



**Parent and carer newsletter**

**July 2025**

# Welcome from the Head of College

As another academic year draws to a close, we reflect on the incredible journey we've shared with our students, particularly those who are now moving on from Treloar's. While it's always bittersweet to say goodbye to a group of young people who have become such an integral part of our community, it's also a time to celebrate their achievements.

At Treloar's, we are committed to supporting our students' development in all areas. This simply wouldn't be possible without our dedicated staff. I want to take this opportunity to extend

our heartfelt thanks to the many key people who have worked tirelessly to support our leavers.



While our staff play a vital role, it's crucial to remember that the achievements of our students are truly their own. Every single student has made incredible progress since their first day at Treloar's. Their enthusiasm and willingness to challenge us to find innovative solutions have truly enriched our college community. They've pushed us to think differently, adapt our methods, and evolve to meet their needs and help them succeed. For that, we are genuinely grateful.

We truly hope they'll remain connected with Treloar's and the lifelong friendships they've forged. They are now part of a wide-reaching alumni network, and we invite them to share their journeys and achievements with us.

As they embark on their next chapter, there will undoubtedly be challenges, but their experiences at Treloar's have equipped them to overcome them. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our students and wish them all the best. Congratulations, Class of 2025! We can't wait to see the amazing things they will achieve.

You'll find in these pages lots of the fantastic events and activities from this half term. As we busy ourselves preparing for the new term and all the new students who will join the college I want to thank you all for your support and hope you have a fantastic summer.

All the best,

Ben Bastin

Head of College

<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>
Wed 3 – Tue 9 September	Professional Development and Preparation Days for all staff (5 days)
Wed 10 September	Start of half term 1 Residential and Day students return directly to college at 9.00 am. Staggered start dates for NEW students
TBC	Inset day HSDC Alton Campus only
Fri 24 October	End of half term 1. College closes 3.30 pm, houses close at 3.30 pm
Mon 27 – Fri 31 October	Half term holiday for staff and students
Sun 2 November	Weekend residential students return to houses 2.00 pm onwards
Mon 3 November	Start of half term 2 Day students and weekday residential students return 9.00 am onwards



# Updates from Sally Nissen, Head of Nursing and Healthcare

Dear parents and carers,

From September 2025, we will be using a new tool called RESTORE2 for students over 16 years.

## What is RESTORE2?

RESTORE2 is a tool used by our teams to help spot when a young person might be becoming unwell—and to make sure they get the right help quickly. It stands for: Recognise Early Soft Signs, Take Observations, Respond, Escalate.

We have worked closely with our local NHS Trust and ambulance service to adapt and personalise RESTORE2 for our setting.

## Why is RESTORE2 important?

Young people with disabilities may not always be able to say when something's wrong. RESTORE2 helps staff notice even small changes that might be early signs of illness, so they can act before things get worse.

## What does it involve?

**Soft signs:** These are small changes in how your young person is normally. For example, more tired, less engaged, not eating or drinking, or just seeming "off".

**Observations:** The nursing team can take basic health checks like breathing rate, heart rate, or temperature, using a scoring system called NEWS2 to assess how unwell someone might be.

**Escalation:** This means getting the right help quickly. If staff are concerned, the tool guides them to contact family, another nurse, GP, 111 or emergency service. RESTORE2 helps them explain the problem clearly and confidently, even if the signs are subtle.

## Why does escalation matter?

RESTORE2 gives staff the evidence and confidence to escalate concerns, so your young person can get medical attention early—often preventing a more serious illness.



How does it help your young person?

- It helps staff spot early signs of illness, even when they're not obvious.
- It ensures staff act quickly and don't wait too long to get help.
- It gives professionals clear information, so your young person gets the care they need faster.
- It's especially helpful for young people who have difficulty communicating how they feel.

### **In Summary**

RESTORE2 is a safety tool. It helps the staff who know and care for your young person recognise when something isn't quite right, do simple checks, and escalate concerns to medical professionals when needed—and not unnecessarily. It supports early action to keep students safe and well.





