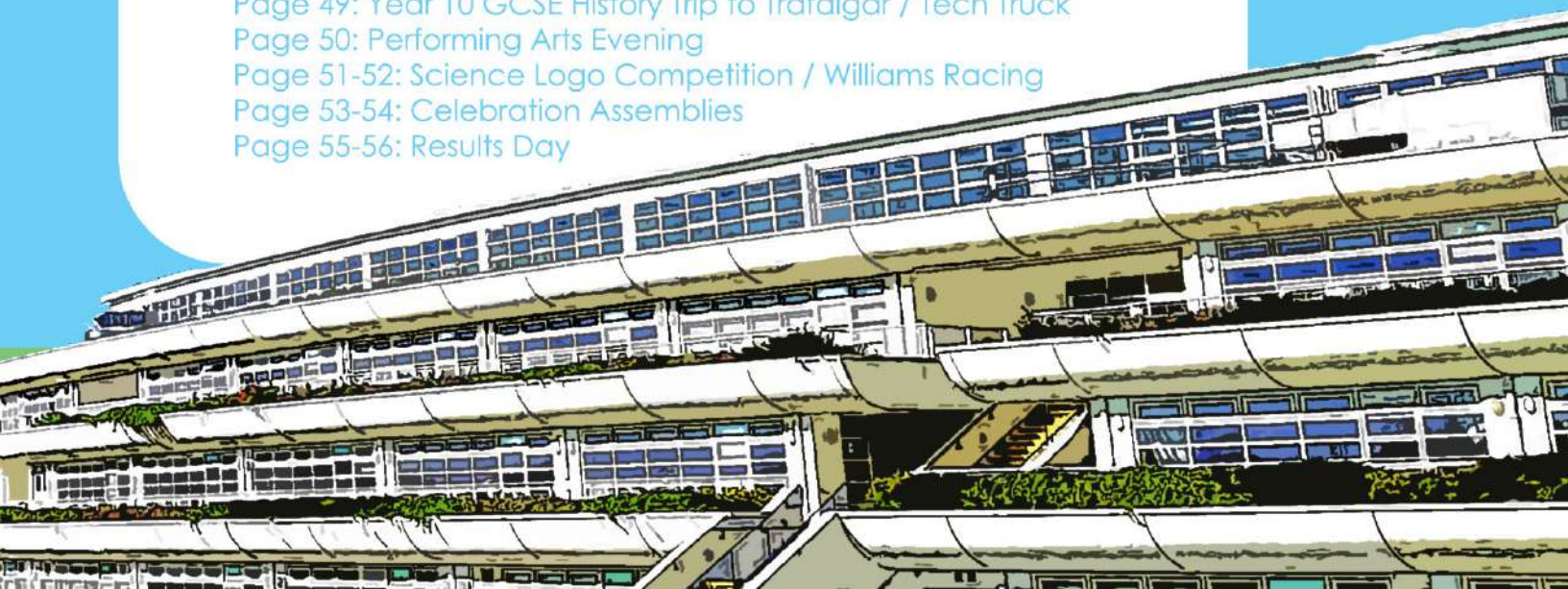
Chris Doherty

Mr Chris Doherty
Headteacher



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ALNS GO TO...

✈️ Berlin!





1ST APRIL - 4TH APRIL



ALNS STUDENTS...



Set Sail!

In the Easter Holidays, 4 ALNS students (Cameron V, Jaden M, Isie O and Hameedah A) were nominated by their tutors to go on a sailing trip.

On the trip, they learnt how to run a boat above and below deck along with 12 other students from across the south.

Cameron says - "I loved the overall game experience of being on the ship and learning how to hoist the sails and how to run an efficient ship!"

Hameedah says - "It was better than what I expected and I really enjoyed it."

Isie says - "My favourite part of the sailing trip was meeting all the new people and just all getting along really well! I also enjoyed the sailing and learnt so many skills I never knew I needed!"

Huge well done to Cameron, Jaden, Isie and Hameedah!
We hope you had an amazing time!



