



Tomlinscote School

September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your interest in our school. I hope that this Prospectus, the viewing of our virtual Open Evening Presentation and virtual School Tour on October 9th 2020 and the opportunity to “Meet the Principal” will help you decide that Tomlinscote is the right school for your child.

I am extremely proud to be the Principal at Tomlinscote School and it is an exciting time to lead the school forward as it enters its 50th Anniversary this September. Tomlinscote is part of The Prospect Trust and has developed a strong link with the other successful institution within the Trust, The Sixth Form College, Farnborough. Our students enjoy joint academic projects and it is advantageous for close post-16 transition links. Furthermore, as a member of The Prospect Trust we have greatly benefitted from investment in our school site. This summer alone we have upgraded our IT infrastructure, transformed the front of the school with new facilities and built a fantastic new 3G football pitch. We have a restless desire to constantly improve.

Tomlinscote School has a reputation for its very high standards, the students take pride in their appearance and we are extremely proud of our student examination successes. Last summer, Tomlinscote achieved record breaking results with a superb cohort of students. They achieved 90% GCSE grades 9-4 in English and 88% in Maths. Our Grade 9-7 percentage was particularly impressive at 39% with 14 students achieving 6+ Grade 9s for their GCSEs. These are excellent results but next year we are aiming to do even better!

We have worked closely with the whole Tomlinscote community to highlight the core values at the heart of our school ethos. The following 5 Core Values emerged:

- ❖ Excellence – to aspire to excellence in everything
- ❖ Perseverance – to have a growth mind-set where students see things through even though it may be difficult
- ❖ Community – to belong to a school where everyone is valued and has a positive influence on the wider community
- ❖ Character – to develop a strong sense of self where students are confident of who they are
- ❖ Progression – to ensure that students have the skills and knowledge to progress successfully.

Year 7 students will strive to demonstrate each of these to gain the T5 Award at the end of the year.

Visitors frequently praise the atmosphere in school, recognising a calm, well-ordered community in which students flourish and are respected. Students are encouraged in all aspects of school life and the academic and pastoral systems within the school are designed to support this. Every student belongs to a House and enjoy a range of inter-House competitions throughout the year.

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There are two key themes that pervade across the school; firstly, Tomlinscote is an Apple Distinguished school and every student has an iPad to support their learning. This was an invaluable asset during the lockdown and meant that learning was not impacted. Secondly, Tomlinscote was awarded International school status and international themes are important in our curriculum and trips undertaken by students.

This year we are providing a different way for Year 6 parents/carers and students to learn more about Tomlinscote.

1. **A virtual Tomlinscote Open Evening** – We have produced a presentation that will provide you with all the key information about Tomlinscote. This will be released for viewing on our website from **Friday 9th October 2020**.
2. **A virtual tour of the school** - Unfortunately, I cannot take you around the school on a tour this year so we have produced a virtual tour instead. You can move around the school online and move from room to room, clicking on information tabs, videos and presentations as you go. This will be released for viewing on our website from **Friday 9th October 2020**.
3. **Meet the Principal** – I feel it is important for you to still have the chance to meet me, find out about our ethos at Tomlinscote and ask me questions about the school. Consequently, there are a number of opportunities for you to book a session from **17th September to 9th October 2020**. The electronic booking diary is now open and can be accessed via a link at the top of the Home Page on the school's website. These will be small group sessions in the Main Hall, lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Please be advised that there is admissions information on our website under the Admissions tab. The catchment map is also available on our website under the 'Admissions Policies' section and you can zoom in to look at street names.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy our virtual events and take the opportunity to meet me in the next month or so.

Yours sincerely

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Mr R Major
Principal