

20th October 2023

# Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much to the Year 7 parents who attended the evening on online safety and use of the iPads. On this occasion we would like to share a copy of the presentation by clicking on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/kUNTUAb6p8c>

Our school tours have now ended and I have been immensely proud of the students whenever parents have gone into classes. The calm lessons, the focus from our students and input from our student lesson ambassadors have been excellent. We have had 38 tours with 652 people overall. Whilst walking around the school, one particular mural on the Humanities floor consistently draws attention. It was created by an A Level student in 1998 and is now 25 years old. It still looks brand new - how many faces do you recognise?



A reminder that we have our Physical Education Fit4life festival taking place after half term with events for students during break, lunch and after school. Please see Page 10 for specific details of the activities from Tuesday 31st October to Friday 3rd November 2023.

I hope that everyone has a lovely half term.

Mr Major

## **Key Dates**

**Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct**  
Half term

**Mon 30th Oct**  
INSET

**Thu 2nd Nov 6pm - 7pm**  
Year 11 Managing Year 11 Exam  
stress (for parents) Main Hall

**Thu 2nd Nov**  
Shrek Theatre Visit

**Fri 3rd - Sun 5th Nov**  
Year 9 Battlefields Trip

**Mon 6th Nov**  
Charity Week

**Thu 9th Nov**  
Year 11 Progress Meeting  
(In School)

*"If we learn to  
understand each  
other, we will  
have a better  
understanding of  
ourselves".*

## A cheeky little lesson for Year 7

This week, Year 7 students have been reinforcing their learning of working with microscopes by examining cheek cells.

Prior to starting the experiment, students were asked to draw their prediction of what they might see.

Students were then tasked with swabbing their mouths with cotton buds and applying the sample to a slide. The sample was then stained with colour to help certain parts of the cell show up underneath the microscopes magnification.

Students managed to get really successful images, some matching their earlier predictions.



## A truly dramatic performance

GCSE Drama students had a fantastic time working with Mike and Steve from StageEd as they developed their understanding of their set text *Blood Brothers*.

Having both performed in the West End production of the play, they were able to give the students a deep insight into the play; its background and how to interpret the characters. The students learnt how to perfect their Liverpudlian accent and stage some of the larger group scenes.

In addition, the session explained to students the cultural and historic setting, before workshopping some of the more intense duologues with a focus on how they would convert their practical ideas into written responses for the exam.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the Drama students, exposing them to such a wealth of knowledge.



### Chelsea FC Premier League Inspires

This academic year we have partnered with Chelsea FC who are delivering a programme developed by the Premier League with a number of students on site. Premier League Inspires empowers students to develop personal, social, entrepreneurial and life-skills through workshops, mentoring and social-action projects. Students get the opportunity to work outside the curriculum on topics such as digital intelligence, female-empowerment, STEM, equality and community.



On Wednesday 11th October our Changemakers group were invited to Stamford Bridge to take part in an event to celebrate International Day of the Girl. Students were challenged to plan and make a prototype of a solar powered car, Keira, Manesha, Ruby and Courtney did an amazing job presenting their ideas to the rest of the room.





Year 8 students have been nominating their peers for the Act of Kindness Awards.

**Emily Plimmer 8R** - She is always helping to put a smile on other peoples faces, she can make everyone laugh.

**Robbie Pople 8H** - For always smiling, being funny and for always letting others join whatever activity he and others are doing.

**Kyle Bower 8Q** - For being a good friend and always offering support.

**Elliott Williams 8L** - for being a nice person, always thinking of others and having a positive attitude.

**James Gower 8P** - He is always nice to everyone and never gives up. He always tries to help if he can.

**Madison Tier 8X** - She is always kind and caring, helps to put a smile on other peoples faces and can make everyone laugh.

**Sebastian Di Carlo 8Y** - For his support and help of other students in class.

**Matthew Sturt 8M** - For always offering kind words to the group.

**Cian Boeber 8G** - For always being helpful with Home Learning, he is always kind to everyone in form and helpful in football.