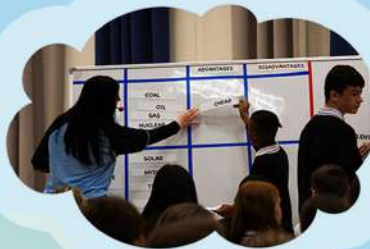


BAE Systems Roadshow!

On 16th April, Year 7 and 8 students were treated to a BAE Roadshow!

The roadshow taught our students all about electricity alongside fun, inclusive demonstrations!

Thank you very much to Bae Systems, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force for providing our students with this opportunity to learn more about electricity and its different forms. It gave our students an insight into the world of STEM as a career path also!



ALNS GET GOLD... AGAIN!



We are delighted to announce that we, Admiral Lord Nelson School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We have had a number of sporting successes this year and are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including our Sports Leaders and our Sports Ambassadors.

As part of our application, I was asked to audit different aspects of our school sport in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are extremely pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Thank you to my wonderful PE team, all of our fantastic students and for the support of our parents throughout the year. We really are such a fantastic community!

Miss Cooper





DANCE LIVE!



We were awarded second place within the Final of Dance Live! I am incredibly proud of every student involved, you have represented our school with such passion and professionalism.

It was truly magical watching every single student perform to their absolute best. We were against tough competition from five different counties and I am honoured to watch all you have achieved this evening and very proud to call you all my students!

-Miss Ryley-Maddock



2nd PLACE!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY
WITH THE

Headteacher



Florence, Juliet and Chloe



Hameedah, Cameron and Isabelle



Evie and Dottie



Perry



Poppy, Finley, Bobby and Aadvee



Finn and Ben

Year 10 take a trip to...



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



On Tuesday 30th April, 10 Year 10 students from ALNS, along with students from Trafalgar School and Mayfield School, took a trip to the University of Oxford. This was the first Salterns Academy Trust collaboration trip across the three schools!

"It was such an enriching experience. The students were all courteous, curious, and inspired – it was also fantastic to see the students across the Trust interacting in a positive manner."
- Mr Ahmed, Governor at Mayfield School.

Ever wondered what a lecture at the University of Oxford might be like? Thanks to the playlist put together by one of the colleges, now you can listen to sample lecture and feel yourself like an Oxford student! Explore the playlist by scanning here:





SPORTS CORNER

YEAR 11 GCSE PE MODERATION DAY

A huge well done to all of our Year 11 GCSE PE students who took part in their practical moderation day on 17th April. They had a day demonstrating their skills in their 3 chosen sporting activities.

Our students showed 3 sports out of Football, Rugby, Dance, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Handball, Netball, Basketball and Table tennis on the day.

They have worked so hard and produced some outstanding and very competitive sports performances and every single one of them should be very proud of their efforts. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of athletes to work with. Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Cooper



SPORTS LEADERS RUN SPORTS DAY!

Big well done to some of our PE sports leaders for their help running The Mary Rose School's Summer Sports Day - you were all brilliant!



CONGRATULATIONS HENRY!

Following on from his success this year, Henry had another great competition at the British Championships at the end of March where he finished an amazing 6th in Great Britain on Pommel. He has recently received confirmation that he has been selected onto the England squad for the upcoming year 2024/2025!

A huge well done to Louie in Year 9 who has been named as a reserve on the squad!

We are super proud of them both - Well done boys!
@portsmouthgymnasticsclub



WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL AT WEMBLEY!



On Sunday 12th May we took some of the girls to watch Manchester United VS Tottenham in the Women's FA Cup Final. The girls had a great time exploring Wembley and soaking up the atmosphere. Lots of goals for the girls to celebrate especially a cracker from Ella Toone!

Miss Conaghan

CLEO'S SWIMMING SUCCESS!

We'd like to congratulate Year 9 student Cleo who, in April, competed in the Scottish National Swimming Nationals!

Cleo got Silver in the Butterfly (0.02 seconds off Gold!), Bronze in 800m freestyle and two Personal Bests.

Cleo has been competing for around two years. "I train 8 times a week, before and after school. I started swimming when I was around 9 years old. My favourite thing about swimming is the community - Making friends and the meets are really fun too."



GIRLS FOOTBALL!



