



Year 9 Information Evening

SEPTEMBER 10 2019

Year 9 Contacts

- ▶ **Mr R Major, Principal**
- ▶ **Mrs J Tonkin, Vice Principal**
- ▶ **Ms H Rushby, Pastoral Lead for Y8 and Y9**
- ▶ **Mr L Foley, Head of Year 9**
- ▶ **Mrs C Candappa, Key Stage 3 Student Support Officer**

Year 9 Form Tutors

- 9R- Ms Lines / Ms Long**
- 9H- Ms Scattergood**
- 9Q- Mr Comfort**
- 9G- Ms Jones / Mr S Johnston**
- 9P- Ms Pankhurst**
- 9K- Mr Brotherton**
- 9X- Mrs Sharp / Mrs Milton**
- 9Y- Mrs Metzner**
- 9M- Mrs Ali**
- 9L- Mr Frater / Mrs A Sangar**

Role of Head of Year

- ▶ Pastoral Support
- ▶ Academic Monitoring
- ▶ Overview of year group
- ▶ Assembly / Tutorial leadership
- ▶ Rewards and Consequences
- ▶ Parent Contact
- ▶ Full-Time Teacher

Rewards

► Reward System

Tomlinscote School	
Level	Reward
R 6	Principal Learner of the Year Subject Award Prizes
R 5	Principal Commendation Half/Full colours
R 4	Reward Certificate Learner of the Term
R 3	Celebration break time with Principal Celebration breakfast Assembly recognition Article or photo in Tomlinscote Newsletter
R 2	Postcards Letters Praise phone calls home Work exhibited
R 1	SIMS House points Positive written feedback in books or files Verbal Praise

Tutorial Programme: 5 Themes

- ▶ Growth Mindset and Effective Learning
- ▶ British Values and Citizenship
- ▶ E Safety
- ▶ Character Values
- ▶ Mindfulness

Overview of the Year

September

Thurs 26th: Early closure 12pm / Open Evening

Wed 25th: German Concert Trip

October

Tues 8th: French Exchange

Fri 11th: German Exchange

Sat 12th: Spanish Exchange

November

Mon 25th: Drama Production Week

Fri 8th-10th: History Trip - Battlefields

Overview of the Year

December

Mon 16th: Inter House Sports Week

January

Thursday 9th: Reports to Parents

Mon 20th / Tues 21st: Vaccinations

February

Mon 10th: Inter House Sports Week (2)

Tuesday 25th- Parents Evening: T Population

Thursday 27th- Parents Evening: S Population

Tues 4th: Academic Review Day

Overview of the Year

March

Mon 23rd: French Exchange students arrive

April

Thurs 23rd: Reports to Parents

May

Wed 20th: Progress Summary to Parents

June

Tues 30: Sports Day (provisional)

PLEASE NOTE: An will be **OPTIONS Information Evening** will be confirmed in due course.

Year 9 Curriculum

- ▶ The Year group of 300 students is divided into two mixed prior attainments populations: RHQGP and KXYML.
- ▶ **Maths, English, Science** and **MFL** contain one top set in each population and the rest are mixed prior attainments groups.
- ▶ **Tech** and **PE**: students are taught in 4 blocks of 3 classes each, as was the case in Yr8. This enables us to keep numbers to a maximum of 25 students per group, which is ideal for practical subjects with a lot of student movement around the spaces used.
- ▶ **For all other areas**: students have been divided into 10 groups of completely mixed prior attainments. These are labelled A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5

Subject	Group Structure	Additional Information
English	1 top set in each population. The remaining groups are mixed prior attainment	Top sets are flexible throughout the year and do not, as yet, reflect the groupings for GCSE year
Mathematics	2 top sets in each population. The remaining 6 groups are mixed prior attainment	Top sets are flexible throughout the year and do not, as yet, reflect the groupings for GCSE year
Science	Mixed prior attainment but not based on Tutor Groups	In each population 5 tutor groups are divided into 5 prior attainment groups.
History	Mixed prior attainment but not based on Tutor Groups	
Geography	Mixed prior attainment but not based on Tutor Groups	
RE	Mixed prior attainment but not based on Tutor Groups	
MFL1	Mixed prior attainment groups	<p>In 2 populations divided into 5 prior attainment sets. In 1 population 2 classes are divided into 2 prior attainment sets.</p> <p>A few students are withdrawn for learning support.</p>

Subject	Group Structure	Additional Information
Computing	Mixed groups	Mixed prior attainment – see above
Technology	Four teaching groups	In each population 3 Tutor Groups divided into four teaching groups. These groups rotate through the different materials studied in Technology.
Art	Mixed groups	2 periods a week
Music		1 period a week
Drama	Mixed groups	Mixed prior attainment 1 period a week
Physical Education	prior attainment based sets	1 mixed higher prior attainment set, 2 single sex mixed prior attainment sets. One double period per week. This can be supplemented with a wide range of extra-curricular activities.
Spanish	Mixed groups	Mixed prior attainment – see above

High Standards and Expectations

- ▶ Behaviour in class and around the site
- ▶ Use of appropriate language
- ▶ Uniform
- ▶ Taking responsibility
- ▶ Home Learning
- ▶ Attitude to Learning
- ▶ Tutor Time
- ▶ Community
- ▶ Respect

What Can Parents Do?

- ▶ Check the planner regularly for comments/home learning not done stamps.
- ▶ Help with home learning and examination/test revision.
- ▶ Help your child understand that ultimately the responsibility for success lies with them.
- ▶ Keep an eye on iPad use, social media can lead to problems.
- ▶ Contact the school if you are concerned about any issue.
- ▶ Encourage your child to become involved in extra-curricular activities.

Social Media

- ▶ Password vigilance
- ▶ Rules
- ▶ Screenshot issues
- ▶ Have a conversation before not after.

Parental Forum at Tomlinscote

▶ **Are you aware of the Parental Forum at Tomlinscote School?**

The Tomlinscote School Parental Forum is keen to swell the number of parents attending its meetings to help broaden views and ideas on numerous topics pertinent to the school, and ensure we, as parents, have a voice in the process of decision making.

▶ **Were you aware you can just come along to the Forums, no invitation is required?**

The Parental Forum meets 3 times a year to discuss school topics and issues. It is a way of getting parents more involved in the school community.

▶ **DATES :**

November 20th March 4th June 17th: 7pm Main Hall

Ways to Contact Staff

- ▶ **Planner**
- ▶ **Letter**
- ▶ **Telephone** – 01276 709050
- ▶ **Email** – office@tomlincoteschool.com
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And remember.....

- ▶ **If you promise not to believe everything your child says about us...**
- ▶ **We promise not to believe everything they say about you!**

And....if your child has any concerns, please don't leave it. Report it.