

15th September 2023

# Tomlinscote School

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Year 8-11 Information Evenings. The PowerPoint presentations have been uploaded to the website if you want to see the key messages and key dates for the year. We talked about the importance of online safety and I have sent all parents a letter outlining how to access free support from the National College. Parents can use the link to receive resources concerning online safety and there is a useful Q&A section. The Year 7 Information Evening is on Monday at 6pm and the same information will be sent out after this.

This year, our students in Years 8-11 have a digital copy of the school planner. This is on OneNote and tutors have informed them how to access this resource. Furthermore, we have decided to use Google Classroom as our place to record all our Home Learning each week (not a planner!). Members of staff add the Home Learning to Google Classroom and students can access it from that place. This then syncs to Edulink and is recorded in Edulink. Parents and carers can now see what Home Learning has been set and deadline dates for each child. I will send a letter out with more detail as soon as possible. Year 7 students do have a paper planner to use until they receive their iPads later this term.

Advance notice that we have our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 28th September. The school will close on Thursday at 12.55pm so that we can prepare for the evening. Students will then arrive later to school at 10.45am on Friday 29th September 2023. More specific detail will follow next week.

We have the Race for Life event today and I hope that everyone has a good time taking part. If you would like to contribute to the Cancer Research UK just giving page, please click on the link below.

[Tomlinscote School is fundraising for Cancer Research UK \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/tomlinscote-school)

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Major

### Key Dates

#### **Mon 18th Sept**

Year 7 Information Evening  
6.00-7.00pm (amended) Main Hall

#### **Thu 21st Sept**

Year 10 Harry Potter Studios Trip

#### **Fri 22nd Sept**

Year 11 Geography Trip - Guildford

#### **Wed 27th Sept**

Year 10 & 11 Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

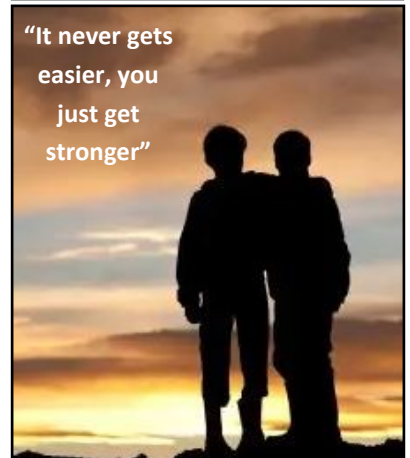
#### **Thu 28th Sept**

Year 6 Open Evening  
5.30-8.00pm  
Early School Closure - 12.55pm

#### **Fri 29th Sept**

Late start  
10.45am

"It never gets  
easier, you  
just get  
stronger"



# First Impressions

After one full week at Tomlinscote, we asked some of our Year 7 students to write down their thoughts and feelings on their new start. It's safe to say that their first impressions appear to be good!



## My First Day - Benjamin 7H

"Yesterday I felt a bit scared, but when I got into C21 I was fine. We started with assembly which was good fun finding out which House I was in. English was fun, getting to meet new people. RS was also good fun and we did the same as English. Maths was really good fun because Mr Blundell tested us. PE was great as it was games that I liked".

## My First Day - Isobel 7H

"My first and second day at Tomlinscote was a blast. We started off lining up in our form, then headed off to assembly and found out our Houses, my form got Pankhurst. After assembly we got form time and headed to our first lesson, English which I enjoyed the most. Then we had RS followed by Maths. Me, Nika and Nora all had lunch together and sat outside and talked. After lunch we did inter-house activities and played rounders".



## My First Day - Bobbie 7X

"I thought that finding my class was very easy thanks to the planners. TheBeeHive was very cosy and the food is great. It was very easy to settle in thanks to all of the amazing teachers, because the lessons are very enjoyable. I also love the variety of teaching methods. A big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome".

## My First Day - Julia 7X

"When I first came to Tomlinscote I was nervous, but I feel happy and more comfortable being here now. Luckily my older brother and cousin go here as well, so if I need help I can ask them or the teachers. I enjoy the classes and would like to learn another instrument, take part in the school productions and be a librarian. My favourite classes are Music and Drama, although I also enjoy Literacy. Finding my way to classes was difficult before, but now I know the way.



