



# Tomlinscote School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is well. This is an update to Year 8 parents and carers only, regarding the T5 AWARD scheme for this year.

At Tomlinscote we have five Core Values: Character, Community, Excellence, Perseverance and Progression. In Year 7, all our young people had the opportunity to gain the BRONZE T5 Award, which is an award celebrating achievement in each of the five Values. They worked on a BRONZE T5 Award passport where they collected evidence connected to each of the Values in order to gain their BRONZE T5 Award and had the opportunity to explore an extended project which they presented in their Enrichment lessons.

There are two stages of the T5 AWARD as it moves into Year 8. Each young person will either finish their BRONZE level, which they were working towards in Year 7, or move on towards the SILVER level. As soon as they have completed the BRONZE level they can move straight to the SILVER.

For either award, over the year, our young people will gather their evidence. Each Core Value has a list of possible examples of evidence they could use. This is all on Google Classroom so they can show you.

- The BRONZE T5 AWARD materials are in their Year 7 Enrichment Classroom, which they can still access.
- The SILVER T5 AWARD materials will be on their Year 8 PSHE Google Classroom.

For both awards, they can write about how they have met each Core Value and also upload evidence such as certificates, praise postcards, photographs and supporting statements. We will monitor how they are getting on and help them with ideas but we would like families to get involved in supporting this too.

The final Core Value of 'Progression' is evidenced solely through the completion of an extended project.

- The BRONZE Extended Project is the individual project.
- The SILVER Extended Project is a group project. The SILVER Award project involves them having a meaningful impact on their local, national or even global community.

In both cases, we want Year 8 to have an opportunity to look at a particular question/title in a thorough and deep way. They will choose a question/title that really interests them or their group, then research it in detail, sort the information that has been gathered and then work on how to present it in a format of their choice.

It is an exciting opportunity for all our students to complete an assignment that is very different to the normal school subjects.

Each half term there will be one PSHE lesson dedicated to the T5 Award, including the project work. This will enable those who are working on group projects to meet together, allow all our young people to consult with their PSHE teacher for support, and to spend time uploading and reviewing evidence for each Core Value.

Here are a few useful links:

A blank copy of the **BRONZE** T5 Award Passport -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1edaMMQfs\\_KVleIjJM4ZLGHw2xONQ02o1XP3RzZJ3zc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1edaMMQfs_KVleIjJM4ZLGHw2xONQ02o1XP3RzZJ3zc/edit?usp=sharing)

A blank copy of the **SILVER** T5 Award Passport -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xg6t2LVjpcgJm0jgnSSoxdMwtM6OGz9XSSm5TqhwFbs/edit?usp=sharing>

Information about the **BRONZE** Extended Project -

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZkVRtJx257je5XAmO9gwiyb\\_b1MRGPnQKxaJXUMRyUA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZkVRtJx257je5XAmO9gwiyb_b1MRGPnQKxaJXUMRyUA/edit?usp=sharing)

Information about the **SILVER** Extended Project -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Nz7MLS3NTJ6FQWToSw3DiGYZTNIZunReKIlgcTc9Omo/edit?usp=sharing>

I look forward to seeing them progress with their T5 Awards this year.

Yours sincerely,

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