



McKENNA (MICK) OTTER — **Policial Science & Economics, University of British Columbia,** *Presidential Scholar Award (Full Scholarship)*
Town of Whitby Youth Citizenship Award, Blake Garvey Mental Health Awareness Award

“Through all the learning both in and outside of the classroom, I have built a plethora of lasting friendships and built a toolbox of skills that I can bring with me into post-secondary. It is through all the unique aspects of experience that Trafalgar brings that I am able to act with kindness, confidence, resilience and determination... I have been given a space to learn what it means to be myself and draw a picture of what I want the future to look like for me. I feel fully equipped with all the tools I need to navigate what’s to come and look back to smile at all of the memories I have made along the way.”

Years at Trafalgar: 8

Where to Next: Studying Political Science and Economics at the University of British Columbia.

Co-Curriculars: Castle Singers, Co-Captian of the Softball team, basketball, volleyball, soccer, bootcamp, Castle Band, School Production of *Newsies*, MC at CISM, Planning Committee for Arts Night.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: Winning Gold at Grade 8 Science Fair for discovering a non-invasive way to conduct blood tests for iron and various infections through menstrual blood, Grade 11 Airbands, Winning the 2024 CISAA Softball Championships.



CHUXUAN (DORA) GONG — **Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto**

“Being in Trafalgar’s supportive community has allowed me to explore my interests, take on new challenges and develop skills I never thought possible like developing from a first-time-ever basketball player to a starter in my final year! The encouragement and guidance from both teachers and peers have been invaluable, shaping me into a more confident and well-rounded individual. I feel prepared for my first year of university!”

Years at Trafalgar: 3 years as a Boarding Student

Where to Next: Rotman Commerce at the University of Toronto

Co-Curriculars: Castle Band, Flute Choir, Pop Band, basketball, volleyball, soccer.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: Weekend excursions with Boarding peers, Grade 12 “Science of Cooking,” project where groups of students were assigned a mystery ingredient and method of cooking, then researched its biology, chemistry and physics to create a dish (Dora’s group made crème brulee using tofu).



MAYA LEE — Veterinary Medicine, University of Glasgow

“Being a student at Trafalgar has helped to build my confidence, and given me opportunities to grow into myself as a leader. I’m never scared to ask a question in class or bring an idea to the table, which has helped me become more confident in all areas of life. Trafalgar has helped me grow into myself, and I am so grateful for all the teachers, staff, and friends who have helped me get to who I am today.”

Years at Trafalgar: 5

Where to Next: Studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Glasgow.

Co-Curriculars: Co-Head of the DEI Committee, basketball, rowing, Student Leader in the Junior School Book Club, DoSomething Club, Archive Club, Indigenous Film Club, ASL Club, Library Club, Art with Heart, Lighting Production for school production of *Newsies*.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: A week of experiential learning through Beyond the Castle, creating a puppet show about the Mayan civilization as a Grade 11 Ancient History Final ISU, growing friendships and gaining independence through spending a term as a Boarding student, a Grade 8 Video Project about the Sherlock Holmes series.



MAIRA AHMAD — Medicine, St. George School of Medicine (U.K.)

Dean’s Excellence Award

“Trafalgar has provided me with endless leadership opportunities through the student roles and clubs they have to offer. As a student, I have developed many deep friendships due to the supportive community fostered at Trafalgar. It has taught me the importance of connection and collaboration with those around me. The school’s focus on empowerment and growth is what will pave the way for me in the future when facing challenges and success.”

Years at Trafalgar: 4

Where to Next: Studying Medicine at the St. George School of Medicine in the U.K.

Co-Curriculars: Sr. Badminton, Archery Club, Muslim Student Alliance, Believe Leadership Club, Women’s Advocacy Club, South Asian Students Group.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: Winning Airbands as Hare House Co-Captain, DNA Fingerprinting Lab at the Ontario Science Centre.



**RIA CHHABRA — Honours Integrated Science,
McMaster University**
McMaster Award of Excellence

“Our world is more complex and interconnected than ever before. Trafalgar has equipped me with the skills to think critically and use an interdisciplinary approach to study real-world challenges. In addition, through the various leadership and academic opportunities, I have developed the confidence to tackle difficult subject areas and establish community initiatives. I know that these are invaluable skills that I will utilize in my undergraduate degree and beyond.”

Years at Trafalgar: 5

Where to Next: Studying Honours Integrated Science at McMaster University.

Co-Curriculars: Castle Band, Flute Choir, Prefect, DoSomething Club Leader.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: A week of experiential learning through Beyond the Castle, a Grade 10 hydroponics project that grew snow pea plants without soil, the Grade 12 “Science of Cooking” project that incorporated a mystery ingredient and cooking method to create a dish with analyzation of the biology, chemistry and physics behind it, DNA fingerprinting Lab at the Ontario Science Centre.



**QIMEI (MATILDA) REN — Sociocultural
Anthropology, College of Art and Science, Boston
University**

“Being a student at Trafalgar profoundly impacted my personal growth. The resilience of the human spirit and the journey of self-discovery became incredibly important to me during this time. The dynamic environment and the diverse individuals I met broadened my perspective and enriched my life. These real-life interactions and genuine relationships changed me, allowing me to view the world with greater empathy and insight. My time at Trafalgar taught me the true value of kindness, caring, and authentic connections, shaping who I am in the most meaningful ways.”

Years at Trafalgar: 4 years as a Boarding Student.

Where to Next: Studying Sociocultural Anthropology at the College of Art and Science, Boston University.

Co-Curriculars: Castle Singers, field hockey, badminton, Castle Band, Art with heart, Dance Pac, Peer Support Group, Yearbook.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: Participation in the CISVAF, performing at the May Day Festival, DNA Fingerprinting Lab at the Ontario Science Centre, preparing for the Graduate Art Show, being a part of Mr. Lyew’s Advisor group.



HADLEY CURRIE— BioMedical Sciences, McGill University

Academic Scholarship

"The most noticeable impact of being a Trafalgar student was the leadership skills I have learned from the countless opportunities at school. I have grown into a calm, confident and encouraging leader allowing me to bring these skills into many aspects of my life outside of Trafalgar."

Years at Trafalgar: 4

Where to Next: Studying BioMedical Sciences at McGill University.

Co-Curriculars: Captain of the Sr. Basketball Team for 2 years, volleyball, soccer.

(Just a Few) Favourite Memories: A week of experiential learning during Beyond the Castle, Skiing at Sir Sam's Ski Resort, performing in Airbands, Grade 12 "Science of Cooking," where groups of students were assigned a mystery ingredient and method of cooking, then researched its biology, chemistry and physics to create a dish.

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