**Letter from the School Governors**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the school governors welcome, or welcome back, to Trevelyan! We had our first meeting for the year a couple of weeks ago, which always has a packed agenda. Looking back at last year, we scrutinised key annual reports summarising impact and congratulated the staff and pupils on the superb academic results. Looking forward, we co-opted a new governor onto the team, agreed development priorities for this year, the key performance indicators to track and the targets to aim for. We also reorganised our school visit links to improve how governors’ triangulate evidence of school development.

Two weeks ago, a few of us were at the very busy prospective parents' evening. The pupils who helped with the demonstrations and tours were open, courteous and enthusiastic, and the school looked great following the refreshed corridors and hall. The evening was also a great opportunity for governors too to take another look around the school: to chat to current and prospective parents, chat to staff, chat to pupils and get a good feel for the school at the start of the year. And we can already tell it will be another good one for Trevelyan.

Mark Jervis  
Chair of Governors

**Letter from Mrs Chandler**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weekend is here again! With just another two weeks left before half term that marks the end of our first half term of the academic year. As you are aware, it has been a very busy week for Trevelyan as we had our section 5 Ofsted inspection last week. While we await the full Ofsted report, I’d like to thank all the parents and carers who completed the questionnaire online for us as well as those parents who also took the time to meet the inspectors at drop off. It was much appreciated. The pupils, as always, were most courteous and there were plenty of opportunities for them to meet the inspection team through pupil voice activities, during lessons, in their break and lunchtimes as well as more formal meetings to listen to them read. They could not fail to comment upon their polite and positive attitude and behaviours. It is now a waiting game for all our staff and stakeholders as the report may take a little longer than usual to be published due to extra quality assurance at the start of the new Ofsted framework but I will write to you all and make the report available as soon as we get the go ahead to publish it.

Today the school seems quieter as our Year 5 pupils are out having fun with Ms Dixon and the team at KidsZania in London; this trip marks the ending of their first term with us and is also an informal introduction to careers. I am sure they are all having a great time! We also had our Year 7 cohort out yesterday in Chelsea at the Army museum and we have received so may positives from this trip. See the review later in the newsletter.

Next week is the first PTA disco of the year – with the theme of Halloween! Tickets need to be purchased ahead of the event and these are available on Parentpay. WE also have our Learning Review Day the week after (final Wednesday of term) and this is another opportunity for you to come...
in to school, meet with the tutor and hear and see all the exciting things we are doing at Trevelyan. Please do ensure you complete the form requesting your allocated time slot. Likewise, for those parents who cannot make it, please do ensure we have the names of any pupil who will be coming in for the whole day in school. Please email office@trevelyan.org.uk for attention of Ms. Lane. Once we know numbers, we will be able to allocate staffing and activities for them to do.

As from Monday, the pedestrian gate on Wood Close will be locked temporarily whilst we trial not using this entrance. It should only affect those living in Wood Close/Bolton Avenue as no other pupil should be entering school site from Wood Close. These parents will be contacted individually today. It is a quiet, residential road and there has been numerous complaints to the community warden and councillor about the cars being parked across driveways and on gardens etc. Our carpark and drop off area has always been St Leonards Road so we please ask you to ensure your child enters school from this gate. Wood Close will be patrolled by the local police/community warden and this has nothing to do with us at Trevelyan. As you know, myself and my senior team are out on duty morning and afternoon to welcome the children in St Leonards Road as this is the entrance they should all be using. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend and I look forward to writing again in two weeks’ time before we break up for half term – or before is we receive our Ofsted report.

