

6th October 2023

# Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received some lovely feedback about our brilliant students who helped out during the Open Evening. Here are 4 quotes from Year 6 parents ...

*"Our tour guides were Poppy (Year 9), Lola, and Prischita (Year 7), and they did an exceptional job. They were not only informative but also made sure everyone in our group, which they affectionately called 'Family,' stayed together".*

*"Our tour guide, Zalan was amazing. He shared so much with us in great detail and walked us through the whole school. He constantly made sure that we were happy and well looked after. We felt extremely excited about this visit and my children couldn't stop talking about the school. Also, all the teachers/students we met were very friendly, helpful and welcoming"*

*"I just wanted to drop a big word of thanks to the school for putting on such an informative open evening. Our daughter was feeling very nervous about her visit to the school but has just walked off the tour feeling very excited and confident about her move to secondary school".*

*"I would like to particularly thank our two lovely tour guides, Amberley and Adira who were very helpful in answering our questions and helped to cheer our daughter up when she was initially feeling a little overwhelmed - they are an asset to the school."*

Here is a short video clip of the event and there are some pictures on pages 2 & 3.

<https://youtu.be/mxvZTKjZQ1Y>

I would like to bring your attention to two **Parental Workshops** at Tomlinscote before half term:

- ⇒ Wednesday 18th October 6pm: Online safety/iPads - Year 7 parents
- ⇒ Thursday 19th October 6pm : Exam Stress - Year 11 parents: Presented by Rebekah from the Mental Health Support Team (external agency who we work with).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr Major

## Key Dates

**Mon 2nd Oct - Thu 19th Oct**  
Year 6 Tours

**Wed 18th October 6pm**  
Year 7 iPads & online safety  
(for parents) Main Hall

**Thurs 19th Oct 6pm**  
Year 11 Managing Year 11 Exam stress  
(for parents) Main Hall

**Fri 20th Oct**  
INSET

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

**Mon 30th Oct**  
INSET

**"The end of the  
summer is not the  
end of the world.  
Here's to October"**

**A.A Milne**





## Art and Photography brought into sharp focus

Year 10 Art & Photography students benefitted from 2 workshops put on by Farnborough 6th Form College this week.

Art students learnt about different drawing techniques and the Photography students created photo grams using the dark room equipment. The students had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal from both the Art and Photography departments.



Year 7 students have been looking into friendship and integrity. They were challenged with creating a poem around the subject of Kindness. Students really embraced the topic and came up with some wonderful words.



Kindness is a virus,  
Kindness shows you are,  
Kindness is contagious,  
Kindness is everywhere.

One simple compliment  
Can make someone's day,  
You can be nice  
In one kind of way.

Kindness is forgiveness,  
Moving on from the past,  
So don't hold a grudge,  
Instead make love last.

If someone looks lonely,  
Just give them a grin,  
Smiles go a long way,  
And make your heart spin.

Kindness is limitless,  
You have loads to lend,  
Kindness is an amazing thing,  
And I'm now at the end.

Yasmin 7Q

Kind and caring are the morals to life,  
Integrity is who you are and more than popularity.  
Never let someone else's actions affect you.  
Don't treat anyone different to how you want to be treated.  
No one can achieve things in life without other's support.  
Everyone should leave the world knowing they've changed it for the better.  
Stop doubting yourself and instead strive for glory.  
Sleep every night knowing you've had the best day you could have made it.

Amberley 7Q

Keep on smiling.  
Interact with activities which would make you happy.  
Never give up on what you want to achieve.  
Don't stop believing.  
Never give up.  
Enjoy being kind.  
Say kind and positive words to other people.  
Stop thinking that you're not important, because you are!





# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical* JR.



This year's production of Legally Blonde Jr sees Year 10 Katie in the role of Paulette, Elle's manicurist and confidante. The audience see Paulette go from shy to assertive as Elle teaches her how to attract the attention of delivery man, Kyle, with the classic move the "bend and snap". "Paulette is a real vibe!" said Katie. "She's a fun person and if she was real, I'd want her to be my friend!"

Katie is busy learning lines and loves the line "Honey you're in the supply closet"! "This is when Elle is about to leave Harvard, but is talked out of it by Vivienne. Elle goes into the closet and comes out wearing her signature colour – pink – showing she's ready for action!" said Katie.

Katie is really enjoying being part of the team and school community. "I've met so many new students from Years 7 and 8 it's great getting to know them."



Final opportunities for people to come and be on stage or help backstage! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool in the Main Hall.

