

8th September 2023

Tomlinscote School

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely start with 300+ new students and I hope they have enjoyed their first few days at Tomlinscote.

I want to highlight our GCSE and Level 2 results this year because the students and school feel very proud indeed. **The 2023 results have been the best the school has ever achieved** and this is despite a drop nationally and within Surrey compared to 2022. The most impressive aspect is our value added measure. This is essentially the PROGRESS that every student makes between KS2 and GCSE. Our progress measure is approximately +0.60 (+0.29 was previously the best last year). This is a massive jump and emphasises that Tomlinscote students are achieving much higher scores compared with other students with the same prior attainment.

In terms of attainment, 23 subjects had 85%+ of the students achieving a GCSE Grade 9-4. It was 91% Grade 9-4 in English, 86% in Maths and 100% in Biology, Chemistry, Mandarin, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing, Dance and Child Development. Approximately 40% of all grades overall were Grades 9-7. These are absolutely phenomenal results and continues our upward trajectory in the last few years. Thank you to the past Year 11 students, to all the parents for their support and to my colleagues.

Some extracurricular clubs start next week, please refer to page 7 for Creative Arts and page 8 for PE. A full list of clubs will be emailed to you next week. We also have our Race for Life event next Friday, I have sent a separate letter about the details for the day.

It has been a great start to the year and I hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend. Good luck to our Greenpower Car team who are racing at Dunsfold Park this weekend.

Mr Major

Key Dates

Mon 11th Sept

Year 8 Information Evening
5.30-6.30pm Main Hall

Year 9 Information Evening
7.00-8.00pm Main Hall

Tues 12th Sept

Year 10 Information Evening
5.30-6.30pm Main Hall

Year 11 Information Evening
7.00-8.00pm Main Hall

Fri 15th Sept

Race for life

Mon 18th Sept

Year 7 Information Evening
5.30-6.30pm Main Hall



“The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.”

A warm welcome



On one of the hottest days of the year our new Year 7 started at Tomlinscote.

We wish them every success on their journey through secondary school.



Art Timeline Competition



Briana Haley Orb Year 10



Nithilaa Ramesh Year 10



Nihal Raj Year 7

The Art department recently had a competition to create an Art history timeline for the Art department.

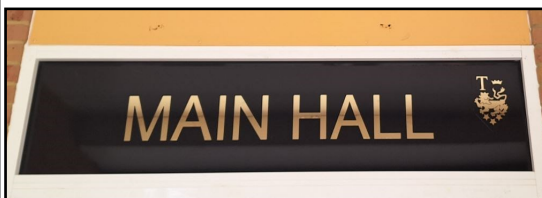
Three of our entries are pictured above.

Congratulations to our three winners who managed to produce such a wonderful range of artwork. All three pieces will be displayed around the department. The level of imagination and interpretation of the task goes to show the diversity within our creative thinking.

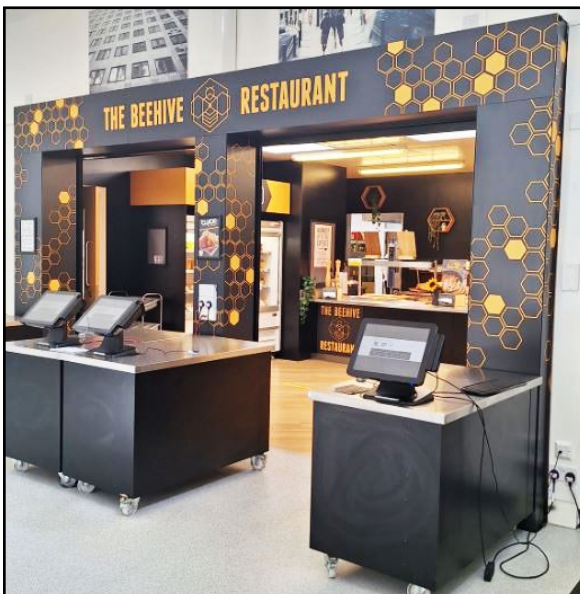
Well done to our competition winners whose art work will help our students' understanding of art through history.

Flushed with success!

Over the holidays, Tomlinscote has had a mini makeover. New signs now shine out from the side of buildings, the Beehive has a new 'buzz' about it and we're 'bowled over' with the new toilets in the LRC!



New signage



Good Gourd!



Over the holidays, we were delighted to receive a Certificate of Achievement from the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. In recognition of this, we were given a £50 voucher to spend at a garden centre.

This is a fantastic award to have received, and testament to the hard work of the Gardening club run by Mrs Fernandes and Mrs Brown. In addition nature rewarded us with some fine specimens!

If any students would like to join the Gardening club, it meets every Tuesday at 3.15pm outside the LRC.



“And they shall know no fear”

This Monday will see the return of the Wargaming Club between 3.10pm - 4.10pm in C2.6. Over the last two years an increasing number of students have played a variety of tabletop war games set in fantasy and science fiction worlds across three dimensional battlefields.

Students are able to play a variety of fantasy and science fiction based skirmish games such as Kill Team, Age of Sigmar, Warcry and the Middle Earth Strategy Battle Game.

If you fancy trying your hand at a new type of activity or developing your strategic thinking then come along on Mondays to C2.6 at 3.10pm and join a game, no experience is needed. Don't just take my word for it this is what some of our members have to say.

Mr Jackson



Statements from members about the club.

“It is good because you make lots of friends”.