Mrs Nicola Chandler
Head of School

School Trips and events

Trip to East Berkshire College

We were lucky enough to be invited to the Berkshire Agricultural College for a taste of what the college has on offer. The students had a fantastic time and would have joined myself, Mr Chambers and Mrs Seeburg in learning a lot about animals from a fantastic guide. It started off entering the nocturnal enclosure where we got to stroke an armadillo which is far smaller than I thought it would be and learn about other animals and how they live. We then proceeded outside to look at birds and learn about endangered species and how zoos across the world are helping to save birds from as little numbers as 6 left in the world. It was interesting to hear how animal relationships work and falling outs are just as common in them as there seem to be in schools bringing in another dimension to the trip and the experience the children received. The tour continued with some hands-on experiences of stroking a snake - Mrs Seeburg was very brave at this point - luckily no spiders came out! We then moved round to see a variety of monkeys and farm animals finishing with fun in the fields with the pigs. A very enjoyable morning and one of the students exclaimed "I wish it would never end".

Ella and Lucy wrote "We really enjoyed it. It felt like a great opportunity to see things that we may do when we are older. Our favourite animals were the armadillo and the porcupine. We also loved stroking the pigs at the end." We are hoping this will become a trip that we can open to more of our students and hopefully they will enjoy it just as much as we did.

Mr Redman
Key Stage 3

We have had a busy two weeks in key stage 3 since our last newsletter. Last Friday, year 7s had the opportunity to experience a mini-concert provided by pupils from Bradfield College. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed seeing a string quartet up close and being submerged in the world of Baroque music. Today year 7 are visiting the National Army Museum, Chelsea London run by the English department.

This week our Senior Mental Health Ambassadors had their first meeting to discuss the initiative been launched this year. As a school we are looking for two mental health leaders from each tutor group that will be trained by our Senior Mental Health Ambassadors. If your child is interested in being a MH leader for their form group they need to write a letter of application and hand it to their Head of Key Stage on Monday 14th October.

In celebration of World Mental Health day. Key stage 3 has been introduced to the world of meditation and mindfulness with the support the company Stop, Breathe & Think. They have multiple videos on Youtube for kids and adults with a free app you can access by the Play and Apple store.

To celebrate Black History Month the pupils have been introduced to a Black Music icon at lunchtime in the main hall. They have had the opportunity to hear music from The Supremes, Motown (to celebrate 60 years of the company’s culture-shaping history), The Jacksons and Bob Marley, Nina Simone and Mariah Carey are just some of the artists they will boop to whilst eating.

With the change in weather, there has been an increased number of pupils wearing trainers due to broken shoes or being soaked school shoes. Please, can we make sure that footwear is appropriate for school especially as we move into the colder months and any issues are written into pupil’s planners.

I look forward in seeing many of you at our Learning Review Day on Wednesday 23rd October.

Mrs Gingell

Year 7 trip to the National Army Museum, Chelsea.

What a lovely start to KS3 English year for Year 7. As part of their studies into WWI poetry, our Year 7 pupils spent the day investigating the life of a WWI soldier. For those not familiar with this museum it is next door to the Chelsea Pensioners and is a hidden gem. Over the last few years they have concentrated on developing the education side of the museum and this was very obvious today. One of the new items was being able to try on a WWI helmet and jacket (real, not reproductions!) The pupils had the opportunity to feel how heavy and itchy the uniform was and it was explained to them how little protection the helmet gave. They also tried shooting a rifle and working out how to run wearing current day body armour! Looking at the WWI gas mask was something of an eye-opener as they expected a proper gas mask, not something that looks like a bag over your head.

The other wonderful aspect about the trip was how many positive comments we received about our very well-behaved pupils. The head of education stopped several of our staff throughout the day just to say how impressed she was with their behaviour, interest and enthusiasm. As she is a retired head of an inner-city school we took this as a great compliment. Year 7 were a credit to the school and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day.

No doubt there will be several tired pupils tomorrow but many already commented that they would like to go back for another visit as they had missed trying several exhibits.

Well done Year 7 – don’t forget to bring your homework in on Wednesday!