**Edward Stokes 8K** - He is always willing to help others. Well organised and happy to share his time.

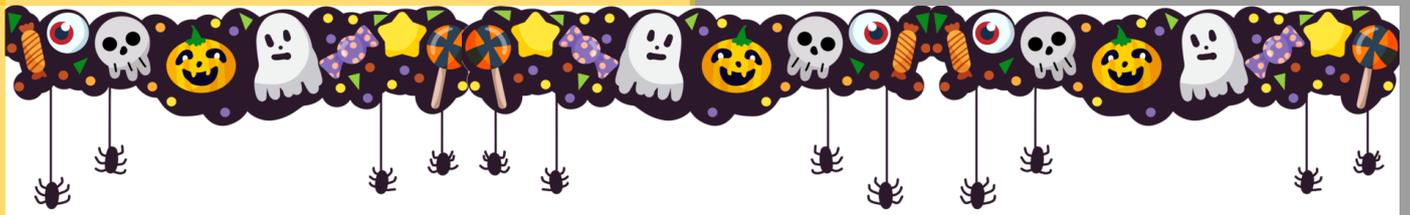




# Inter House Bake Off

Bakers from our 5 Houses came together to fight it out for the title of 'Tomlinscote Bake Off Champions'. As you can see they were frighteningly good! Look on the next page for the winners!





Results for Bake Off are:

Individual

1<sup>st</sup> - Lily Gersbach and Honey Rogers 8Y

2<sup>nd</sup> - Adira Nair and Darcey Welch 8P

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lauren Bell and Lucy Sullivan 8K

For the House winners (added together the total scores for both teams in each House)

1<sup>st</sup> Attenborough

2<sup>nd</sup> Rowling

3<sup>rd</sup> Pankhurst

4<sup>th</sup> Hawking

5<sup>th</sup> Mandela



**Cut and paste!**

Following students' trip to Kew Gardens, they have been manually manipulating the photographs by cutting into them, sewing and drawing on them. The rich source of material from the gardens has given students plenty of scope to develop their artistic pieces.





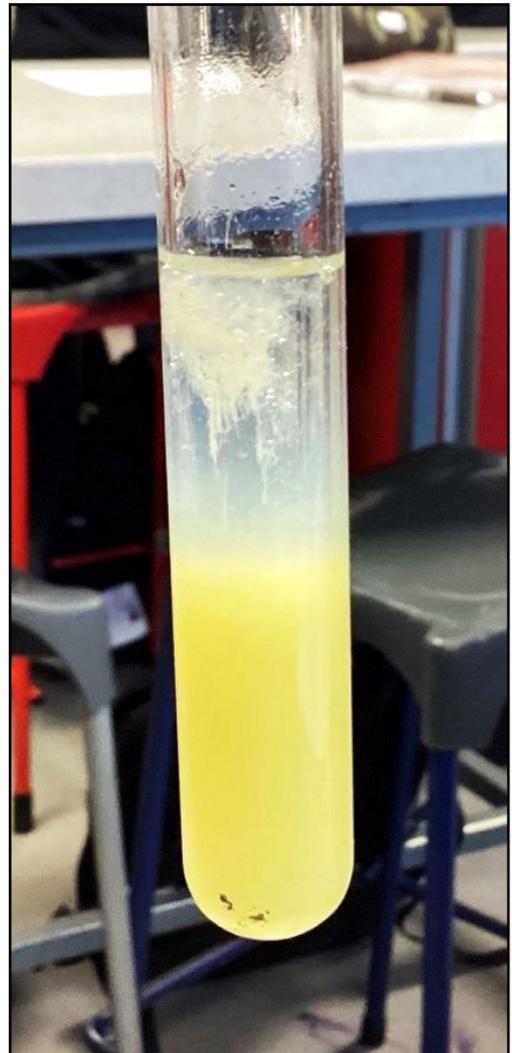
## Celebrating DNA Success!

Most of us look on a kiwi as a delicious piece of fruit, Year 10 students, however, found an altogether different use for this exotic fruit. Following in the footsteps of Rosalind Franklin, Francis Crick and James Watson, Year 10 students have been investigating DNA by isolating it from kiwi fruit.

Their experiment was carefully designed to remove the DNA from where it is bound to proteins in the nuclei of kiwi cells. Students started by mashing the kiwi to break down cell walls using a pestle and mortar. Next, they added detergent to break down cell membranes before filtering the mixture. An enzyme was added to digest the protein and salt to clump the DNA together.

Finally, ice-cold ethanol was poured into the test tube, and students watched in amazement as white strands of DNA appeared.

Having seen DNA for themselves, students continued with the genetics module, learning about inheritance and the medical breakthroughs made possible by the Human Genome Project.