## Prom season at Treloar's: A campus-wide celebration of style and support

Together with the hot and sunny weather came prom season, which is one of the highlights of the summer term and a much anticipated celebration marking the final weeks of the academic year for school and college students alike. At Treloar School and College, proms are more than just a party, they are a symbol of achievement, community and transition as students prepare for their next venture in their journey.

Read the prom highlights on our website: <https://www.treloar.org.uk/news/2025/07/07/prom-season-treloars-campus-wide-celebration-style-and-support>



# A wild day out at Longleat!

College students had an amazing time on their recent trip to Longleat—a day packed with adventure, discovery and incredible animals!

The journey began as the students explored the many animal enclosures, getting up close with some truly fascinating creatures. One of the highlights was feeding the birds—they were colourful, curious, and full of energy and everyone loved interacting with them.

Afterwards, everyone boarded the coach for the much-anticipated safari. From the safety and comfort of the bus, staff and students travelled through the Longleat Safari Park, where they got to see lions, tigers, elephants, zebras, monkeys and even rhinos! It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be so close to such magnificent animals.

The group was lucky to have a knowledgeable Longleat Safari guide on board, who shared all sorts of interesting facts with them along the way. For example, did you know that a group of giraffes is called a tower? It was amazing to learn new things while seeing the animals in their natural habitats.

Everyone agreed—it was a day to remember. Longleat gave everyone a wonderful mix of fun, learning and awe-inspiring sights.



## Longleat Student Trip Reflections:

"It was brilliant; I loved the safari, and I loved asking questions to the safari guide, and I felt very proud of myself for all my questions."

"I really enjoyed seeing the birds in their enclosure because I was able to get up close and feed them on my hand, and I have never done that before."

"I loved going into the birds and feeding them from my hand and feeling their feet on my skin."

"I enjoyed the safari and tour guide and hearing about all of the animals they had and their names, my favorites animals were the tigers."





## NATSPEC Games 2025

On 11 June, Treloar College welcomed students and staff from specialist colleges across the South East who joined in the fun and took part in the NATSPEC Games 2025, inclusive sporting activities.

All students had the opportunity to try out many different accessible sports and activities, including boccia, skittles and curling.

## A day out at Milestones Museum

As part of a project with the Paralympics Heritage Trust, college students went to Milestones Museum and met Fiona Darling-Glinski, Learning and Projects Manager at the Paralympic Heritage Trust and Emma Christie, Learning Programmes Manager at Hampshire Cultural Trust.

The class attended a history workshop on World War II, which included a variety of multi-sensory learning activities including code breaking, rationing, aircraft identification and life as an Air Raid Precaution Warden.

After the workshop, the students participated in a reflection session and gave feedback on their experience with a particular focus on accessibility. The Milestones' staff were very responsive to the feedback which made the students feel empowered.





# Opening of the new Learning Centre

Treloar's students were delighted to welcome fundraising donors on Wednesday 18 June for the official "ribbon cutting" to celebrate the new Bradbury Learning Centre.

During the event, Martin Ingram, CEO and Principal at Treloar's, thanked the donors as without their valuable support Treloar's would not have been able to undertake this major project, which was fully funded by our supporters. Our students took the guests on a tour of this state-of-the-art facility.

The space was completed this year and is benefiting students from both the school and college. It was vital to create a new centre to meet the ever-changing needs of our young people.

Find out more about the visit on our website: <https://www.treloar.org.uk/news/2025/06/20/donors-officially-open-treloars-new-learning-centre>



## Engineering sessions with 2Excel

On Monday 12 June, we welcomed a team from 2Excel Engineering, a Maintenance and Repair Organisation for aircraft, who delivered 2 fantastic employer engagement sessions to Treloar's students.

Both sessions followed the same format. Our guests provided an introduction to their company and talked about their roles. Our students were taken through the same health and safety training that 2Excel apprentices do during their induction period. The students were also shown a live stream of all the aircraft flying in the skies using the Flight Radar Sites.

In addition to their presentation, the 2Excel team provided some of the PPE they need to wear while carrying out their duties. A number of students were very keen to try the PPE, much to their entertainment!