On Monday 13th May, the Year 7's, 8's & 9's played their final league game against a very strong St Edmunds. It was a very tight game between the two sides resulting in a 0-0 draw.

I am very proud of the girls' commitment this year and we have had confirmation that they won the league! This is fully deserved after a hard season with some tough matches against other schools. Let's keep the title for the next academic year!

Miss Conaghan

PORTSMOUTH CUP WINNERS!



Forget about the Euros... It's all about the Portsmouth Cup!

Huge well done to our Year 7, 8 and 10 football teams for competing in June!

Year 7 and 10 secured wins while Year 8 unfortunately lost, but performed amazingly! Well done all!



WELL DONE BILLIE!

Billie's cheer and dance team competed at Legacy in the Resorts World Arena on Sunday 9th June and won their division making them National Champions!

Her team, called Lynx, are performing so well and are unbeaten this season!



ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT!



KS3 and KS4 took part in a rounders tournament at Trafalgar school! Well done to both teams who played amazing for the school and won their matches. Great fun in the sun!



Miss Conaghan

'SET FOR SUCCESS' SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

At ALNS for the last 4 years, we have run the Set For Success Sports Leadership programme. Our students have learnt a lot about what it takes to be a Sports Leader and have been given various different opportunities through the Wimbledon Foundation. We have worked alongside our athlete mentor Vernon Samuels, who competed for Team GB as an Olympic triple jumper. This year he nominated our very own Miss Conaghan for an award for her commitment to running the programme. A huge thank you and well done to her for helping and supporting lots of our sports students in achieving their leadership certificate.



We were lucky enough to go and collect the award from Wimbledon and got the chance to chat to England Football international, Alessia Russo.

We made sure to share stories about our wonderful ALNS students who have been part of the programme over the years.

Thank you to everyone involved in the programme and a huge well done again to Miss Conaghan for being recognised for her organisation and excellent running of the programme.

Miss Cooper

Annual Mayor Making Ceremony!

In May, two of our History Subject Champions and myself attended Portsmouth's annual Mayor Making ceremony at Portsmouth Guildhall. We, amongst other schools in Portsmouth, were invited to attend to represent our school and celebrate those who help our community.



Every year, this event takes place when the current Lord Mayor takes their leave from office, a new Lord Mayor is elected, and newly elected councillors are presented.

Councillors will make nominations for the new Lord Mayor before voting to decide who will hold the role for the following year. Once a Lord Mayor is chosen, they take up the post and nominate the

charities for which they will be raising funds throughout the year.

As part of the ceremony, the new Lord Mayor will receive the Keys to the City and be presented with the Portsmouth Sword, which symbolises the interdependence of the Royal Navy and the city of Portsmouth.

The ceremony was entertaining, as the current Lord Mayor entered the ceremony to the Doctor Who theme song and left playing the guitar! It was a great opportunity to represent ALNS with some of our subject champions at such a prestigious event in Portsmouth.

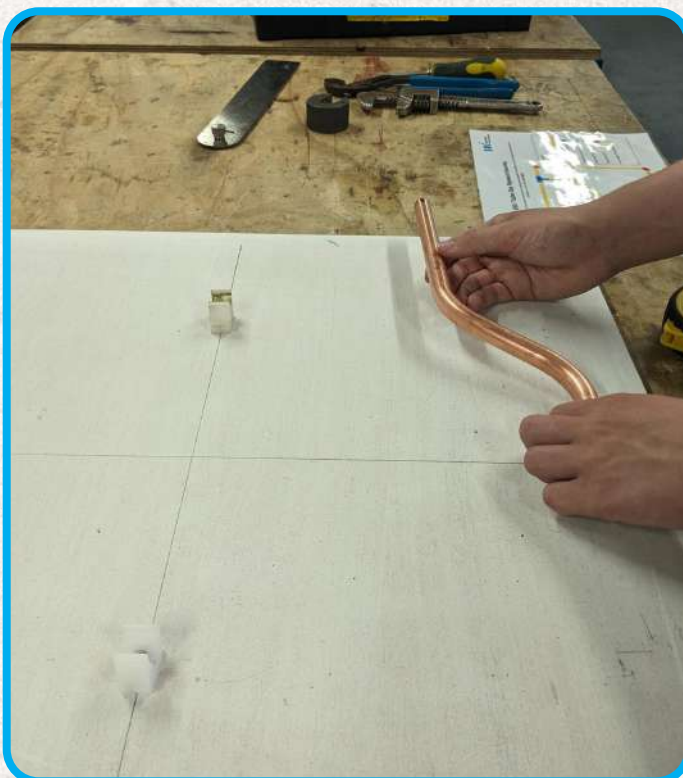


Steve Willis Apprenticeships Taster Session!