3.10 – 4.30. The production will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Find Mrs Frater in the Drama Department R12 or email

[rfrater@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:rfrater@tomlinscoteschool.com)

Katie practises the "bend & snap" as Paulette

# CAREERS INFORMATION



## Careers and post-16 progression:

### Year 11 post-16 applications:

It's a busy time for Year 11 with all local post-16 providers putting on their recruitment evenings and open days. We encourage our students to go and see as many of these providers as possible and keep their options open. It is really important that students visit a range of different providers to get a feel for what is the most appropriate choice for them. It's critical that all Year 11s have a plan A and at least one back up option in terms of applications and always keep all their options open. We sent out a long list of all local providers and their open evening dates but highlight some of the key ones for this area below:

- Activate Learning - Farnham College: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.30-12.30, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30-7.30
- Activate Learning - Guildford College: Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 4.30-7.30, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30-12.30
- Activate Learning - Merrist Wood College: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30-12.30
- Collingwood College Sixth Form: Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 5.30-8.00 (no booking system in place)
- Farnborough College of Technology (FCOT): Farnborough Campus: Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. All 4.00-7.30. Aldershot Campus: Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.00-7.30 (book an arrival slot on their website for a particular date)
- Farnborough 6<sup>th</sup> Form College: Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct (there are two sessions available on each evening: 4.00-6.00 and 6.30-8.30. There is a booking system in place on their website)

### Year 10 Work Experience programme June 2024:

Advance warning for Year 10 families that the Year 10 Work Experience Week is WB 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We recently sent something out to parents/carers regarding preparation for this and an invite to our 'Key Stage 4 Progression and Work Experience' information evening taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. This evening will launch the Work Experience programme and give further information. However, now is the time for students to be doing their research and contacting businesses where they can. Consider family and friends and connections you have here and start exploring and securing your placement as early as possible. There is further support and guidance on our website regarding the Work Experience programme. Please follow this link: <https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/page/?title=WORK+EXPERIENCE&pid=265&action=saved>

### Children's Business Fair UK



Be the next great entrepreneur! This programme has been set up by entrepreneurs and parents together in order to help prepare the next generation for the ever-changing world of work. Young people 7-16 can apply to the programme to, ultimately, create a product and take it to market at a local business fair. These fairs operate all around the local area. Please see the dates below for the next round of fairs happening in the area.

- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023: Park Street, Camberley
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023: Guild Hall and High Street, Guildford
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023: The Maltings, Farnham
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Queen's Square, Crawley

If students are interested, they should apply to the programme and will receive a pack of information to help them create a simple business plan for a business idea. From this plan, they will be encouraged to plan, create and market their product, ahead of the day of the Business Fair. On the day of the Business Fair it's 'sell, sell, sell' and students will have the chance to make a profit as well as be in the running for cash prizes. The programme also offers a bursary scheme for those wanting to start their business but might need some more support to do this.

Please see the Children's Business Fair website for more details and the link to apply - get creative and get involved!  
<https://childrensbusinessfair.co.uk/>

# Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote Year 11 Football	V	Collingwood 	 Score 3-3	Scorers Kris Eccleston Frieden Njini Oliver Pritchard
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Player of the Match - Joe Beatty

Tomlinscote Year 9B Netball Team	V	Farnham Heath End 	 Score 15-3	Players of the Match Athena Govender Autumn Keates
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Tomlinscote Year 11 Netball Team	V	Farnham Heath End 	 Score 5-19	Players of the Match Tessie Dullforce Abigail Saywell
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## Roaring like a dragon!

This week, Oscar in 10G has had the most amazing opportunity making his International Debut playing for Wales U15's in Poland playing Poland, Spain & Iceland.



He also achieved one of the proudest moments of his football career to date - captaining the Welsh Squad.

This whole experience has been a phenomenal and a thoroughly rewarding experience for Oscar. He has been able to demonstrate his leadership skills; leading by example, communicating effectively, providing encouragement and creating strong relationships.



Oscar's successes have been coming thick and fast and we can't wait to hear about future matches and future international matches.




