

Parent Newsletter

January 2019



Message from the Principal

Welcome to our newsletter for the Spring Term.

It is, as ever, a busy time for the School and College. As new students have settled in, planning is already well advanced for next year and beyond. We are reviewing and expanding our curriculum to better meet the needs of our students and I am delighted that we are, for example, now offering more musical opportunities to our College students and Outdoor Learning is becoming a more important part of everyone's experience at Treloar's.



Photo by College student Eoin

Shortly you will receive a survey from Treloar's asking for your opinions on a range of issues. I would be really grateful if you can complete it so that we can include your views as we plan for the future and make sure we continue to improve all aspects of the School and College. In addition to our popular FutureFest on Friday 15 February, we are also introducing some workshops for parents and carers. The topics include transition planning, e-safety, students' perspectives of life after Treloar's, moulded food and supporting young people with VI. More details will follow.

We are delighted to welcome the appointment of Jessica Taplin, as new CEO of the Trust (see below). The Trust continues to raise significant sums to support the School and College and it also supplies us with a range of essential services.

A year ago we were testing out our snow plans. Please do check the new website for updates if there are any concerns about disruption due to the weather

Martin Ingram

Appointment of the new Chief Executive

Alistair Mackintosh, Chair of Trustees, recently released the following information regarding the appointment of the new Treloar Trust Chief Executive.



"I am very pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees have appointed Jessica Taplin to be our new Chief Executive. Jessica will join Treloar's at the beginning of March, and will assume the responsibilities of Chief Executive at the end of the spring term, succeeding Tony Reid who has decided to retire.

Jessica has a background in business development, starting her career at News International and IPC Media where she established a reputation for innovative multi-platform campaigns. A decade ago she moved into the charitable sector, initially supporting the Big Lottery Fund with their UK wide public consultation before working closely with the UK funding committee to re-invigorate their multi-million pound public engagement grant portfolio. Jessica has sought out leadership roles for organisations that support and enable young people, and she has a great deal of empathy with our young beneficiaries. Her two previous CEO roles have been at UK wide youth charities, vInspired, the legacy youth volunteering charity, and prior to that at Get Connected, where she led the organisation into a successful merger to create The Mix, now the UK's leading digital support and helpline service for young people.

The Board and I are delighted to have found someone of Jessica's calibre to lead Treloar's, as we build upon the strong educational and care foundations that have been so carefully put together in recent years. We are confident that she will bring fresh thinking to our strategic development, enabling us to broaden our reach and impact, and further develop services and external relations for the benefit of our young people."

Reminder

There is currently a high incident rate of drivers tailgating through both the Entrance and Exit barriers.



The barrier arms must be allowed to come fully down. Failure to do so could result in damage to the barrier. Should this happen, the driver, if caught on our CCTV, may be liable for damages incurred.

Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to all who helped out at last month's Christmas Fayre. A fantastic £686 was raised, not counting the wonderful hamper raffle. This meant that the aim of providing ducking and chick hatching sets for the School and College was achieved – something all the students are looking forward to in the spring.



The Story of Treloar's

The Story of Treloar's, a new film put together by our students in collaboration with 104Films and funded through a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, is now available to view (<https://www.treloar.org.uk/about-us/our-history/>).

The film includes original recordings of speeches by Sir William Purdie Treloar and shows films taken from the London Metropolitan and Hampshire Archives as well as old photographs and interviews. Both School and College students helped to do the research, filming and production of the final product.



Romeo & Juliet

The Sixth Form are excited to announce that they will be working hard to prepare for their performance of Romeo and Juliet on World Book Day, 7 March 2019. There will be two performances; 11.15am and 2.15pm.

Students, staff, parents and visitors will all be welcomed to attend. Ticket details to be posted nearer the event.

READING AHEAD

Reading Ahead Challenge

The Reading Ahead Challenge is an event run nationally by the Reading Agency to promote literacy in education and the workplace, and Treloar's have taken part for over 10 years.