On Wednesday 15th May, a few Year 10s visited Steve Willis for an Apprenticeship Taster session!

Steve Willis Training Centres are specialists in Gas, Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeships. Kieran G completed his circuit first.

Mr Fenner says, "Kieran was amazing - After he completed his work he then helped everyone else. Super star!"



DofE Practice Expedition!





80th ANNIVERSARY



D-DAY



On the 3rd of June, the History Subject Champions from our school embarked on an enlightening journey to the D-Day Museum in Southsea as part of the D-Day 80 commemorations.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the opportunity to meet several D-Day veterans, some of whom are approaching the remarkable age of 100. These living legends shared their personal stories and experiences from the fateful day of June 6, 1944, providing the students with a rare and invaluable perspective on the events that shaped the course of World War II. Listening to these veterans, who were once young soldiers, our history champions felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude and admiration for their bravery and sacrifice.

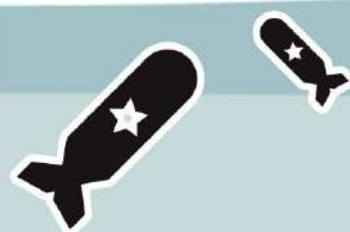
The museum itself offered a wealth of exhibits and artefacts that deepened our understanding of the D-Day landings and the broader context of World War II. One of the most impressive exhibits was the Overlord Embroidery. This intricate work of art, reminiscent of the Bayeux Tapestry, beautifully depicts the sequence of events leading up to and following the D-Day landings. Each panel of the embroidery tells a story, capturing the heroism, struggle, and ultimate triumph of the Allied forces. Walking along the embroidery, the students could almost feel the weight of history and the immense effort that went into planning and executing Operation Overlord.

Adding a delightful touch to the visit was a performance by the D-Day Darlings. This musical group, known for their vintage style and nostalgic repertoire, brought the era to life through their heartfelt renditions of wartime songs. The D-Day Darlings' performance was not just entertaining but also a poignant reminder of the power of music to uplift and unite people during times of hardship.



The visit to the D-Day Museum was more than just an educational trip; it was a journey back in time. It allowed our History Subject Champions to connect with the past in a deeply personal way, fostering a greater appreciation for the sacrifices made by the previous generations. The stories of the veterans, the beauty of the Overlord Embroidery, and the joyous melodies of the D-Day Darlings all combined to create an unforgettable experience.

Ms Barnes





Debate Competition!

These students took part in a debate competition on Wednesday 5th June against 11 other teams. Both of our teams participated in three debates each and were incredible!

After this, ALNS Team 1 advanced to the final to compete with TPS. It was extremely tight, and they ended up as runners-up. They were all so proud of themselves! The judges all commented on how close it was—they really were incredible!

ALNS Team 2 was also superb, and Maisie received a special award for Best Closing Statement—she was fabulous!

HUGE well done to Niamh, Ina, Perry, Moneesha, Katie, Aadvee, Maisie and Oscar!

Ms Offesen



Year 7 The Gambia Project!

After learning about The Gambia in their Languages lessons, the Year 7s are creating a board game in order to teach either French or German to students in The Gambia - With fancy dress accessories, of course!



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING!



The School Council met on Friday 7th June to discuss the new Student School Improvement Plan. The 4 areas that students will be focusing on are:

- ▶ Facility Sustainability
- ▶ Community
- ▶ Culture & Diversity
- ▶ Student Opportunities

The students have some fantastic ideas of how the school can be improved for all so watch this space!

UoP Cyberwomen Phishing Poster Competition!

