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Christmas Update

December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends,

It has been a long and busy term, as always, leading up to Christmas. Please find below some of the highlights of the term and dates for you to be aware of.

If you have any feedback, queries and comments for us, please do let us know.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes



Deputy Head of College



Jane Clarke
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Unique Arts Award 2018

This award, organised by the Foot Painting Artists Trust Fund, is for young students with a disability to enter their unique work into a competition. The presentation for the winners was held in Kingston, London in October. Treloar's had five winners, Cory (Photography bronze), Connor (Digital Art bronze), Chloe (Digital Art silver), Marc (3D sculpture bronze) and Eliz (Digital Art gold). Students who attended enjoyed a three course dinner before the ceremony and vouchers for art equipment. Well done to all!

Bursaries

The 16-19 Bursary Funds are paid by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to Schools and Colleges so that they may provide financial help to students whose access to or completion of, education might be inhibited by financial consideration. To be eligible for a bursary for books and other equipment required for studies, and/or, to have student subscriptions paid, students must come from a home where the household income is less than £25,000 and have no more than one instance of unauthorized non-attendance. Only those students who are between 16 and 24 years old are eligible for Residual Allocations. If you believe your son/daughter may be eligible and would like to apply please contact Jana Owens – Jana.Owens@treloar.org.uk for an application form.

Christmas box Project and the Vokes Club

Students at the College have taken part in the local Christmas Box Project. The aim of this is to fill shoe boxes with small gifts and food for local elderly residents to receive at Christmas. An appeal went out and a total of 20 boxes were filled and delivered to the community. Students also arranged a charity quiz to raise money for the Vokes Club which provides lunches and a meeting place for local elderly residents. They raised enough money for 20 Christmas lunches and fun was had by all students and staff who participated.

Christmas Fayre

Treloar's Fayre raises over £2000

Our Christmas Fayre on Friday 7 December was officially opened by Paralympic Gold Medallist, Treloar's patron and former student, David Smith MBE.

There were 28 stalls in total and the student run enterprises were, as always, a big draw. The wooden reindeer made by the College's Art Vocational Enterprise group were very popular again this year. Other stalls that attracted crowds included the Treloar's Parents Association's 'horticulture cart' where visitors could buy beautiful hand crafted festive wreaths. Fundraising's traditional 'themed hamper raffle' also created quite a buzz. Some of the hampers were very impressive indeed and there were a record breaking 28 prizes on offer in total.

This year the Christmas Fayre was kindly sponsored by Marshalls BMW Mini Hampshire who showcased two of their vehicles on the piazza. In total the Fayre raised over £2000 which will be used to purchase two additional duckling and chick hatching boxes for use in classrooms. We had hatching boxes last year and the 'feel good' factor created and the opportunities for learning generated were so significant that we have decided to introduce them in more classes. The eggs are monitored until they hatch and then the ducklings are cared for by staff and students until it is time for them to return home.

The Fundraising team would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the Fayre a success by donating items for hampers, volunteering or by visiting the stallholders on the day.

Treloar College Leavers' Certificate Presentation

Students who left in July 2018 were invited to return to Treloar's, with friends and family, to attend the 2018 certificate presentation. Eighteen former students attended the ceremony which was opened with a humorous and engaging speech from Charlie, a current student at Treloar's. A brief résumé was given about what the students were now doing, before each student's achievement was acknowledged by Martin Ingram, Principal, who presented them with their certificates. The ceremony was followed by a tea party in the Chill Out Zone providing an opportunity for everyone to catch up with each other.

Christmas Concert

A number of College students performed in the College Christmas Service this year, either as readers or as part of the musical events. This took part in the FT hall which has been beautifully decorated and created a very "Christmassy" atmosphere. In previous weeks a good deal of College students and staff turned out to our Come and Sing events which supported students to learn all the carols in the service as well as the chance to sing along to some more popular Christmas favourites.

Three students sang solos of three of the carols before the audience joined in and the Treloar College Open Orchestra and staff performed a beautiful rendition of Silent Night using our brass and leather hand bells. The service was rounded off by an exciting rendition of Must Be Santa with College staff enthusiastically taking the part of the reindeer and a member of Treloar staff being Father Christmas, complete with cherry nose and Santa sack! It was great to see different classes being involved in the videos, put together Personal Tutors and Lynn Power and a wonderful display of team work between all students and staff. A truly Christmassy end to the term!

Wear it Pink

Wear it pink is one of Breast Cancer Now's biggest fundraising events – a single day when amazing people come together in work places, schools, homes and communities across the UK to wear pink, raise money and show their support for Breast Cancer Now. To support this amazing charity, T3 and other college classes helped organise a day of fun activities including wearing pink, raffles, book sales and a College disco. With thanks to Flossie for making a fabulous 'Boob cake' and the students in T3 we managed to raise £190 towards this wonderful charity.

Children in Need

The students worked as a team for their Enterprise and Employability work to select roles, plan and prepare items to celebrate Children in Need and raise as much money as possible. They decided on a number of different activities over the week. Students held a table top "Bring and Buy" sale, selling items which had been donated and sold Pudsey cookies, offered face and nail painting, and ran a "pin the patch on Pudsey's eye" game alongside a Pudsey Bear cake raffle. It was very successful; a total of £192 was raised and the students have even more ideas for next year!

Duke of Edinburgh Awards (D of E)

This academic year is set to be another successful year for D of E at Treloar's, with 14 College students signed up and ready to start their award. This includes a Silver group for the first time ever. The students will develop an activity in 3 different areas; something physical, a skill or hobby and a volunteering project. The culmination of the award is an exciting one day wheelchair or sailing expedition, taking place over the summer term. Groups have to work together to organise their expedition which includes; route planning, compiling a kit list, thinking about food and cooking; weather & emergency planning considerations; first aid knowledge and an understanding and demonstration of team work skills.

Future Fest

Future Fest will be on 15 February 2019 from 11am –3pm for Year 9 students and above. This is a great opportunity for students and their families to meet external providers to assist with planning after Treloar's. For information on the event please visit the Parent Portal.

Dates for your Diaries

Spring Term 2019	
<i>Thursday 3 January to Friday 4 January</i>	<i>Professional development days for all staff (2 days)</i>
Sunday 6 th January	Residential students return to Houses 2.00 pm onwards
Monday 7 January	Start of half term 3 Day students return at 9.00am
Friday 15 February	Future Fest End of half term 3 College closes 4.00pm and Houses close at 6.00pm
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February	Half term holiday for staff and students
Sunday 24 February	Residential students return to Houses 2.00 pm onwards
Monday 25 February	Start of half term 4 Day students return 9.00am
Friday 5 April	End of half term 4 College closes 4.00pm and Houses close at 6.00pm