Miss Mowat
**Year 7 Cybersecurity Day**

The Year 7s had a fantastic opportunity to attend a Cybersecurity Day information day organised by RSA, part of the Dell Group. Only 10 schools in the country were selected for this event and we were very fortunate to be a part of this. The CEO of RSA, a top international security organisation, supported the event along with managers from RSA and EDT.

The students worked in groups and participated in creative interactive activities. The students learnt about cybersecurity, encryption, passwords, phishing, fake & real websites, as well as careers at RSA.

It was a full packed day and the students found it very enjoyable and inspiring. There was a competition at the end of the day, which was judged by RSA. This was an opportunity for students to show off their learning and understanding in an imaginative way. The winners received a prize.

**The Winning Team**

![Image of the winning team's project]

**Other Photos**

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Mrs Southard
**Sports and PE**

**Important Message**

Please can parents and carers ensure that the children come into school with their PE kits on mufti days if they have PE on that day. Every mufti day we end up with lots of issues.

**Year 7 Netball**

On Thursday 3rd October three teams from Year 7 went off to Dedworth Middle School to compete in a Tournament to qualify for the Level 3 Games next year. There were eight teams entered in total. The teams are fairly new and haven’t played much together, only two training sessions. The ‘Pink’ team finished in 5th place, the ‘Purple’ team finished in 7th place but our A Team managed to win the tournament. They all played with 100% effort taking advice on how to improve throughout their games. They all got stronger throughout their games which was lovely to watch.

Well done to the A team who qualified for the Level 3 Games next year. They were all so pleased to receive their medals and certificates which were presented on the night.

The A Team: Isabelle Clark, Sienna Freestone, Verity Mitchell, Emily Chandler, Mae Butler, Izzy Imberg, Sylvie Ramsden, Mary Ambidge, Zarah Dockrell.

Mrs Allen

**Sporting Results**

Start of a new season for our sporting stars, with the Yr7 and Yr8 boys being involved in a number of sporting fixtures

**Football Results**

The Trevelyan Yr8 football team have made a winning start to the season, with an excellent result against St Edwards (who were unbeaten last year) winning the game 2 – 0 and then they travelled to Dedworth and again the boys were victorious beating them 3 – 0.

The Yr7 football team had a hard game against a very strong St Edwards team unfortunately losing the game 6 – 2 a big Thank you to Mrs Seeburg for running the team that game.

**Rugby Results**

The Yr8 rugby team have started off were they finished last year being unbeaten so far, with two great wins one against a strong Furze Platt team winning 15 - 5 and then an excellent performance against Ranelagh School 55 – 10. Excellent performances by Mani Hilton who scored 4 tries and Lockie Lee 3.

**House Point Results**

Here are the House results so far.

1st Mearcian with 1036 ENRICH points
2nd Tilung with 930 ENRICH points
3rd Arfaest with 832 ENRICH points
4th Eadig with 731 ENRICH points
5th Toethian with 560 ENRICH points

Mr Brazier
Library News

First, a very big thank you to all the parent helpers and pupils who contributed so much to making the Book Fair such a success. The pupils certainly enjoyed choosing and buying their own books. We have earned £621 in commission to buy new books for the Library, which will help enormously to keep it well stocked with up-to-date books.

Many thanks again to pupils and parents who have been donating books to the Library. This, again, is a massive help in boosting the library stock for the benefit of all the pupils. Do please keep donating, the very popular books wear out quickly the more they are used.

The Library Team

Upcoming Events

Spooky Disco

The Spooky disco is on Thursday 17th October starting at 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Tickets are priced at £5.50 each and will include a slice of pizza or a hot dog. The deadline to pay for entrance is 15th October, and no tickets will be available to purchase after this date, or if we reach the maximum capacity, whichever comes sooner.

Tuck Shop

The tuck shop will be in the main car park after school at 3.15pm on Friday 25th October. Come along and grab a treat or two!!

Learning Review Day

Wednesday 23rd October, parents and carers will all have received a letter which must be completed and returned to their child’s form tutor. Alternatively, parents may send their forms back via the school office email, and the office will forward them on to their respective form tutors.