Congratulations to Poppy and Aadvie for being the winners of the University of Portsmouth Cyberwomen Phishing Poster Competition!

The competition required students to create Phishing awareness campaign posters, with the chance for students to develop a valuable understanding of phishing in a fun environment. Phishing was the most common source for data breaches and cyber attacks in 2023, therefore this competition aimed to strengthen students' ability to identify phishing campaigns and therefore to better protect themselves.

#cyberwoman
#CyberwomangroupsCIC



Well done Kaitlyn, Kieran and Mrs Rollinson!

Well done to Kaitlyn (Year 11, Mary Rose 6), Kieran (Year 9, Mary Rose 2) and Mrs Rollinson (Warrior 8) for taking part in the Pretty Muddy Race for Life 5k on Saturday 29th June! They raised £380 for Cancer Research UK - Amazing!



Year 8 History...

Court Room Style!

On Thursday 13th June, 8H took part in a court room style trial activity in History.

They had to decide if General Haig, leader of the British Army, deserves the title 'Butcher of the Somme'. It is in the context of learning about WW1 and how the Somme was the bloodiest battle in British military history.

Students were in 3 teams: the defence, the prosecution and the jury. They all did an amazing job at accusing and defending each other before the jury decided on the final verdict. It was a fantastic oracy task and it was the first time the students had done it but all really enjoyed it. Some of them even dressed up!

Miss Wellham





22nd & 23rd June

DofE Expedition!





PD Day 5!



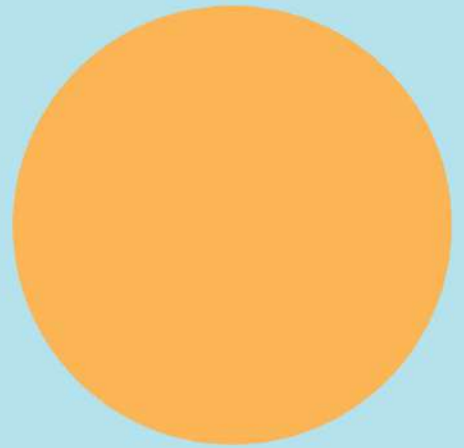


Photos taken by Ben H, Year 8

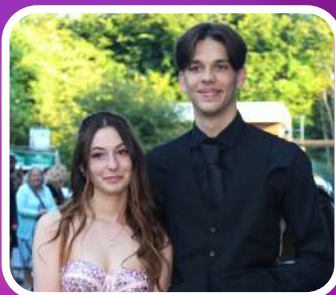


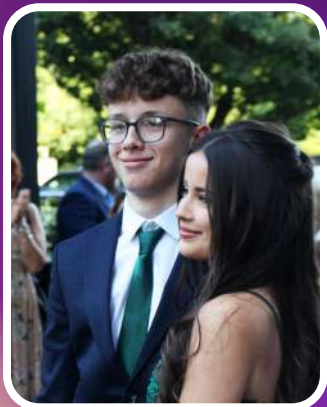
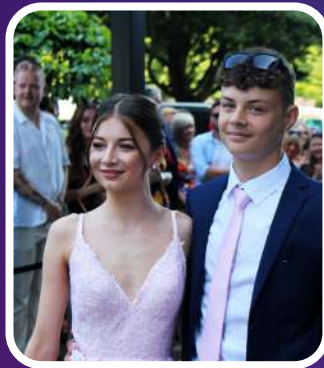
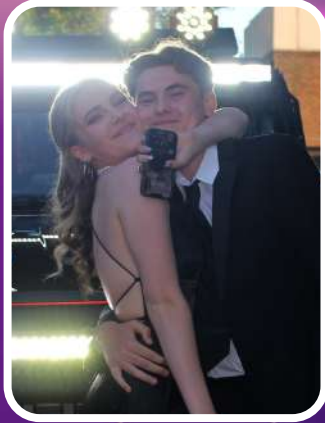
YEAR 11 BBQ





2024 PROM





Mental Health Assembly

On Friday 5th July, we had a Mental Health Celebration Event run by the Mental Health Support Team to showcase all the fantastic achievements our Youth Mental Health Ambassadors have put into place this year. St Edmunds and UTC students also came into school to present what they have achieved with their Mental Health Ambassadors.