# Tomlinscote Team Results

<b>Tomlinscote</b> <b>U12 B</b> <b>Football</b>	V	<b>Amery Hill</b> 	 <b>Score</b> <b>1-2</b>	<b>Scorer</b> Jeevun Sagoo
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Player of the Match - William De Rosa

<b>Tomlinscote</b> <b>U12 A</b> <b>Football</b>	V	<b>Collingwood</b> 	 <b>Score</b> <b>3-0</b>	<b>Scorers</b> Kai Gohil - 2 Kehar Badhesha - 1
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Player of the Match - Luke Glassar

<b>Tomlinscote</b> <b>U13</b> <b>Football</b>	V	<b>All Hallows</b> 	<b>Score</b> <b>5-0</b>	<b>Scorers</b> Dan Dixon - 1 Rivan Pradhan - 1 James Mayne - 1 Jamie Robertson - 2
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Player of the Match - Luca Hannaway

The Year 8 Boys travelled to All Hallows for their first outing of the season, and indeed their first school 11-a-side fixture on Monday. Working with a new formation on a sloping grass pitch, the boys quickly settled into their game and played some neat football throughout. Initial successes saw the ball played into either wide channel, and the midfield trio attempting to play in the front 3 behind the defence. It took just ten minutes for Dan Dixon to exploit his pace advantage, breaking through onto a ball from POM Luca Hannaway after good work from Rivan Pradhan at left back, to score the one-on-one with the keeper. Further good attacking play failed to see us create any meaningful chances, and despite All Hallows starting to apply pressure on the counter, the back four dealt well with the breaks, before Rivan cut inside from his left back position to score with a 25 yard strike into the top corner on debut!







The second half started quickly, and an early corner was flicked on by a defender at the near post setting up James Mayne for an open header at the back post. All Hallows continued to toil and create pressure on the counter, but the press from Tomlinscote was effective and on forty-seven minutes, a lovely through ball from Indy Miles, now playing in the "10" role, saw Jamie Robertson grab his first of the season as the thunder began getting louder to put the result beyond doubt. In the dying minutes of the match, with the lightning forming an impressive backdrop, Jamie stole the ball from the All Hallows' centre back and scored his second to round out an impressive first game victory for the A's in the Under 13 Premiership.

We look forward to following this team after such an impressive start.



# Tomlinscote Team Results

## Surrey Heath District Rugby 'Pitch-up and play' Tournament

Tomlinscote U15 Rugby	V	Heathside 	 Score 3-3	<b>Tries</b> Alex Burlevicius - 2 Andrew Evangelista - 1 POM - Andrew Evangelista
Tomlinscote U15 Rugby	V	Robert May's 	 Score 2-6	<b>Tries</b> Alex Burlevicius - 1 Lachlan Kerr - 1 POM - Lachlan Kerr
Tomlinscote U15 Rugby	V	SJB 	 Score 1-6	<b>Tries</b> Lachlan Kerr - 1 POM - Alex Burlevicius

## Surrey Heath District Rugby 'Pitch-up and play' Tournament

Tomlinscote U14 Rugby	V	Chertsey High 	 Score 5-10	<b>Tries</b> Harry Gladstone - 2 Cassius Murrell - 2 Jared Rogers - 1
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# A real 'cracker' of a competition



## Tomlinscote Christmas Card Competition 2023

Are you artistic and think you have what it takes to win our Christmas Card Competition? Tomlinscote needs you to come up with a new Christmas card design. One lucky winner will have their drawing professionally printed to become the official Tomlinscote Christmas card for 2023.

Here are the steps and entry requirements. Deadline is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of October

1. Design your Christmas themed front cover - make sure this is no larger than A5 otherwise it will not fit.
2. If using paints, pencils etc. ensure your drawing is clear. If it's electronic, make sure you attach a file we can download and open (PDF/Photo/Slides/PPT/Docs etc).
3. When you have completed your design, join our 'House Events' Google classroom with this class code: iuv3uxy . Alternatively, you can hand it straight to your Head of House.
4. Once you have joined the classroom, attach your design to the 'Christmas Card Competition' folder.
5. In the private comments, type your form and what House you belong to and submit your entry.

We look forward to seeing what you come up with and congratulating the winning designer!





# Design your House Charity Poster

Design a poster for our House charities.  
The winning entries will be used for House  
Charity Week.

**Attenborough – Shooting Star Children’s Hospices**

**Hawking – The Fountain Centre**

**Rowling – Crisis Charity**

**Pankhurst – Frimley Health Charity**

**Mandela – Bowel Cancer UK**



Add your entries to the House Competition Google Classroom - Classroom code:  
**iuv3uxy**

(<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjI0MzE5MzU5MDc4?cjc=iuv3uxy> )

Don't forget to add your Form and House in the comments section.  
Year 7 - Bring your entries to C23

by Friday 13th October

All entries will receive House points, with the winning entry receiving 100 points for their House!



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To hear more...  
please join us at the next Parental Forum  
on Monday 13 November at 7-8pm in the  
Main Hall

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# Support for Parents and Carers

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grizzly elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

#### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGWise, and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new titles, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published in influential sites including SHN and TechRadar.



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