## 2 awards for Supported Internship Programme

Holly Larvan, Treloar's Supported Internship Technician, and Gemma Foreman, Airport Duty Manager at Southampton Airport, attended the ceremony for the Hampshire and Southampton Supported Internship Awards 2025. Treloar College was shortlisted in 2 categories: Most Supportive Education Provider and Most Supportive Employer (Southampton Airport).

We are thrilled to announce that we came in 1st place in the Most Supportive Employer category and 2nd place in the Most Supportive Education Provider category. Holly said:

"We were thrilled to be shortlisted for an award as part of our internship programme—it was a real honour and a proud moment for everyone involved. It was also lovely to see all the other specialist colleges from across the county and learn about the amazing work their interns have been doing. Well done to all involved, and congratulations to everyone who took part! Thanks to everyone, especially Gemma for your continued support. You truly deserve this recognition."

## Employer's Day

Our incredible Supported Interns welcomed professionals from local businesses who have been their mentors and employers over the past year. These businesses—spanning aviation, catering, media, non-profit, and more—opened their doors and gave our students real-world experience through meaningful internships.

Treloar's Supported Internship programme is a one-year programme designed for our young people who are preparing to take their next steps either into employment, self-employment, or voluntary work—part-time or full-time.

Thanks to all the businesses who welcomed Treloar's students into their workplaces, our young people explored their interests while building essential skills for the future.





## Treloarfest 2025

College-led summer event  
Treloarfest 2025 was a special and unforgettable day!

On Friday 20 June, Treloar College students kicked off summer with their very first Treloarfest—and it was nothing short of amazing!

From live music performances by both current and former students and a special guest to vibrant stalls featuring delicious food, second-hand clothing and party accessories—there was something for everyone!

The Piazza was buzzing with energy as all college classes came together to soak up the sun and enjoy some accessible outdoor games.

It was the perfect way to celebrate the start of festival season.



## Leavers' celebration tea

On 16 July, Treloar College students came together for our annual Leavers' Tea, a celebration of memories and milestones.

In the peaceful setting of our Outdoor Learning Centre, students reflected on their journeys, shared exciting news about what's next and planted a beautiful hydrangea in the garden, a lasting symbol of their time and growth at college.

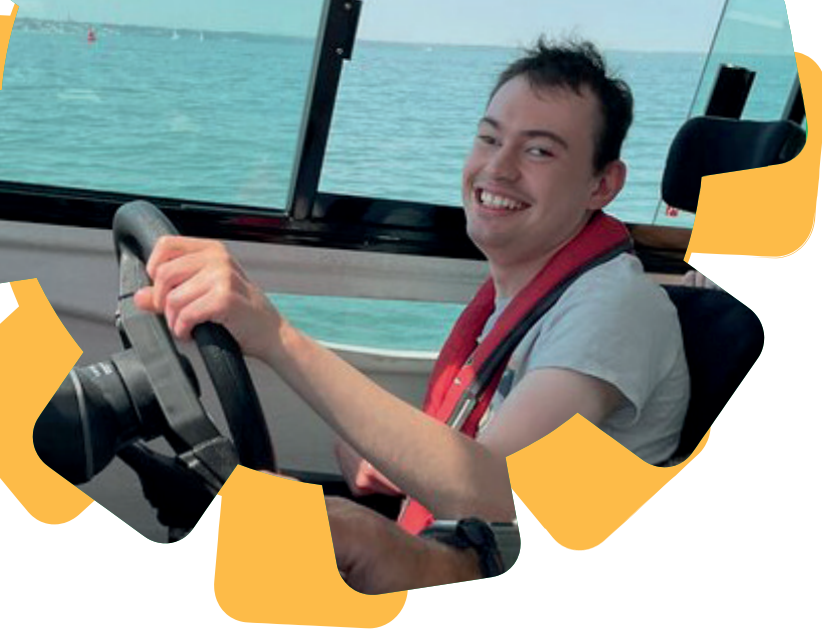


## An experience of South India

As part of our Arts Week and Health and Well-being Week, school and college students had a chance to experience the art of Kathakali. The classical dance drama from Kerala South India offers an exciting opportunity for people to become actively involved in non-western theatre and traditions.