Some of our Year 10 and Year 11 students presented our achievements to the Mental Health Support Team and told them about the following improvements we have made such as:

- ▶ Having a dedicated Mental Health section on our website with signposts for support
- ▶ Having a Shelf-Help section in our Information Centre with leaflets about various Mental Health issues
- ▶ Installing a Worry Box for students to alert someone about their worries
- ▶ Delivering assemblies and tutor time sessions to spread awareness of Mental Health
- ▶ Running competitions to bring tutor groups together and to spread awareness
- ▶ Installing a Mental Health display
- ▶ Opening a “Drop-in” room for students to seek support



RUN 4 RAHA!



On Friday 5th July, Mr Waldren ran the school field for 12 whole hours, from 3am to 3pm, to raise money for Cancer Research and our partners school, The Daral Akram Orphan School in The Gambia.

A huge well done to Mr Waldren and students and staff who joined in and cheered Mr Waldren on!

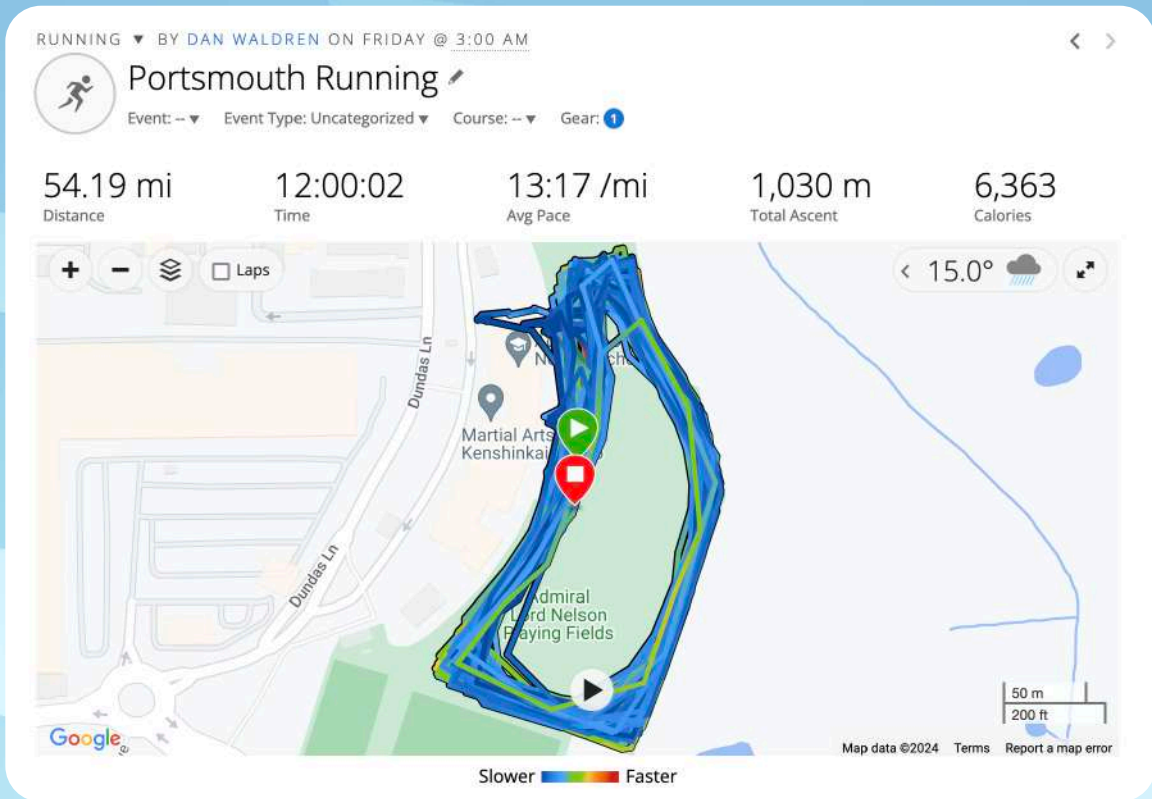
A message from Mr Waldren:

'Friday demonstrated what ALNS, it's family and friends are all about. The initial purpose of the event was to show how as a school we come together to show to support to those who need it. I think I may have underestimated a little just how much we would come together!

