



Tomlinscote School

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your interest in our school. I hope that this Prospectus, attendance at our Open Evening on 23rd September and an opportunity to tour the school on a normal school day, 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. Tomlinscote is part of The Prospect Trust and has developed a strong link with the other successful institutions within the Trust, The Sixth Form College, Farnborough and Frimley CofE Junior School. Our students enjoy joint academic projects and it is advantageous for close transition links. Furthermore, as a member of The Prospect Trust we have greatly benefitted from investment in our school site. 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 fantastic results with a superb cohort of students. They achieved 91% GCSE grades 9-4 in English and 87% in Maths. Our Grade 9-7 percentage was particularly impressive at 38%. 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.

We provide two opportunities to visit Tomlinscote and learn more about the education we provide (subject to latest Government Covid guidelines):

1. An Open Evening will be held for parents and their children at Tomlinscote on **Thursday 23rd September 2021**. To ease congestion, it would be helpful if local families were able to walk where possible. There will be parking on site and next to our 3G pitch.

The whole school will be open from 5.30pm to 8.30pm for families to tour in order to sample the exciting learning we have to offer. Student guides will accompany you to make sure you see all aspects of the school, including our excellent Bee Hive facility (the dining hall). There will be a talk in the main hall at 5.30pm (lasting for 30 minutes) which will provide an opportunity to hear from senior staff and students and have typical questions answered. This presentation will be repeated again at 7.30pm. Please join us at a time that suits you.

2. In addition, tours for parents and students led by senior members of staff will take place each morning from **24th September to 15th October 2021**, starting at 8.50am and lasting approximately 1.5 hours. The electronic tour-booking diary is now open and can be accessed via a link at the top of the Home Page on the school's website or under the Admissions section.

Please bring a face mask with you and it would be great if you could take a lateral flow test at home beforehand, if possible.

Please be advised that parents/carers can access information on the admissions process online at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

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, we look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening and accompanying you on one of our tours.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Major
Principal