“I like playing games with members of the club and every week I develop a better relationship with them”.

“I enjoy the gaming club. It is a great place to discuss and game with other people who are passionate about the tabletop gaming hobby”.

“You will always have someone to play against and if you play every week with the same force/army you will get better and learn your force/army strengths and weaknesses it helps you to improve at the game and to get better at the game”.









“It is a great club where you learn to play kill team, Warcry, middle earth strategy game and others really quickly and I would seriously consider going to this club if you like tabletop gaming”.

“It is an opportunity to try something new, develop strategic and critical thinking skills to achieve objectives on the tabletop. No experience is necessary to participate. All are welcome”.



Tomlinscote Creative Arts

Extracurricular Timetable

Extracurricular	Art	Photography	Music	Drama & Dance	Media
Monday	 <p>GCSE Coursework Club Miss Mitchell A27</p>		 <p>Ukulele Club Lunchtime in M2</p>	<p>Tomlinscote Dance Company Mrs Parker & Mr Cook RG1 3:10-4:30pm Open to all years</p> <p>BTEC Dance (invitation KS4) R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater</p>	
Tuesday	 <p>KS3 Drawing skills Miss Mitchell A27</p> <p>Invitation Year 11 Intervention Mrs Hayden A24</p>	 <p>GCSE Coursework club Miss Watson A25</p>	<p>Year 7 Band Scheme 7:45-8:15am in M1 Mr L. Frater (Starts after October HT Invitation Only)</p> <p>Keyboard Club KS3-4 Lunchtime in M1</p> 	<p>Legally Blonde Rehearsal (until Dec) Hall/R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater</p>  <p>KS3 Drama Club (Starting Jan 2024) R12 3:10-4:00pm Mrs Frater</p>	
Thursday		 <p>Starting Nov 2023 Year 9 Photography Club</p>	<p>Jazz Band - KS3-4 3:10-4:10pm in M1 Mr R. Landen</p> <p>Flautissimo KS3-4 Breaktime in M2</p>	<p>Legally Blonde Rehearsal (until Dec) Hall/R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater</p>	 <p>KS4 Coursework Catch up Sessions</p>

Tomlinscote PE

Extracurricular Timetable

After/Before School Clubs		Physical Education Clubs – Autumn Term			
Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Boys Football Netball Dodgeball Badminton Cross Country	Indoor Athletics - SPH Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm)	Basketball	Netball (squad) Girls Football 3G Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Rugby	Cross Country (2.10pm-3.15pm)
8	Netball Dodgeball Badminton Cross Country	Indoor Athletics Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Boys Football – 3G	Basketball	Netball (squad) Girls Football Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Rugby	Cross Country (2:10pm-3:15pm)
9	Netball Cross Country Dodgeball Badminton	Indoor Athletics Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm)	Girls Football Boys Football	Netball (squad) Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Rugby	Cross Country Basketball
10	Netball Cross Country Dodgeball Badminton	Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Girls Football Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Netball (squad) Boys Football Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Rugby Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Basketball Cross Country
11	Netball Cross Country Dodgeball Badminton	Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Girls Football Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Netball (squad) Boys Football Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Rugby Morning Fitness (7-8am)	Basketball Cross Country
Notes	<p>Unless stated, all clubs are for both boys and girls and run from 3:15pm-4.15pm.</p> <p>No clubs require sign-up or a <u>fee</u></p> <p>Students must wear full PE kit</p> <p>Firm ground boot only for the 3G pitch and shin pads are advised for football.</p> <p>Mouth guards are mandatory for rugby. If you don't have one the PE department sell them for £2.</p> <p>Clubs will occasionally be cancelled if they clash with another school event <u>eg</u> fixture or open evening</p>				
Break and Lunchtime Clubs					
Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Various	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Football – 3G/Field Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Football – 3G/Field Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Football – 3G/Field Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Football – 3G/Field Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Football – 3G/Field Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block

Partner Providers

Netball Club



Football Club



Cross Country Club



Basketball Club



Important Notices

for Parents and Carers



Consideration to our neighbours

Over the holidays, Surrey Police has been in touch and made us aware of some serious parking issues. There have been reports of inconsiderate parking and in a number of instances verbal abuse from parents aimed at homeowners.

As a school we are very aware of the relationship we have with our neighbours, and ask that you park considerately so as not to upset and inconvenience them.

Please do not block driveways and be vigilant when driving near the school gates.



Ingredients for Food Technology

The Food Technology department has asked that students bring in ingredients as indicated on the recipes that the Food Tech teachers provide. It would also be very helpful if students could bring in the correct amounts as per the recipe. This will result in faster preparation times for all students.

Thank you.

School Attendance and Penalty Notices

We are required to regularly inform you about our School Attendance Policy and the issue of Penalty Notices that have been in force since 1st September 2010.

Please familiarise yourself with our Attendance Policy which can be found on our website under 'Policies'. Further information about attendance and absence can be found on the school website under the Parents & Carers' section, Attendance & Absence.



A safe pair of hands!



Oscar in Year 10, has had an incredibly successful summer holiday.

At the start of summer, Oscar was selected to attend a Wales FA selection camp for 3 days. Following his attendance at the camp he has successfully secured a place in the Wales U15 squad and will represent Wales at a tournament in Poland in October.

In addition, at the end of the summer holidays, Oscar was invited to an England FA Selection Camp for 3 days.

It is great that Oscar's love of football has been maintained through his time at Tomlinscote and that all of his hard work is being rewarded.

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