Thanks to all the students and staff who ran, which made my run much more bearable through their dedication and encouragement.

Thanks to everyone who donated for both causes, Cancer Research and our sister school, the Daral Akram orphanage school in Gambia. The money you have raised is phenomenal and will make a difference to so many people's lives.'

Thanks to Raha. A truly inspirational young woman.'



'ALNS Tips' Poster Winners!

Mrs Flower asked students to create some posters to help the upcoming Year 7s as they join ALNS! All submissions were incredible and it was very difficult to choose!

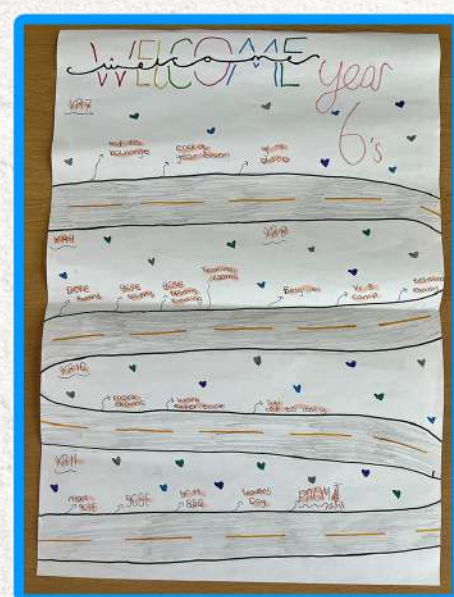
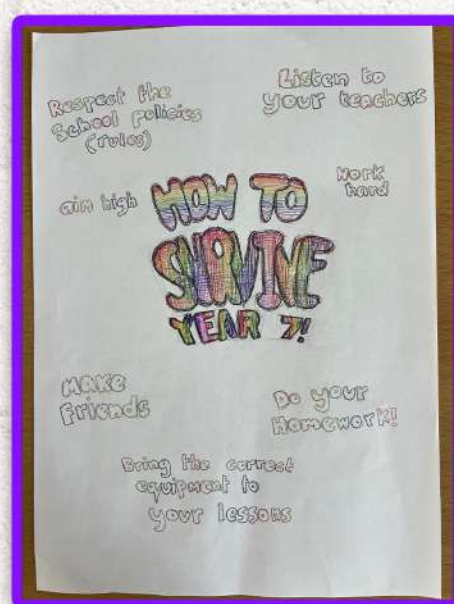
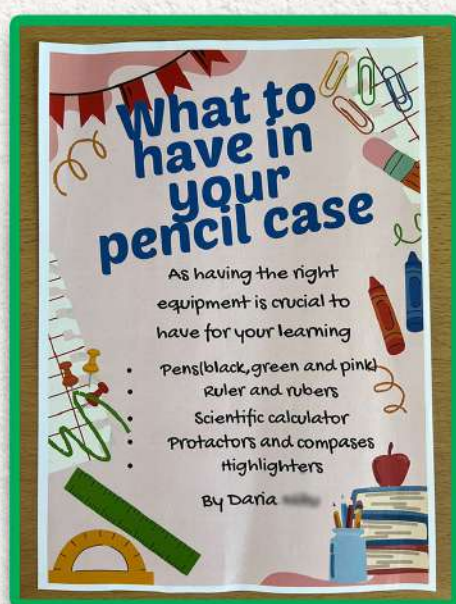
The WINNERS are:

Mary Rose: Daria N, Mary Rose 10

Spinnaker: Emily R, Spinnaker 7

Victory: Dottie A and Lily H, Victory 2

Warrior: Phoebe B, Skye P and Grace P, Warrior 3





ALNS YEAR 8 CAMP 2024



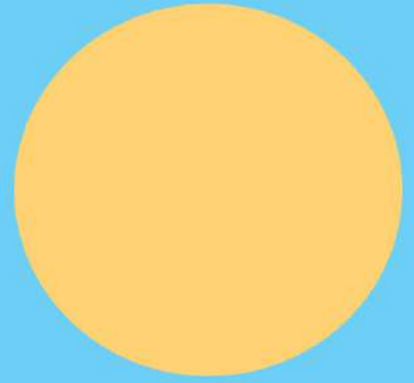






Summer Sports Day!







