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Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends,

A, warm welcome to returning students, new students and their families.

All new students have settled in well and we look forward to working with you as your son/daughter progresses through college.

Please find below a list of events and an update to information that you may find useful

As always if you have any feedback, queries and comments for us please do let us know.

Please contact us if you have any questions, your young person's Progressions and Transition worker is your point of contact for communication with the Multi-Disciplinary Team

Wishing everyone a restful half term.

Best wishes



Deputy Head of College



Jane Clarke
Deputy Head of
College

Music at the college

This term we have made a start on offering more music provision within the current college educational offer. There are two sensory classes who are having music on a weekly basis. These students are encouraged to develop their musical identity and will be completing a musical profile sheet during the year which can be a tool for them to use in their current class or different situations in and out of college. We will also be looking to develop skills that can be taken forward in their future: enabling them to make music choices with confidence, increase self-expression and develop communication skills through the medium of music. Most importantly we hope that the students in these classes have a great time in music classes and leave feeling good!

In addition some students will be following a programme set up by an organisation called Open Orchestra (www.openorchestras.org) Open Orchestra is currently working with 500 young people from 55 different schools and colleges. This programme encourages and enables students with disabilities to take part in performing in an orchestra. As part of this programme they have created a new technology instrument called Clarion. This instrument can be played on iPad and also using Smart Nav technology which means the notes can be played using any part of the body. This new technology allows the performer to control pitch, tempo and dynamics which in turn allows full expression as you would find in a typical orchestral instrument. We are very excited to be starting our College Open Orchestra and will be working towards our first performance in the summer term. An example of students playing can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbtzp0TjOno> This shows school students in an Open Orchestra rehearsal performing with some students from the Royal Northern College of Music.

College students can have 1:1 individual lessons in keyboard, singing, drums or guitar (please email school office for the peripatetic music lessons form) and we are hoping to add a music technology peripatetic teacher to our team who will be able to give 1:1 lessons in using Clarion, Garage band and other technological music programmes.

Future plans in the college music provision include offering music to more classes on a weekly basis, a sing and sign language choir, a rock and pop choir and a school and college mixed band.

NHS Wheelchairs

These are assessed for and provided by a student's home wheelchair service, therefore any adaptations and repairs need to be carried out or approved by the wheelchair service. Parents will need to liaise in the first instance with their home wheelchair service however, the student's treating Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist may be able to support and advise parents as appropriate. Emergency repairs for residential students may be referred to our local repairer via the Therapy Department and Basingstoke Wheelchair Services. When the repair is costly, it will need to be referred to the home wheelchair Service and this may delay the process. Day student's parents should liaise with their local Wheelchair Service.

Privately Purchased Wheelchairs

Adaptations, maintenance and repairs to privately purchased wheelchairs should be in liaison with the dealer that provided them. Emergency repairs for residential students may be co-ordinated by the Therapy Department with a local dealer. This will incur charges, including call-out, labour and parts. The Therapy Department will contact Parents/Carers to discuss details before work is carried out.

Parent Handbook

The Parent handbook is available to view on the Treloar website and the Parent portal; if you would like us to send a copy please email and we will send this to you

Data Capture and Home College Agreements

Please ensure all outstanding forms are returned to the student service office after half term. If you require further copies we can send these to you.

Wear it Pink

Over the year we aim to support students in raising money for charitable causes. To date we have supported Jeans for Genes Day and will be working to raise funds for Wear it Pink Day this Friday. Staff and students are of course encouraged to wear pink and a number of events have been arranged from cake and book sales to discos for the students. These events are all designed to encourage students to get involved with other good causes as well as being able to practice and develop their communication and functional skills!

Commitment to Excellence Awards

Treloar Trust always aims to enable education through delivering the highest quality provision services. Through our 'Commitment to Excellence Awards' scheme, we recognise the hard work and contribution of our staff and use this to publicly say thank you.

We welcome nominations from staff, students and parents/carers. You can nominate an individual member of staff or a team of staff who you feel have gone above and beyond to provide a high quality of service and support to your child and/or family

You can nominate by:

1. Going to the Treloar website and following this link <http://www.treloar.org.uk/work-with-us/commitment-excellence-awards/>
2. Contacting Jo Cox, Head of Quality, for a copy of our nomination form to be sent to you.

Parent Portal

Our Parent Portal is available for all parents/carers (if your young person is over 16 they must have given us their consent to give you access) to access at any time.

It provides the latest information on your young person's:

- Names of their multi –disciplinary team members
- Goals
- Targets and progress against these targets
- Any incidental learning they have achieved
- The qualifications they are working on
- Their timetable
- Attendance information

Along with this your young person's tutor will post regular messages about what has been happening in class.

You should have been sent a user name and password by our Technology team, along with instructions on how to access and use this user friendly online system. If you have not received a password, forgotten your password or would like more information/help in using the Parent Portal, please contact Bev Everitt in our Technology team on beverley.everitt@treloar.org.uk

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Friday 7 December. We plan to sing Christmas Carols in the Piazza at 12.45pm and the Fayre will be open from 1pm to 4pm. There will be approximately 30 stalls selling crafts, art prints, candles, cards, wrapping paper, Christmas table decorations and wreaths, and edible treats, making it the perfect venue for all your festive gift buying needs! Over half of the stalls will be run by students who will be selling festive goodies they have made in class so please do come along to show your support and please do spread the word to your family and friends. The more people attend the more money we can raise to support our students. Fundraising will also be running their traditional 'festive hamper' raffle draw and tickets will be on sale throughout fayre week from the Fundraising Office. For further information on the Fayre please contact Sharon Doran (sharon.doran@treloar.org.uk).

Christmas Trees

Treloar's is pleased to announce that we are in partnership with Forest & Fir premium grade British Christmas trees.

Forest & Fir set out to reduce the strain and stress of choosing and transporting your Christmas tree by offering premium trees coupled with complimentary delivery on a date of your choice at a fair price. More importantly, however, for each 6ft and over tree purchased Forest & Fir will donate £10 to Treloar's and for each 6ft and under they will donate £5.00 to Treloar's by using TRELOAR in the charity field during checkout.

Please find below a link to all the relevant information plus how to order:

<https://www.forestandfir.co.uk/>

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 19 October	Wear it Pink Day
Friday 19 October	End of half-term 1 College closes 4.00pm and Houses close at 6.00pm
Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October	Half-term holiday for staff and students
Sunday 28 October	Residential students return to Houses 2.00 pm onwards
12 November 2018	Anti-bullying week activities
Friday 16 November	Children in Need day
Monday 29 October	Start of half-term 2 Day students return 9.00am
Tuesday 27 th November	ALTON COLLEGE inset day
7 December	Christmas fayre
21 December	College First Year Parents Day
Friday 21 December	End of half term 2 (including ALTON COLLEGE) College closes 4.00pm and Houses close at 6.00pm