To participate staff, students and volunteers have to read or listen to six reads. These can include books, poems, recipes, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers in either digital or paper format.

A reading diary must be completed and handed in to the Tech Hub before 30 June 2019. All who complete are entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

To sign up please have your student visit the Tech Hub!

Treloar's Website

Treloar's is very excited to announce the launch of our new website, with a brighter, cleaner feel and new functionality.

Please take a look and let us know what you think! www.treloar.org.uk



Wheelchair Rugby Sessions

Earlier this term our students started wheelchair rugby sessions with Joe Pegg from London Irish. In their first session students enjoyed different rugby-related activities and there was some great talent on show in dodging around opponents!

Treloar's Parents' Association

Following our message to all Parent/ Carers for donations for our luxury hamper fund raiser at the Christmas Fayre, we would heartily like to thank those six parents who generously contributed and helped raise a fabulous total of £636.00. We would also like to thank the following parents: Michelle, Tracy and Deanne, who kindly gave up their time to support the committee on the day. These funds were allocated to each house for the students' Christmas activities.

We would like to remind parents that we host an informal get together every Monday morning in the Jowett Centre. Please feel free to join us and find out more about your Parents' Association.

Upcoming events:

15 February homemade cake sale at FutureFest, all contributions welcome.

Bags2School textile collection after February half term. Date to be announced coming soon.

5 July homemade cake and plant sale at the Summer Fete ... one for diary !



Treloar's takes part in Lord Mayors Show

Treloar's teamed up with the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors for their entry into 2018's Lord Mayor's Show, which was held on Saturday 10 November.

Staff and volunteers donned butterfly outfits to walk alongside the Treloar's coach decorated as a caterpillar, signifying the way the School and College transform the lives of its physically disabled students.

Over 7000 spectators lined the streets to cheer all the participants on. The parade itself was over 3 miles long and featured over 200 horses and representatives from across the globe.

Great fun was had by all those who attended and it was a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of the School and College as the Parade was televised on BBC1.



Festive Recordings on Eagle Radio

In November Eagle Radio visited Treloar's to record our choir for a special Christmas recording, organised by our friends at Town & Country Couriers UK Ltd who have kindly supported Treloar's this year. These recordings were broadcast throughout the day on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Alton Food Bank Donation

Ian from Alton Food Bank joined our Monday Live in the autumn term to receive donations from Treloar's students, staff and parents as part of our Harvest Collection. The Food Bank supplied food and other resources to 800 individuals over the past year.

This year's Collection totalled 147.7kg of food and supplies, nearly double what we collected last year and exceeding our target. More significantly it was enough to keep the Food Bank open for one week of the year.

Looking for a Challenge or Know a Keen Runner?

Treloar's has spaces in a number of upcoming events. We will provide a supporter's pack, personalised running vest, support and encouragement before and during the event and the opportunity to visit Treloar's in person and see how the support makes such a difference. Alternatively maybe you or someone you know already has a place in an event and is looking for a cause to support. Whether you are a seasoned marathon runner or taking on your first 5K there is an event for you!



For further information email Charlie in the Fundraising team (charlotte.preston@treloar.org.uk) or visit www.treloarevents.org.uk.

FutureFest – 15 February 11am – 3pm

Now in its 21st year, FutureFest continues to be a fantastic success and vital information opportunity for our students in year 9 and above. The event offers a chance to investigate future options available for students when they leave Treloar's. It is particularly relevant as many residential placements have waiting lists, so it is important to start looking early.

New for this year, we will have a series of workshops and forums, as well as exhibitors from higher education, work and training, independent living advice, leisure activity providers, day centres and residential homes.

Although it is not compulsory to R.S.V.P., it would be appreciated if you could let email angela.cross@treloar.org.uk to let her know you will attend.



Walking in the Air

School student Sophie had the opportunity to sing "Walking in the Air" with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Lighthouse Poole on Sunday 16 December as part of their Christmas concert season.