# House Captains 2023-24

## MANDELA:

Roniya Gurung  
Jasmine Belnik  
Isabella Roberts  
Hayden Burchell  
Sam Gaulton  
Reserves:  
Claudia Yu  
Ron Messer  
Emily Armitage

## ROWLING

Poppy Lytle  
Sophia Price  
Freya Pinkney  
Edward Bradshaw  
Rhys Williams  
Reserves:  
Louis Washington  
Nihal Raj  
Ebube Ezeji  
Isobel Ellement

## HAWKING

Rachel Head  
Connie Ryan  
Noah Darby  
Hariram Suthakaran  
Ben Brooks  
Reserves:  
Maya Beczek  
Isabelle Ho



## PANKHURST:

Sam Mathew  
May Goodwin  
Tallulah Wilson  
Aaron Razey  
Maya Couderc  
Reserves:  
Jessica Hart  
Avaani Pun  
Taras Stewart  
Jayme Weekes



## ATTENBOROUGH:

Nia Rees  
Esther Amago  
Emily Kinge  
Sophia Nazareno  
Ava Weekes



Congratulations to all of the students named above . We look forward to seeing how they fulfil their roles over this academic year.



## Coasting!

Mr Mount, one of Tomlinscote's PE teachers, decided to visit the coast last weekend. Not, however, to take in the sites, but to run round them. Over the course of 10 miles he ran through the historic city of Portsmouth and around HMS Victory. The weather was perfect and Mr Mount ran a fantastic time.



He managed to finish 105<sup>th</sup> out of 20000 runners, which was absolutely fantastic. He managed to run a new personal best for the 10 mile distance.

He had a finishing time of 57:28 which is the equivalent of running 100 metres every 20 seconds for 16000 metres or speed 17 on a treadmill!

Congratulations to Mr Mount for completing this epic race and managing to make it look very comfortable!



"Do something today that your future self will thank you for"

## Fit4Life Festival Week

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 10:40 – 10:55	All Years Bleep Test Students v Mr Mount Playground	All Years 3v3 Basketball Tournament Sports Hall	All Years Inter-House Penalty Shoot Out Playground	All Years 3v3 Basketball Tournament Sports Hall
During Lessons/ Lunchtime		Staff v Student Dodgeball Sports Hall - Lunchtime <b>£1 to play</b> 	Girls Only Rugby Taster Session with Camberley RFC Field  CAMBERLEY	
After School 3.10- 4.15pm	Glow in the Dark Fitness Sports Hall <b>£1 for glow sticks</b> 		Staff vs Student Netball Sports Hall 	
Big Match Live 3.45pm – 5pm	Year 8 Boys Football Tomlinscote v Collingwood 3G Pitch Come and support	Under 13 (Y7/8) Girl Football Tomlinscote v Collingwood 3G Pitch Come and support	Under 16 (Y9/10/11) Girls Football Tomlinscote v Court Moor 3G Pitch Come and support	

For **break** activities you must have your **trainers** to participate

For **after school** activities you must have your **PE kit** to participate

# Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U12 Boys B Football	v	Alderwood 	 Score 6-1	Scorers Rhys Sheppard - 3 Bobbie Ruffles - 2 Kehar Badhesha - 1
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Player of the Match - R Sheppard

Tomlinscote U12 Boys Rugby	v	Woking High 	 Score 7-9	Player of the Match Spencer Pay
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Tomlinscote Year 11 Boys Football	v	Bohunt School 	Score 4-3	Scorers Luca Boeber - 1 James Banks - 1 Oliver Roberts - 1 Frieden Njini - 1
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Player of the Match - Luca Boeber

Tomlinscote U13 Girls Football	v	Calthorpe 	Score 1-1	Scorer Leyla Dower Spencer Pay
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Player of the Match - Imogen Scott

**Cup Game V Bohunt** - Tomlinscote went 1-0 up after a brilliantly linked pattern of play down the right wing, the ball came across the box where Oli Roberts tidily passed the ball past the keeper. Tomlinscote held Bohunt off for the next 20 minutes of play with a few warnings which kept Harry Miller busy in goal. Bohunt's relentless attacks eventually came off and 2 minutes before half time they equalised, 1-1.