Throughout the day, a number of workshops were available for students to attend, including a drama and mask-making workshops, finishing with Kathakali Solo Performance.





## Art therapy and transition

This year Rachel Mason, Art Therapist, offered college leavers the opportunity to explore their transition creatively with two informal art sessions.

Art making offers a unique way to honour transition which is a time marked by hope, reflection, loss, and change. The sessions were a welcoming space where students connected with their peers and explored various creative processes.

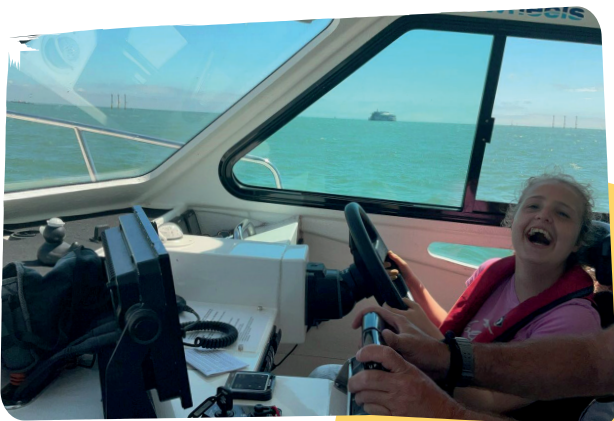
Rachel hopes to further develop these sessions for leavers next year. The privacy and confidentiality of the space means that no photos were taken throughout the sessions. The photo is an example made by Rachel.

## A day out with Wetwheels

School and college trips are a very special part of the provision at Treloar's. These trips allow our young people to pursue their interests and develop their social skills by interacting with their peers, staff and members of the community.

A recent day out in Portsmouth brought a lot of joy to our students: "It was a glorious day and the sun was shining on the water. The boat set off, skimming the waves like a dolphin. It felt electrifying to drive the boat," said one of the students.

Through funding provided by the Campbell Sports Fund, Treloar's students are able to take part in offsite activities, such as a speedboat experience with Wetwheels.



# Moonbeam Theatre

In the first week of July, we welcomed back Moonbeam Theatre, an accessible theatre company from Canterbury. They are dedicated to creating innovative multi-sensory theatre for young individuals with Special Educational Needs, more specifically aimed at sensory-based learners.

This year's performance, 'Exploshine', was a wonderful, multi-sensory experience that mesmerised our students: the combination of light and ethereal music echoes enabled our young people to absorb the theatre through all their senses.



## Treloar's Got Talent

On Thursday 10 July the Treloar's Got Talent Final took place. 10 finalists took to the stage and performed to a packed audience. It was an amazing show full of talented students demonstrating their musical, singing and dancing abilities!

The voting was so close but after a tough competition Gift was crowned our winner for 2025. Joint second place for Toby and Ben and Isabel in 3rd place.

Thanks to everyone involved: a fabulous day celebrating our amazing students!



# College Sports Day

On a bright and sunny morning on 11 July, Treloar College came alive with energy and excitement as we hosted our annual Sports Day.

Our incredible students gave it their all, supported every step of the way by our amazing team of student support assistants, tutors, therapists and nurses.

Thanks to their enthusiasm and teamwork, the event was a huge success—showcasing the vibrant spirit of sport and active lifestyle that runs throughout our campus.





## Crazy creatures

As part of Health and Well-being Week, a team from Crazy Creatures visited Treloar's with their animals. From fascinating insects to a tortoise, bearded dragon and a snake—our students had the chance to overcome their fears and face the incredible creatures.

## Health and Well-being Week

At Treloar's, we go above and beyond to meet the needs of every student. Our incredible therapists work both in and out of the classroom, helping students thrive in every aspect of school and college life.

In July, we celebrated Health and Well-being Week—a time dedicated to nurturing both the physical and emotional well-being of our young people. From accessible sports and mindfulness sessions to creative horticulture workshops, our students got involved in activities designed to boost confidence, build resilience and support mental and physical health.

