

Treloar's Today

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Treloar's students wish happy birthday to HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh



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Treloar School and College: A place of possibilities

Every day, we prepare children and young people (aged 4 to 25) with physical disabilities and complex clinical needs to live as independently as possible and achieve their aspirations.

With around-the-clock nursing care, therapy, independence training, and

education, students can focus on their abilities rather than disabilities to reach their goals. But we rely on people like you to help make it happen.

As a charity, we must raise £2 million each year to deliver life-changing support that helps students reach their full potential.

It's the taking part that counts!

Meeting new people and socialising with friends is an important part of student life in our residential houses. One game in particular always brings residents together – UNO. And thanks to The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, more students can now join in.

Over 50% of students at Treloar's are visually impaired and some students don't have the dexterity to handle small items. But thanks to The Worshipful Company's kind funding for giant-sized UNO cards, everyone can take part in the game and enjoy some friendly competition.



Treloar's Supported Interns off to a flying start

Students Cameron and Ben launched their futures in October when they joined the Southampton Airport team as year-long interns. The airport is partnering with Treloar's to give students work opportunities through our Supported Intern Programme.

The collaboration is also part of the airport's commitment to 'Creating Accessible Communities', and Cameron and Ben have been tasked with improving passenger experience. They've already been busy supporting staff and passengers, and it's only a matter of time before Southampton Airport becomes a more welcoming and accessible environment for everyone with the students' help.

"I've enjoyed learning about the airport and getting to know the staff. I've learnt to be more confident and am learning skills to help me get a job in the future."

Ben



"It was really nice to meet Her Royal Highness. The Duchess was very kind and genuinely interested in the students and what they do here at Treloar's."

Archie, Student Governor

Later in the day, The Duchess got involved with relay races in the swimming pool with our Primary students when she waved the chequered finish line flag. Her Royal Highness was also interested to learn about the recent pool renovations and how improvements like poolside changing rooms and hoists are helping more young people enjoy the freedom of movement and reap the therapeutic benefits of being in water.

Before leaving Treloar's, students Alex and Ethan presented The Duchess with a gift and a handmade birthday card created by Treloar College student Izzy.

"What an amazing opportunity for our young people to be involved in such a prestigious event. Our students really enjoyed speaking to Her Royal Highness about their courses, hopes and aspirations for the future."

Hazel Wark, Assistant Head of College



Treloar's welcomes HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh

Students and staff were thrilled our Royal Patron chose Treloar's for her first official engagement since celebrating her 60th birthday.

Students Carmen, Gracie, Chloe, Ben and Aish welcomed The Duchess to the newly developed Bradbury Learning Centre that sits at the heart of the campus. With students Delali, Is and Archie, Her Royal Highness took a tour of the centre and spent some time in the Immersive Learning Room, one of four zones home to a multitude of interactive learning resources and technology.

The Duchess enjoyed learning how students use technology and immersive experiences to explore topics and be transported to different environments.

Gloucester House Appeal: Opening the door to a future without limits

For our students staying in Gloucester House, it's more than a place to live. It's a place for finding friendships, discovering independence and building confidence. It's home. However, outdated spaces are making daily life more complicated than it needs to be and less dignified than our students deserve.

That's why we're launching an ambitious project to transform the ageing Cotswold Wing of Gloucester House into a homely haven with the space, privacy and facilities students need to live their lives to the full.

As students' needs grow, our 40-year-old facilities are struggling to keep up. Bedroom spaces designed decades ago are now cramped with the modern wheelchairs students rely on today, along with the communication aides and feeding devices they depend on.

Moving around is near impossible and overnight care is a squeeze. Essential specialist equipment just doesn't

fit. Everyday personal care is more longwinded and less dignified than it should be. Students must be moved from bed to hoist to toilet chair or shower trolley simply to use shared facilities along the corridor.

Despite these challenges, every student receives the outstanding care they deserve and for which Treloar's is known. But it's becoming desperately difficult to give them the comfort and privacy they should expect. And before long, their living space will start holding them back.

This transformation can't wait. We need your help to make it happen.

With your support, we can create modern, fully accessible spaces that provide students the comfort, support and sense of home they deserve. Together, we can empower students to live more independently and achieve more than they thought possible.



Cotswold Wing reimagined

Spacious bedrooms with a homely feel and room for modern wheelchairs, specialist equipment and student life.

Ensuite bathrooms with accessible fittings for showering and personal care providing students with a relaxing private space.

Ceiling hoists linking bedrooms and bathrooms making personal care quicker, easier and more dignified.



Life at Gloucester House

"My child is now developing socially with peers and learning to do things in a group for the first time."

Parent of a Gloucester House resident

"When I left my mainstream school, I began losing my independence. Now living at Treloar's I am more independent because staff are around to help. There's no pressure. If you can't do a task, they support you with it."

Hope, student at Treloar's



Be part of a future without limits

A gift today will help create a home-from-home for our students, with special adaptations to make sure they can thrive from the start.

With fully equipped bathrooms and specialist fittings, thoughtfully designed bedrooms and bespoke furnishings and adaptations throughout the building, Cotswold Wing will give every student more space and time for what matters most to them.