Congratulations to Harry Leeson

Harry has been accepted on to the Rya Zone Squad Toppers (County squad). He had been working hard over the last few three months attending the National Championship in Scotland in July and the three qualifying weekends racing and assessment. He now has 7 training weekends around the South East between November and April 2021. His aim is to compete at the World Championships in Italy in July 2021. Well done Harry!!

Half Term Activity Clubs and Events

Gothic Grand Designs Children’s Activity

Tuesday 29 October 2019
Suitable for ages 4-11. years. No need to book, just drop in!
Sessions run from 10:30-12:30 and 13:30-15:30
£2 entry per child or £1 with an Advantage Card, one accompanying adult free.
Windsor & Royal Borough Museum, Guildhall, High Street, Windsor, SL4 1LR
Tel: 01628 685686
Please see attached poster for details.
**Holiday Club**

“October half term childcare for children aged 4-11. Come along to our multi-activity, Energy Kidz holiday club at [Hilltop First School, Windsor](#)!

With just three weeks until October half term begins, parents are advised to book now in order to secure their place at our holiday club.

Our theme this October half term is ‘Hero League’ and we’ll be hosting a variety of superhero activities, ranging from arts & crafts to active play and team challenges, to entertain your child across the week. Our activities are run by dedicated staff who encourage a child led environment, whereby children are given the option to take part in the scheduled activities or enjoy supervised free play time of their own.

New parents booking at our October half term holiday club may wish to take advantage of our Money Back Guarantee policy. Full details of this can be found on our website:

[https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/money-back-guarantee/](https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/money-back-guarantee/)

See our full Hero League activity schedule and book now for October half term at: [www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/)

Please see attached poster for further details.

**Rugby Holiday Camp**

Please find attached the posters for Rugby October holiday kids camp for younger children (aged 5 to 14). The camp runs from 29th - 31st October, with a special academy session with England Coaches on Thursday 31st October. All sessions are at RFC. Please see attached poster for further details.

**Chertsey Museum Holiday Craft Activities**

Please see attached poster for details

**Dark Matter Day**

*The theory behind dark matter*

*by Royal Holloway University of London*

**Description**

A global hunt for the universe’s missing matter is underway, and this autumn everyone is invited to join in. On and around Halloween 2019 events around the world will celebrate the hunt for the universe’s unseen dark matter and Royal Holloway joins the celebrations for the third time, this time with a lecture from Dr. Stephen West, Head of the Department of Physics. The Universe is over thirteen billion years old and consists of hundreds of billions of galaxies each containing hundreds of billions of stars. Over the past 2000 years our understanding of the Universe has greatly improved: from having the Earth at its centre to having no centre at all! However, in the last 80 years it has become apparent that we understand less than 5% of the Universe – the other 95% being made up of the mysterious dark matter and dark energy. In this lecture, Dr. West will discuss the evolution of our Universe model and why we believe dark matter exists.

This is a free evening lecture from the Department of Physics at Royal Holloway, University of London and everyone is welcome. Please keep in mind that this is one of our most popular events of the year, so early booking is recommended.

**Date and Time**

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**Location**

Windsor Auditorium, Windsor Building, Royal Holloway University of London

Egham Hill, Egham, TW20 0EX
Lost Property

We have a build-up of many items of lost property, none of which is labelled. The office returns all labelled items to the pupil’s tutor group, anything else is placed into lost property. To date we accumulated:

- 8 school jumpers of various sizes
- 3 jackets/hoodies
- 4 school trousers
- 2 PE shorts
- 35 water bottles
- 5 lunch bags
- 8 plastic lunch boxes
- 1 black digital watch
- 2 school shirts
- 8 pairs of shoes/trainers
- 1 red ruby shirt
- Socks

Please can you check and collect any items that may belong to you by **Wednesday 16th October**. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.