Sophie auditioned for this part in September and was one of two vocalists chosen to take part. It was a wonderful event and Sophie sang beautifully and was note and word perfect - a true professional.

Sophie said 'it was the most special day in her life! And it will take some beating'. Sophie is pictured with conductor Hugh Brunt.

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Treloar Talks

Wednesday 17 April 2019

An unforgettable evening of inspiration hosted by Treloar's patron Alastair Stewart OBE, held in the unique surroundings of Glaziers Hall in London. Guests will be welcomed with a drinks reception before the speakers talk for 15 minutes each. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. *Regular price £30*

St Swithuns Way Walk or Run

Sunday 28 April 2019

A family-friendly walk or run in the countryside, starting at Treloar's. Choose either the 5 mile or 10 mile routes finishing at either Bentley or Farnham Park. Well behaved dogs also welcome. Refreshments are available along the route and a free shuttle bus back to the start is also provided. *Costs £12 adult, £6 under 16's, £30 family*

Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale

Saturday 11 May 2019

Please join the Friends of Treloar's for their annual Plant Sale, 10am-12.30pm at Treloar's. There will be a wide range of plants for sale, along with live music, tea, cakes and produce and a fantastic raffle. *Entry is free.*

Treloar Golf Day

Wednesday 29 May 2019

The award-winning Cowdray Park Golf Club has hosted Treloar's Charity Golf Day for many years and provides an excellent day's golf at one of the most scenic and challenging courses in the south of England. All profits from the day go towards supporting Treloar's. *£65 per head or £260 for a team of four*

For more information or to purchase tickets to any of these events, please contact Laura in the fundraising team Laura.Toop@treloar.org.uk



Anti-Bullying Week 2018

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 was: 'Choose Respect' and it ran from 12 - 16 November 2018. Treloar's celebrated the week with many different events, including a 'Design a T- shirt competition'. The winning design, by School student Yasmin, was printed on t-shirts and worn by staff and students.

On the 14th we held our annual Disability Sports Day where students from local schools came along and tried disability sports with Treloar's students. We also had a focus on Cyberbully day with our first ever 'Stop Speak Support' event. Students were given a wrist band and encouraged to speak to a person they didn't know which really helped to break down barriers.

Accessible holiday home

Wheelchair accessible family holiday home, in stunning Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. Sleeps 8/9. Ground floor, single bedroom with hoist, electrically adjustable bed, carer's bed, and wetroom. Garden, terrace and year round hot tub with hoist access.

Email WestportCottageYarmouth@gmail.com for full details.



Treloar's Archive Project

With over 100 years of history, Treloar's has a wealth of documents, photos and objects which need recording and storing for posterity. Two volunteers, Juliet and Hester, are busy emptying cupboards and sorting through things. They have already come across some wonderful photographs such as this one of Lord Mayor Treloar, our founder, with some early students. We are looking to add to the collection. If you have anything you think might be suitable for the archive, please contact Carolyn on 01420 547470 or carolyn.warne@treloar.org.uk.



Order of Malta Volunteers

The Order of Malta Volunteers' (OMV) is a British Catholic Charity which brings together young people both disabled and able. We run holidays and pilgrimages within the UK and abroad for several weeks a year. Our focus is on breaking down the barriers of what is possible for both our guests and helpers by bringing them together. After the success of hosting one of our activities, The International Holiday Camp at Treloar's in 2018, we are looking for new guests who would like to join us on our future activities within the UK and across Europe. To find out more about the OMV please look at our website (www.omv.org.uk), contact Richard, our Guest Coordinator (guests@omv.org.uk) or watch a short video of the highlights from our week at Treloar's (<https://vimeo.com/286204148>). We look forward to welcoming you on one of our activities soon!

Have you 'liked' us?

We are increasingly using social media to communicate with those interested in finding out more about what we do. If you have not yet 'liked' or 'followed' us, please do connect!