Ways to donate:

Online Simply scan the QR code



By phone Call 01420 547 477



Via post Please send your cheque, payable to Treloar's and stating your name and address, to Gloucester House Appeal, Fundraising Team, Treloar's, Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton GU34 4GL.

Thank you for your support!

Former student makes history

Former Treloar's student and Clarion player Alessandro marked a UK-first recently when he performed with Alton Concert Orchestra in their Winter concert.

Alessandro is the first known Clarion player in a UK amateur orchestra, and we're incredibly proud that his journey began at Treloar's, supported by Director of Music Jocelyn Watkins.

The Clarion is an accessible instrument that can be played with any body movement, including eye movement. Alessandro began playing Clarion using his fingers on an iPad. Today, he plays with Eyegaze technology for greater precision.

Not only did Clarion technology make music accessible to Alessandro, but it



opened up life-changing opportunities. Alessandro was accepted into the National Open Youth Orchestra - an achievement that saw him tour the UK. Needless to say, Alessandro is a role model for our music students.

"Clarion has given me opportunities I would never have had to meet and play with so many different people in the music world."

Alessandro

A year in the life of Rivermead Gardens

It has been a year since we opened the door to new independent living opportunities for young adults with physical disabilities.

Independent living can be just a dream for many young people with complex needs and we're committed to changing that. Treloar's four fully accessible flats and two carer studios have already put a world of opportunities at Zoe's feet and been life-changing for Kane.

For young adults like Kane and Zoe, home now means independence, choice and a future filled with possibilities.



"I have 24-hour care, so I can do what I want when I want. I'm still in an area I'm familiar with, and I'm with other disabled residents too. I am now in my forever home."

Zoe

"Without this opportunity, Kane would still be at home, which wouldn't have allowed independence. It has been a great relief to see Kane in such a wonderful environment and happy."

Kerry, Kane's mum

Transform lives every month: Join our regular giving community

Setting up a monthly gift is simple and secure, and you'll join a community of dedicated supporters helping young people achieve more than they thought possible.

£10 per month could help fund specialist equipment and resources

£25 per month could support essential therapy sessions

£50 per month could provide opportunities to learn independence skills

£100 could make our annual science week possible and bring learning to life for every student with hands-on experiments, real-world science and future inspiration.

£300 could bring farm animals to our school, giving students a hands-on learning experience that sparks

a connection with nature and the therapeutic benefits of being outdoors.

Gift Aid: If you're a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you.

Start making a difference today. Visit www.treloar.org.uk or call **01420 547477**.

Win with TRELOTTERY

Win weekly cash prizes while helping our students build confidence, independence and the skills to reach their full potential.

Rollovers of up to £5,000, a top weekly prize of £500 and **JUST £1 PER WEEK TO ENTER!**

Don't miss your chance to **win this week**. Sign up now at www.treloar.org.uk.

From silence to speaking: The power of a gift in your Will

When Elin arrived at Treloar's, she was tube-fed, non-verbal, and not expected to speak. Today, she's one of the chattiest in class, eating and drinking independently - thanks to specialist support made possible by gifts in Wills.

That's the life-changing impact of a legacy.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps keep vital services running and brings groundbreaking support to young people.

After looking after loved ones, remembering Treloar's in your Will



is a special way to help young people like Elin enjoy a future full of possibilities.

To discuss leaving a gift or our free Will service, call Lucy on **01420 547 447** or email lucy.wilson@treloar.org.uk.

Gift in Wills fund over £180,000 of life-changing services and facilities for children and young people at Treloar's every year.

What's on at Treloar's



Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale, Treloar's Saturday 10 May

Spruce up your garden this springtime. Browse a wide range of quality plants grown by students at Treloar's.



Charity Golf Day, Old Thorns Wednesday 4 June

We're back at Old Thorns for another day on the greens! Begin your day with breakfast before taking on the Par 72 course. Reward yourself with a two-course carvery dinner followed by prizes, auctions and more!



The Lady Mayoress's Bottomless Brunch, Mansion House, London Tuesday 8 July

Join The Lady Mayoress, Florence King, for a brunch like no other! You'll enjoy a glass of fizz on arrival, a delicious brunch and plenty of fun in our auctions, raffle and fundraising games.



Summer Skydive, Salisbury Saturday 19 July

Don't miss the experience of a lifetime! Take to the skies for our students with a breathtaking skydive.



The Dummer Fair, Basingstoke Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 October

Featuring over 90 stalls, and attended by more than 1,000 visitors, our annual fair is perfect for early Christmas shopping or a treat for yourself.



Beyond the Frame: An immersive art experience with Luxmuralis, Mansion House, London

Friday 21 November

Prepare to see Mansion House in a whole new light as we collaborate with the creators of Luxmuralis! Join us for a captivating, immersive evening where light, sound, architecture and the creativity of our students come together in a mesmerising display of art.



Christmas Fair, Treloar's Friday 12 December

Join us for festive fun at our annual Christmas Fair! Shop from a selection of student-made gifts, enter our popular hamper raffle, enjoy tasty treats and support our students.