

Treloar's Today

Autumn 2026



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Treloar School and College: A place of possibilities

Every day, we prepare physically disabled children and young people (aged 4 to 25) 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.

Thank you for changing lives!

Welcome to your Autumn edition of Treloar's Today!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our Spring Readership Survey. It was wonderful to hear how much you enjoy keeping up with life at Treloar's, and your feedback helps us make sure Treloar's Today continues to bring you the stories you want to hear.

You told us that, above all, you enjoy reading about our students and there's plenty to celebrate in this edition. From our first Treloar's Art Exchange, bringing together students from seven

local schools, to our students performing at the BBC Proms Festival, you'll see just some of the many ways our young people are discovering what they can achieve.

You also told us you'd like to hear more about the difference your support makes. So, throughout this edition, we've tried to show you that impact. You'll meet Luke, whose new skills are giving him greater independence, and discover how students are developing confidence, creativity and lifelong skills in the classroom and beyond.

Many of the opportunities our students enjoy today have been made possible by supporters who believed in Treloar's before them. It is a privilege to see that support continue to shape the lives of today's students — and to help us build an even brighter future for those who will follow.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Treloar's community.

Joanna Clarkson
Head of Supporter Relations



Nurturing curious minds one book at a time

Students are firing up their imaginations and discovering more about the things that interest them in Treloar's library and with fellow bookworms.

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide initiative that encourages people to discover the pleasure in reading. For young people at Treloar's, it's opening up more opportunities to learn and grow.

The library, located in the Bradbury Learning Centre, is jam-packed with books for every type of reader at every level — fiction, non-fiction and books that allow students to follow words and images to develop their visual tracking skills.

It's wonderful to see so many students find their perfect quiet spot in one of the specially designed reading zones. Whole class and group reading sessions are regular features in our lesson plans too, making sure literacy is at the centre of our students' learning.



Students living in our residential houses are also being encouraged to read outside of class, helped by Treloar's book club. It's informal, social and alive with discussion and debate as students share ideas.

The joy of reading is opening up new worlds for our students, and we're grateful to the supporters whose generosity helped make The Bradbury Centre and library a reality and lasting resource that continues to benefit our students.

Treloar's Art Exchange celebrates students' creativity

We recently welcomed seven local schools to the inaugural Treloar's Art Exchange, celebrating creativity through dance, poetry, music and drama. The idea came about after the stage at Dance Live! — the UK's largest schools dance competition — proved inaccessible for our students.

Treloar's students shone in their performance of The Kingdom of Unspoken Words and in their backstage work designing costumes, creating props, and bringing the production to life. Through choreography, they

explored the power of communication, expressing emotions, ideas and aspirations.

It was a wonderful first step in creating more opportunities for our students to share their creativity, build confidence and show what they can do. We look forward to seeing where the Art Exchange goes next.



Growing lifelong skills with the Costa Foundation

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Treloar's students are taking the lead in developing our new partnership with the Costa Foundation. Through the Planting Possibilities project, our College internship students are exploring ways to get more people involved in outdoor learning at our dedicated centre.

The project, funded by the Costa Foundation, aims to support all our students to develop practical skills, confidence and independence through gardening — skills that will stay with our students long after they leave Treloar's.

Costa Foundation executive director Kate O'Brien says: "Funding our first-ever UK projects is something we have been working towards, and to see it become a reality, supporting an incredible school like Treloar's, doing life-changing work for

young people with special educational needs and disabilities, is a moment we are truly proud of."

The Costa Foundation delivers outstanding work to improve access to education around the world. From building schools to supporting learning programmes, the Foundation is changing lives, and we're incredibly grateful for the opportunities our students are being offered.



wagamama serves up workplace opportunities for students

wagamama

Treloar's College student Jennifer recently completed work experience at wagamama's restaurant in Camberley and received glowing feedback from their team.

Jennifer's work experience is just one way our partnership with wagamama is helping our students build confidence and gain valuable experience that could open doors to opportunities beyond Treloar's. Last year the restaurant chain invited Treloar's students to create their own foodie character inspired by Gaia Gyoza, the star of their kids' menu. The students rose to the challenge, creating imaginative characters full of personality. Next time you visit a UK wagamama, look out for our students' creativity on the kids' menus and activity sheets.



"From day one, Jennifer brought a warm, positive energy, building confidence week by week and becoming a natural in how she welcomed and connected with our guests, a brilliant example of what happens when we create the right environment for people to thrive. This is what true inclusion looks like in action."

John Conyers,
Culture Lead at wagamama

"I enjoy playing the Clarion because it makes me feel free and it has opened up my world."

James, College student and member of the NOYO orchestra



Treloar's students perform in the BBC Proms Festival

Treloar's students past and present took part in this year's Festival as members of the National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO). They were joined by musicians from the BBC National Orchestra of Wales for concerts in Cardiff, London and Bristol, under the baton of conductor Alice Farnham.

The BBC Proms is an incredible platform for our students to showcase their talents. We hope you'll feel as proud of them as we do, not only for this incredible achievement, but for showing other young disabled musicians what's possible.

"Knowing that I was making history as part of the world's first disabled-led orchestra at our Proms debut was just amazing. I want to keep inspiring the next generation of disabled people that have a passion for music."

Evie, College student and member of the NOYO orchestra

More dignified mealtimes for proud Luke

Student Luke has become the first person at Treloar's to take full advantage of eye gaze voice control to feed himself — and he's loving it! Using his Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device, determined Luke learnt how to use the technology to operate the Robotic Neater Eater. Being able to eat independently is a life skill Luke can take with him into the future, wherever life takes him after Treloar's.