### My First Day - Eva 7G

'I found my first week at Tomlinscote AMAZING, the staff are really kind and polite, the classrooms are nice and comfortable even though I get tired whenever I go to my class because of all those steps! The cafeteria is nice and spacious and I like sitting with my friends. My Tutor (Ms. Kirby) is respectful and forgiving. As I didn't move between classes in my old school it is a big step for me!'

### My First Day - Olivia 7G

'I found my first week a little bit nerve-wracking when we changed to different classrooms and when all the other years were in school too it felt very busy. It has been exciting and our mentors have helped us. If you don't know anybody, you will make loads of new friends!'

### My First Day - Owen 7G

'I like the uniform and I found some stuff quite hard on the first couple of days here. The classrooms were quite wide. Moving between lessons was quite hard but PE was fun.'

### My First Day - Amelia 7G

'My first week of Tomlinscote has been eventful - in the best way possible! On day one I was nervous, but after speaking with my Form Tutor I immediately realised that everyone was in the same situation. My mentors showed me to my lessons and all teachers explained their expectations of me. As much as this school wants me to be a model student all of the teachers understand that we are all human and make mistakes.'

### My First Day - Tadiwa 7G

'The first week went fine - I found the classrooms easy to find, so moving between classrooms was not too hard. There were a lot of people. The uniform is like my old uniform and PE lessons are fun. The Beehive food is very tasty and amazing!'

### My First Day - Hannah 7G

'At the start I was quite nervous, but after I settled in I became a lot more chilled out. After my first lesson I decided to try to find my own way around, but my mentors were still there if I needed them. I like the uniform a lot and how comfortable it is. I really enjoyed PE and the food from the Beehive was really enjoyable!'

### My First Day - Luke 7G

'I have felt happy whilst being at Tomlinscote School because I have done football on the field which I love doing. I like the PE lessons because I love being fit and healthy and I love all my lessons!'







# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical* 

**Come and join in this year's school production!**

This year's Tomlinscote School production is Legally Blonde Jr! This smash hit tells the story of popular and pink-wearing Elle Woods who, against all the odds, manages to get into Harvard Law School. OK yes she went to chase her boyfriend... but then of course she surprises everyone – including herself.

There are still lots of opportunities for people to come and be on stage or help backstage. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool in the Main Hall 3.10pm – 4.30pm. The production will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

"This is a great story with so much joy and we are already having a lot of fun at rehearsals", said Mrs Frater, Head of Drama. "I love all the characters and the key story that Elle defies everybody's expectations while remaining true to herself is a great message for us all. Come and join in! We'd love to have you!"

Find Mrs Frater in the Drama Department  
R12 or email:

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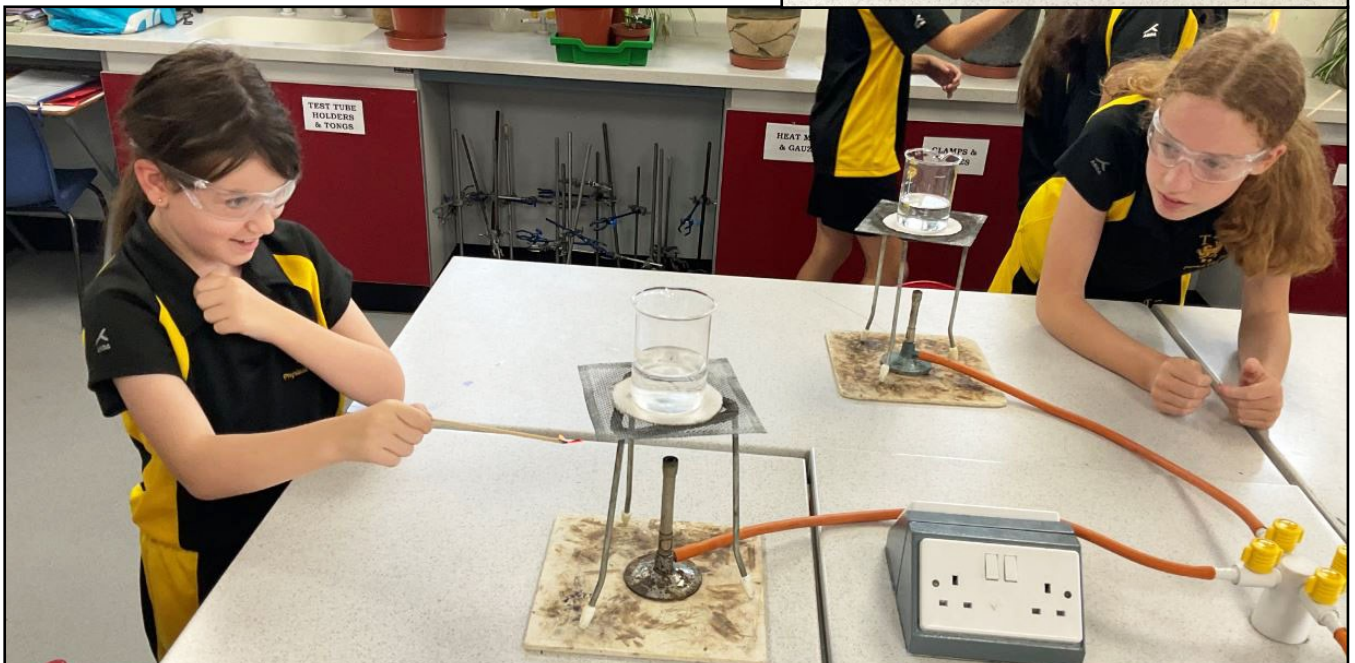
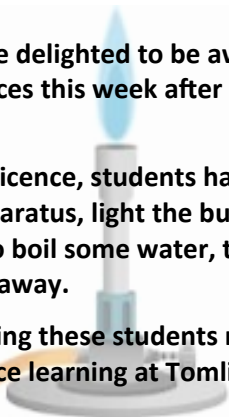


## "Flaming brilliant"

Year 7 students were delighted to be awarded their Bunsen burner licences this week after practising how to use them safely.

To be issued with a licence, students had to show they could set up the apparatus, light the burner, use a safety and heating flame to boil some water, turn it off and let it cool before packing away.

There'll be no stopping these students now as they continue their Science learning at Tomlinscote.

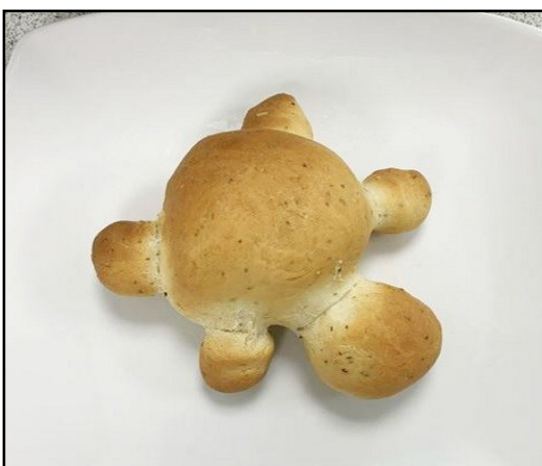
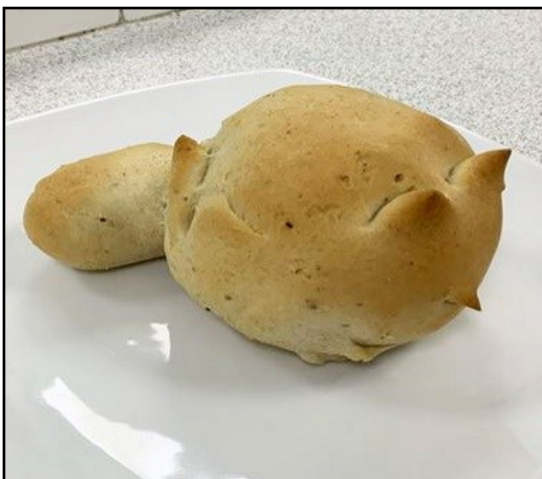




# Roll Call!

Year 9 students have been learning about the science of breadmaking this week. Tasked with making bread rolls, in some cases flavoured with herbs, students created their baked batches.