It was a week with the focus on fun, growth and well-being!

Charlotte Jackson, Treloar's College Tutor, said: "Crazy Creatures team brought such energy, enthusiasm and a clear passion that really made the experience fun and engaging for our students. It was especially lovely to see how confidently and sensitively they interacted with our sensory learners—offering reassurance, adapting their approach where needed, and giving them opportunities to explore the creatures at their own pace."





# Supportive Spaces Appeal update

This year, our Supportive Spaces appeal took us a step closer to providing all students with the comfort, support, and sense of home they deserve at Treloar's. Phase one will transform Gloucester House, but first, we need to raise £780,000.

We are aiming to transform the Cotswold Wing of Gloucester House into a fully accessible residential space that makes a daily difference to students, from getting ready in the mornings to relaxing in the evenings.



And thanks to an incredibly generous pledge to match every donation pound for pound—up to £100,000—we have the chance to take a huge stride forward in creating:

- New and fully hoist accessible, larger bedrooms: more spacious rooms offer freedom of movement and allows for personalisation, which can build confidence and independence
- Accessible, en-suite bathrooms so all the students staying with us are within easy reach of their own bathroom space: having a private, reachable bathroom helps protect dignity and encourages healthy routines
- Communal areas for relaxing, socialising and joining in with facilitated clubs and activities: these communal spaces encourage friendships, which are vital for mental health and emotional development.

Should you or anyone you know choose to give a gift towards this important appeal—it will be doubled at no extra cost to you. Every £1 you give will be turned into £2!

There's £100,000 available in the matching pot. Please, help us secure every pound, share with your friends and family and follow our progress on social media. Learn more: <https://www.treloar.org.uk/gloucester-house-appeal>

# Student artwork set to light up Mansion House

This November, Treloar's students' artwork will take centre stage at Mansion House for an exclusive fundraising evening celebrating creativity and inclusion.

Beyond the Frame is a one-night-only immersive art experience in collaboration with visionary projection artists Luxmuralis. The Mansion House's historic walls will be brought to life with moving images, light, and sound, immersing you in a thought-provoking sensory experience.

Alongside Luxmuralis's acclaimed installation, Life, which explores the wonder and complexity of life, guests will be captivated by a never-before-seen projection celebrating the extraordinary artwork of Treloar's students.

The 5-minute projection, created by Luxmuralis, will showcase up to 50 pieces of artwork, highlighting the creativity and incredible talent of the students.

"These pieces were created by students from our Skills for Life and Skills for Independence groups, who selected art as their chosen subject. They explored a wide range of techniques, including lino plate printing, marbling, sponge painting, and creating cyanotypes, to bring their ideas to life."

Gemma, Art Teacher, Treloar's

Guests will also have the chance to explore a student art exhibition, with a selection of pieces available for bidding in the charity auction. All proceeds will go to Treloar's.

Event details:

When: Friday 21 November 2025

Where: Mansion House, London

Tickets: £100 per person (includes wine and charcuterie)

Tickets are limited and available at [www.treloar.org.uk/events](http://www.treloar.org.uk/events) or by emailing [events@treloar.org.uk](mailto:events@treloar.org.uk)





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With rollovers of up to £5,000 and a top weekly prize of £500, you can enter for just £1 per week.

Don't miss out—visit our website and sign up today for your chance to win!

<https://trelottery.org.uk/trelottery>

## Write your Will for free!

We have teamed up again with Farewill this year and we are offering parents and carers their Free Wills service in return for a donation to Treloar's.

After you've taken care of loved ones, a gift to Treloar's, no matter the size, will make a big difference and last long into the future. Your legacy, however big or small, will help make sure our life-changing services and facilities are there for children and young people for generations to come.

Head to <https://farewill.com/treloars-web> or call 020 8050 2686 quoting Treloar's Trust. For any other questions please contact our Legacy and Individual Giving Fundraiser Lucy on 01420 547 447 or email [lucy.wilson@treloar.org.uk](mailto:lucy.wilson@treloar.org.uk)

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