Luke was keen to show off his new talent to inspire fellow students to give it a go. Visit Treloar's website to see Luke in action!



"I feel happy using my eye gaze Neater Eater. It gives me great independence as I can feed myself, which makes me feel proud as this is a new skill I can use on my AAC."

Luke

"Luke's communication device is key to his independence and ability to express himself."

Emily, Speech and Language Therapist at Treloar's

“Crossing the finish line with my family beside me felt incredible.”



In July this year, 17-year-old student Chloe took on the infamous Land's End to John O'Groats cycle ride. Chloe and her family smashed their £30,000 fundraising

target, raising £34,000 to be shared between Treloar's and local Newbury charity PALs.

Not one to let Cerebral Palsy and visual impairment hold her back, determined Chloe cycled the 1000+ miles on an adapted tandem bike guided by dad Tom. Brothers Nicko, 19 and William, 15, pedalled alongside for support. While mum Alex and family dog Koda had the vital role of van support crew, transporting the kit and keeping everyone fuelled for the ride of their lives.

After completing the challenge, Chloe said: "This has been the biggest challenge I've ever taken on, but also one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I hope our journey shows that disabled people can achieve amazing things."

A huge well done Chloe, and thank you Team Marriage!

"What began as therapy [for Chloe] became freedom, confidence and pure joy. She continues to show us that barriers can be overcome with determination, support and the right opportunities."

Chloe's mum, Alex



Distance:
1,041 miles



Climbing:
54,694 feet



Ride time:
**80 hours
17 minutes**



Punctures:
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Student fundraiser Thomas makes a footballing comeback!

Keen footballer Thomas achieved his goal and raised over £9000 to buy a football chair so he could start playing again. With the help of former Student Support Assistant, Niall, Thomas completed the Vitality 10,000, the London Landmarks Half Marathon and the Southampton Marathon to raise money for the chair and charities he cares about, including Treloar's.

Today, Thomas is back on the pitch playing wheelchair football with his local club, another reminder of the difference it can make when someone has the opportunity and support to pursue a dream.

"I used to love football very much, I used to go in the garden and just kick the ball around. At the beginning of Year 10 I had to stop, and I didn't have the energy to do it. Then Treloar's gave me a platform to help me fund something for my dream of playing wheelchair football."

Thomas



Life after Treloar's: Dan inspires students planning their next chapter



Former student Dan recently returned to talk to students about life beyond Treloar's during a transition session.

Since leaving in 2025, Dan has achieved a great deal. After securing a mortgage, he moved into his own

home, and with a full care package in place, he's enjoying his independence.

Dan spoke openly with students about the complexities of his journey, sharing the realities of moving on from Treloar's, the process of buying his home and how early planning, especially around support needs, is crucial.

Seeing Dan thrive outside of Treloar's is incredibly inspiring. As a passionate advocate for disability rights, Dan raises awareness through his YouTube channel and as a charity ambassador. He's also involved with his local council, undertaking both paid and voluntary work, particularly around accessibility and inclusion.

Dan's honesty, determination and achievements gave students valuable insight and encouragement as they begin to plan their futures. His story shows that the impact of a Treloar's education can continue long after a student leaves our gates, and that today's students can become tomorrow's role models.

Enterprising students recognised for driving change

Let Me In — the student-led enterprise improving accessibility and employment opportunities for disabled people — was shortlisted for Community

Engagement Initiative of the Year in the TES Schools Awards 2026.

While we didn't win, the nomination recognised the campaign's continued success in raising awareness of accessibility and helping make the workplace more inclusive.

Let Me In shows that young people can create change today and help make the world more accessible for those who come after them.



Intern Hope helps make plane travel more accessible for people with disabilities

College student Hope spent a year working with Southampton Airport as part of Treloar's Supported Internship Programme, where she developed an immersive airport tour.

Hope used her camera technology skills to capture different areas and perspectives of the airport so students can experience the environment virtually and feel more confident about plane travel.

The project is helping students prepare for a more independent future while giving Hope valuable experience she can take into her career.



Supportive Spaces Appeal

Gloucester House:

An exciting milestone

£610k raised of £862k

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£252k to go £862k

£100k match funding unlocked

We've reached the match-funding milestone! This brings us another step closer to transforming Gloucester House into a warm, modern and accessible space for our students.

This artist's impression of one of the new bedrooms gives you a glimpse of the welcoming spaces we hope to create with your help. Together, we're creating a home where students can feel even more comfortable, supported and able to thrive for years to come.

Will you help us raise the final £252,000?

If you've already given, thank you so much. If you'd like to support Gloucester House, there's still time for your gift to help bring this important project to life for our students.

Ways to give:

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.



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What's on at Treloar's



Treloar's Christmas Fair – Friday 11 December 2026

Get festive with Treloar's at our annual Christmas Fair! Find the perfect gift on our student stalls, enter the draw for a luxury hamper and indulge in delicious, sweet treats while you soak up the atmosphere.



The Treloar's Gala Dinner – Friday 16 April 2027

The Treloar's Gala Dinner returns to the iconic Guildhall London in 2027 for a very special 120th birthday celebration. Hosted by the Lord Mayor of London, guests will enjoy a drinks reception on arrival, followed by an indulgent three-course dinner in the magnificent Great Hall, as we celebrate the legacy of Lord Mayor Sir William Purdie Treloar.



The Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale – Saturday 8 May 2027

A date for your diary! Find your favourite bloom on one of our many student stalls and enjoy a day of community fun with activities for all ages and refreshments for everyone.

Please visit treloar.org.uk for more information about all our events.

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