



# The Trafalgar School

at Downton

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Following our whole school Celebration Assembly this morning, it never fails to impress me just how much our students (and staff) manage to achieve during 6 short weeks, with so many achievements to celebrate. A particular highlight for me this term was the fantastic Science Fair.

## **PE Kit**

Our PE kit (rugby shirt and polo shirt) will be changing from September in response to feedback from students. The new kit will be better quality and will be a new design, which the School Council have assisted with. There will be an increase in cost for the new items due to the improved quality and design, but we have attempted to keep this as low as possible and retained the ability to source the majority of the kit (black shorts, skort, socks) from a range of suppliers. When the new kit is launched you will be able to order online through a website and deliveries will come to school every two weeks with no additional cost, or to your home address for a small charge. There will be a phased introduction for the new kit. It will be compulsory for Year 7 in September and only required when current kit needs to be replaced for other year groups. More information will be communicated to you once we are ready to launch.

## **Staffing**

We say goodbye to two members of staff this term. John Heagren, our ICT Network Manager, is embarking on the next step of his career at a large school in Southampton. John has been at Trafalgar for 8 years, and has been pivotal in ensuring our network and IT provision for students is robust and well managed. Mike Spencer is also leaving us for his (second!) retirement. Mike has supported James Doran in the Resistant Materials classroom for the last 8 years and will be much missed, not only by the Technology team, but by the wider school community as a whole.

## **Trips**

We have two school trips away this holiday, one a ski trip to Courmayeur and the other a GCSE Geography trip to Iceland. I know you will agree with me when I say how grateful I am to our staff who give up their time to support the running of these wonderful opportunities for your children.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter break.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Stewart Roderick  
**Headteacher**