An early disappointment in the second half for Tomlinscote with Bohunt scoring within the first 5 minutes of play. This seemed to have a negative effect on our players and shortly after this they scored a third, 3-1 to Bohunt. Tomlinscote had a difficult 15 minutes where Bohunt must have had 5+ chances at goal. One of these chances resulted in a penalty, a quality save by Harry Miller seemed to give us the incentive we needed. With 8 minutes to go Joe Beatty scored a very well taken goal making it 3-2. Five minutes to go, Tomlinscote had the ball on the edge of their box, there was a scramble for the ball and Luca Boeber pulled off an incredible half volley which saw the ball fly into the top of the net, absolutely nothing their goal keeper could do about that one, 3-3. With three minutes to go, Bohunt had a free kick on the edge of the Tomlinscote's box, the defence did an incredible job to clear the ball with an exceptional defensive header by Charlie Keenan-Wells. This started our attack, Tomlinscote dominated in their half with some neat passing, retaining possession while Bohunt sprinted back from the free kick. A perfectly placed pass saw James Banks through on goal, 1v1 with the keeper with one minute to go, James calmly slotted it past the keeper's left arm to make it 4-3. The celebration was incredible!!

This result takes us into the next round of the cup!! Well played boys, a class performance.

# Fortnightly Thursday House Competition

## How it works

Every fortnight Mr Taylor and Mr Wells will be running a mini House competition on the playground. This is open to all year groups - just come and join in. Your House will be awarded a House point for every person that participates on top of the points given for each place (see below)

- 1st place - 100 points
- 2nd place - 80 points
- 3rd place - 60 points
- 4th place - 40 points
- 5th place - 20 points

If two Houses are tied for a place they will share the points for the 2 places. For example, if 2 Houses tie for 2nd they will both share the points for 2nd (80 points) and 3rd place (60 points). Each House will awarded 70 points each.

## Fortnightly Thursday Netball Shooting Challenge

    <b>5th place</b> <b>27 points</b>  <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">PERSEVERANCE</span>	  <b>1st place</b> <b>106 points</b>  <span style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">CHARACTER</span>	  <b>2nd place</b> <b>77 points</b>  <span style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">COMMUNITY</span>	  <b>4th place</b> <b>46 points</b>  <span style="color: purple; font-weight: bold;">EXCELLENCE</span>	    <b>2nd place</b> <b>74 points</b>  <span style="color: orange; font-weight: bold;">PROGRESSION</span>
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### After/Before School Clubs:

### Physical Education Clubs – Autumn Term 2

### Partner Providers:

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Boys Football Netball Dodgeball Badminton Cross Country Fitness (finishes 4:10pm)	Indoor Athletics - SPH Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm)	Basketball	Netball (squad) Girls Football Rugby	Cross Country (2:20pm-3:15pm)
8	Netball Dodgeball Badminton Cross Country Fitness (finishes 4:10pm)	Indoor Athletics Girls Fitness (finishes 4:10pm) Boys Football – 3G	Basketball	Netball (squad) Girls Football Rugby	Cross Country (2:20pm-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 (2:20pm-3:15pm) Basketball (2:20pm-3:15pm)
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 (2:20pm-3:15pm) Cross Country (2:20pm-3:15pm)
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 (2:20pm-3:15pm) Cross Country (2:20pm-3:15pm)

**Notes** Unless stated, all clubs are for both boys and girls and run from 3:15pm-4:15pm.  
 No clubs require sign-up or a fee  
 Students must wear full PE kit  
 Firm ground boot only for the 3G pitch and shin pads are advised for football.  
 Mouth guards are mandatory for rugby. If you don't have one the PE department sell them for £2.  
 Clubs will occasionally be cancelled if they clash with another school event eg fixture or open evening



### Break and Lunchtime Clubs:

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Various	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block	Breaktime Football – Astro Lunchtime Table Tennis – A Block

# Information for Parents & Carers

## Online safety

Please see the following link for details about the ZEPETO app - What parents need to know.

Through the use of avatars, the ZEPETO app lets users connect with friends and others all over the world, but is it safe? Learn about the benefits and risks to support your teen's safe use of ZEPETO.

[Online Safety Link](#)



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## Newsletter

### LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

<p>Tuesday 21st Nov 18:30 - 19:30 FREE</p>		<p><b>FREE SESSION</b> <b>Decreasing Depression</b> A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>What is ACT?</b> Acceptance &amp; Commitment Therapy. How it can help with anger, anxiety and neurodiversity</p>
<p>Monday 13th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Autism: Improving Communication</b> Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.</p>

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