They definitely rose to the challenge and provided them with some much 'kneaded' practice!





## Video Stars



The Japanese have a saying “Shoshin Kanetsu” which expresses the meaning of going all the way through with your plans and goals. Right at the end of last term, 2 Tomlinscote students managed to do just that!

Amelia and Shereena entered the “Japan Language Championship for Young Learners UK” known as “JaLaChamp ‘23”. This is the second year that Tomlinscote has entered students. The competition is run by the Japan Foundation.

Amelia and Shereena in Year 10 attended the “Final’s day” in London where they came runners up for the video category. To really emphasise their achievement, it needs to be noted that the Video category even included students who use Japanese as a home language! This really was an incredible achievement by our 2 students.

Amelia and Shereena created a video titled “My Favourite Day” and it was incredibly well made. It was entirely in Japanese, thankfully with English subtitles!

As well as attending the finals, the girls managed to enjoy some time in London.

Congratulations on such a fantastic achievement!



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# Tomlinscote Careers



## NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED UPCOMING WEBINARS

The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce upcoming webinars showcasing some more of the great jobs available in the NHS

### Careers in Medicine

27th September 2023: 16:30-18:00

Online via Zoom

For anyone interested in medicine, this webinar will showcase the variety of roles available including paediatric medicine, surgery and general practice

[Click here to register or scan below](#)



### Careers in Digital Healthcare

19th October 2023: 16:30-18:00

Online via Zoom

Spotlighting some of the exciting roles in digital healthcare, this webinar will introduce careers in analytics, social media, web development and more

[Click here to register or scan below](#)



Future career webinar dates for your diary include: Nursing & Midwifery on 14th November 2023, Primary Care on 6th December 2023, Allied Health Professions & Healthcare Science on 25th January 2024 and Mental Health on 5th March 2024



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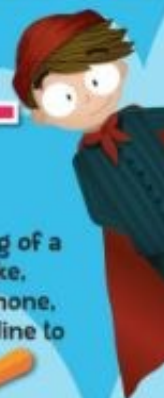
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, Croydon Health Services Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College Hospital, North Middlesex University Hospital, St George's University Hospitals, University College London Hospital, Whittington Health & London Primary Care Anchor Networks





# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.



### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.



### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!



### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



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Extracurricular	Art	Photography	Music	Drama & Dance	Media
<b>Creative Arts Extracurricular Timetable</b>  <b>Monday</b>	 GCSE Coursework Club Miss Mitchell A27		 Ukulele Club Lunchtime in M2	Tomlinscote Dance Company Mrs Parker & Mr Cook RG1 3:10-4:30pm Open to all years  BTEC Dance (invitation KS4) R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater	
<b>Tuesday</b>	 KS3 Drawing skills Miss Mitchell A27  Invitation Year 11 Intervention Mrs Hayden A24	 GCSE Coursework club Miss Watson A25	Year 7 Band Scheme 7:45-8:15am in M1 Mr L. Frater (Starts after Oct HT invitation Only)  Keyboard Club KS3-4 Lunchtime in M1 	Legally Blonde Rehearsal (until Dec) Hall/R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater  KS3 Drama Club (Starting Jan 2024) R12 3:10-4:00pm Mrs Frater	
<b>Thursday</b>		 Starting Nov 2023 Year 9 Photography Club	Jazz Band - KS3-4 3:10-4:10pm in M1 Mr R. Landen  Flautissimo KS3-4 Breaktime in M2 Mrs B Sykes  Flutets - KS3-4 Lunchtime in M2 Mrs B. Sykes  Hand chimes Club KS3-4 Lunchtime M1 Mrs V. Wilcox  Tomlinscote Choir KS3-4 3:10-4:10pm in M2 Mrs V. Wilcox	Legally Blonde Rehearsal (until Dec) Hall/R12 3:10-4:30pm Mrs Frater	 KS4 Coursework Catch up Sessions
<b>Friday</b>			Rock Band - KS3-4 2:10-3:10pm in M1 Mr L. Frater		



# 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 <a href="#">fee</a></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 <a href="#">eg</a> 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



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