

## GRADE 7 ADMISSIONS 2009-2010

### IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, September 26, 2009	Open House - All visitors are welcome 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13, 2009	Entrance testing session #1 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	Entrance testing session #2 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, November 2, 2009	Deadline for receipt of applications for Financial Assistance at Apple Financial (Toronto)
Wednesday, November 4, 2009	Entrance testing session #3 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, November 30, 2009	Offers of Position mailed Applicant families called
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	Responses to Offers of Position due at Trafalgar

*Answers to a few key questions...*

#### **How can I learn more about Trafalgar?**

We encourage you to come and visit us at our Open House (Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Optional personal tours during Open House can be arranged by appointment with the Admissions Office (514-935-2644).

#### **My daughter would like to apply to Trafalgar for Grade 7. What do we do?**

1. Submit a completed application form, accompanied by the following:
  - a. administration fee of \$50 (cheque or money order only, please)
  - b. photocopy of your daughter's June Grade 5 report card
  - c. photocopy of your daughter's birth certificate (or equivalent document) showing the names of both parents
  - d. photocopy of your daughter's Certificate of Eligibility for Education in English (or explanation of how she qualifies for one)
2. Request one or more of your daughter's teachers to complete a Common Confidential Report form. The completed form(s) should be mailed directly to Trafalgar. If your daughter attends a school in which the teachers are unwilling to complete such a form, please ask another individual who knows her, in a learning capacity, to complete this form. A music teacher, for example, would be an appropriate option.
3. Make an appointment (through the Admissions Office) for you and your daughter to meet with our Principal, Mr. Dowd. *Please note that if you have already met with Mr. Dowd as part of a personal tour of the school, you need not make another appointment.*
4. When your daughter's application is received, she will be invited to join us for one of our Entrance Testing Days. On this day your daughter will not only write her entrance test, but also join our current Grade 7 students for lunch and two of their classes. These are real classes, but planned with our Grade 6 visitors in mind. It is our hope that your daughter will, by the end of the day, have a better sense of what it is like to be a student at Trafalgar!

#### ***I notice that Trafalgar is no longer part of the QAIS Common Testing Consortium. Why have you opted to no longer use the common test (SSAT)?***


Based on our experience with the common exam and feedback from participating families, we decided that the SSAT exam process does not provide useful admissions data, nor align with our school's goal of allowing these Grade 6 girls a more welcoming introduction to their potential high school. Should you have any questions about this decision, please ask our Admissions Office.


#### **My daughter would like to apply to Trafalgar for Grades 8-11. What do we do?**


Applicants for Grades 8-11 (as well as later applications for Secondary I) are handled on an individual basis throughout the year. See points 1-3 above. Copies of the June report from the previous school year plus any current reports are requested.


*Please call the Admissions Office for any additional information which we may provide.*


*The following guiding principles derive from our mission statement and provide an ongoing blueprint for all of Trafalgar's operational practices.*


 Trafalgar seeks to enroll girls with high academic and personal potential, guide them in their personal and academic journey through high school, and promote excellence in their scholarship and personal conduct.

 Trafalgar will distinguish itself by enrolling a student body that is multicultural and socio-economically diverse. It will embrace this diversity as an important part of the learning experience and offer a scholarship and financial aid programme to support this goal.


 The goal of all Trafalgar programmes is to serve the academic and developmental needs of our students; therefore, academic and co-curricular programmes are both cornerstones of the Trafalgar experience.

 The programme of studies and activities offers challenge and variety, with the recognition that while learners have divergent needs and learning styles, all must strive for personal excellence in their schoolwork and activities.

 Trafalgar engages and supports staff who are committed to supporting the mission and guiding principles.

 Trafalgar supports faculty committed to ongoing professional development and employment of "best practices" in all programmes.

 Trafalgar graduates students well-prepared for post-secondary studies, comfortable with taking on leadership, and conscious of their responsibility as privileged citizens to give back to their community, country, and world.

 Effective partnership between students, school personnel, and parents is essential, especially with regard to timely, constructive, and open communication among all constituents.

# Trafalgar School for Girls

## Grade 7 Admissions Process

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