Photos taken by Mr Jarvis, Miss Edser and Ben H, Year 8



Simon Armitage Poet Laureate Trip!



A few of our students went to see Poet Laureate Simon Armitage speak about his poetry in the New Theatre Royal, but they were also treated to the first ever reading of a brand new poem he's written for Southsea's new sea defences! 😊

The poem will be inscribed into the sea defences, so we will all see it once the defences are finished! 🌊

We received some lovely feedback from Portsmouth School Library Service:

'I just wanted to pass on a thank you from myself and the theatre staff for how well behaved the pupils were.'

They entered and left the theatre sensibly, sat and listened beautifully and asked thoughtful questions. You should be so proud of them; the theatre staff told me that they were better behaved than most other audiences they have for public shows.'

I have also been made aware of a mention on social media by Portsmouth's Lead Councillor Steve Pitt who also attended the event yesterday. He posted that 'Young people from schools around the city behaved absolutely impeccably. They were pin drop quiet throughout, hanging on his every word. They were a credit to their teachers.'

PD Day 7!



Year 10 GCSE History Trip to Trafalgar

On 18th July, a group of our Year 10 GCSE History students spent a poignant afternoon at Trafalgar School to listen to John Hajdu, a Hungarian Jew who survived the Holocaust.

An inspirational story of someone who overcame the unthinkable and began a new life in England.

Thank you to Trafalgar School for having us.

Ms Barnes



TechTruck comes back to ALNS!



PERFORMING ARTS EVENING!

Photos taken by Sam K, Year 10



Science Logo Competition: The Results!

Well done to everyone who took part in the science logo competition, we had loads of entries and we are excited to announce the winners! 🏆

- 🏆 1st place: Oscar, Year 7
- 🥈 2nd place: Jack, Year 8
- 🥉 3rd place: Eve, Year 7



Williams Racing: Trust Trip

In June, KS3 students from Trafalgar and ALNS set off early doors to the home of Williams Racing - one of the world's leading Formula 1 teams – for a STEM enrichment day.

Then in July, we returned with more KS3 students for a girls event! We had a great time both days, from learning about the history of Williams and seeing their world famous cars in the museum, to visiting the Esports lounge (it's tougher than you may think!) and culminating in excellent group work between our two schools with the Lego Mindstorms. Williams F1 were very generous and we are all still buzzing about the experience.

Miss Driscoll





End of Year Celebration Assemblies!





RESULTS DAY!





Dates for your Diary

- ▶ Thursday 12th September: Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Evening
- ▶ Thursday 19th September: Year 7 Disco (TBC)
- ▶ Tuesday 24th September: PD Day 1
- ▶ Thursday 26th September: Year 11 Parent Information Evening
- ▶ Thursday 3rd October: Year 6 Prospective Parents Evening
- ▶ Friday 18th October: PD Day 2
- ▶ Friday 25th October: Non School Uniform Day
- ▶ Thursday 7th November: Admiral's Got Talent (TBC)
- ▶ Thursday 14th November: Year 12 Certificates Evening
- ▶ Thursday 28th November: Awards Evening
- ▶ Friday 29th November: INSET Day
- ▶ Wednesday 4th December: PD Day 3
- ▶ Thursday 12th December: Year 11 Parents Evening
- ▶ Friday 13th December: Year 10 Aachen Trip
- ▶ Monday 16th – Thursday 19th December: House Festive Meals
- ▶ Thursday 19th December: Performing Arts Evening
- ▶ Friday 20th December: Celebration Assemblies/Staff Review:
Last Day of Term



ADMIRAL LORD
NELSON SCHOOL

Facilities for Hire

▶ IT Suites ▶ Dance Studio ▶ Conference Rooms
▶ Sports Hall ▶ Large Hall ▶ 3G 5-a-side Pitch
▶ Large Playing Field ▶ Astro-Turf ▶ Drama Studio ▶ Multi-use Games Area

