10th November 2023

Tomlinscote School
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been with the German exchange, a Battlefields trip, a wide range of activities and events during our Charity Week and a theatre trip. All of this is happening to make the students' experience of school richer and highlights that school life is not just about what happens in the classroom. I hope there has been a lot of fun as well!

I would like to draw your attention to a parental presentation next week from the Breck Foundation. It is an online presentation from the organisation. They are running sessions in school to students and we have this excellent opportunity for parents. They use "Breck's story" to provide a really powerful presentation about online safety and I thoroughly recommend it. The presentation emphasises:

· Scrapping the stereotypes. Who or what is a groomer, and what are the types of grooming your child may be exposed to?

· How to have that awkward parent-child conversation, gaining trust and sharing your concerns about online safety.

· Where to find help – signposts to other useful organisations

· A showing of Breck's Last Game

This is scheduled for 14th November from 18.30 -19.30. The link to log into this is below:

Topic: Tomlinscote School Parents

Time: Nov 14, 2023 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85886288097?pwd=kyIHGbE6Ly52L4Lrk8ggQnw58QEOb4.1

Meeting ID: 858 8628 8097 Passcode: 895182

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening. There will be a second Year 11 evening on Thursday 25th January 2024 (online).

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mr Major

Key Dates

Mon 13th Nov
Year 7 Anti-Bullying Day

Mon 13th Nov
Parental Forum - Main Hall 7.00pm

Tue 14th Nov
Online Parent Presentation
Breck Foundation 6.30-7.30pm

Pre Presentation Parent Letter

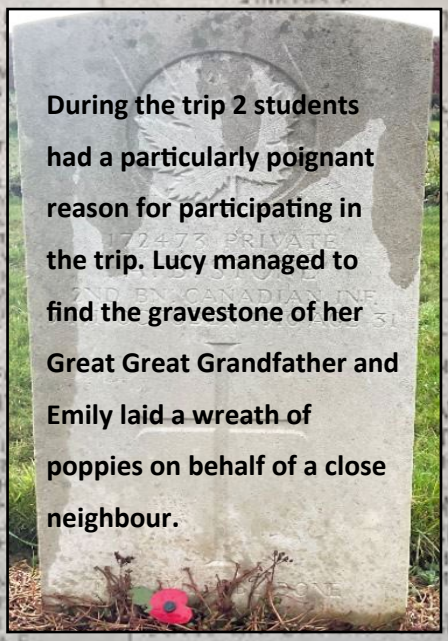
Sat 18th - Tue 21st Nov
School Production Rehearsal

Wed 22nd Nov - Fri 24th Nov
School Production

Last weekend, 129 Tomlinscote students visited the First World War Battlefield sites in Belgium and France.

Students visited battle sites, trenches, memorials, cemeteries and museums, all associated with major offensives during the First World War.

Tyne Cot



During the trip 2 students had a particularly poignant reason for participating in the trip. Lucy managed to find the gravestone of her Great Great Grandfather and Emily laid a wreath of poppies on behalf of a close neighbour.

Thiepval Memorial

Canadian National Vimy Memorial

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

John McCrae

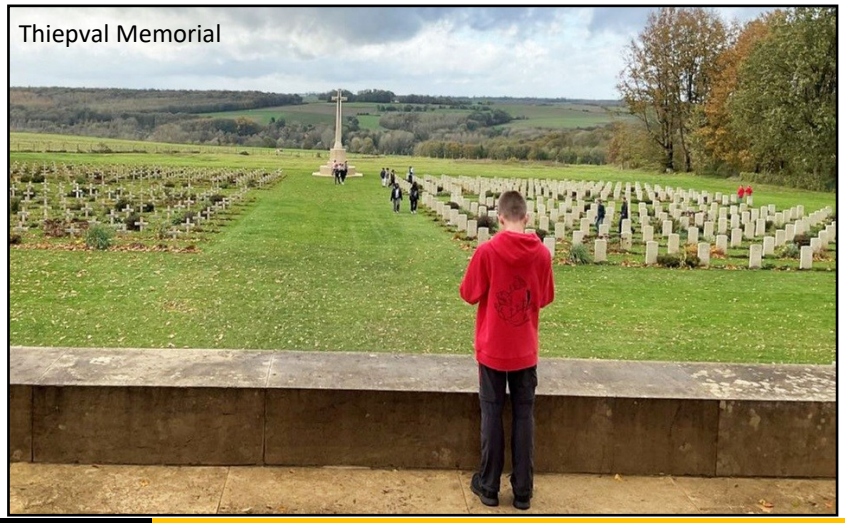
Tyne Cot - largest Commonwealth War Cemetery

Tyne Cot

Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial

Langemark German War Cemetery

Sanctuary Wood


Thiepval Memorial

House Charity Week

This week, students had the opportunity to bead hair, carve pumpkins, custard pie teachers, arm wrestle, sell sweets, cakes, candy floss and a myriad of other things, all in the name of charity.

Every break and lunchtime has seen students participating in fun activities, despite the rather inclement weather. All of the House Charities will benefit hugely from this week-long fundraiser.

Congratulations to staff and students for such a brilliant effort.

No loafin' around in Food Technology!

Year 8 Food Technology students have literally risen to the challenge when tasked with baking Focaccias. This type of Italian bread is baked at a higher temperature than traditional bread and tends to keep fresh for a longer period of time due to the high quantity of olive oil and herbs. Our students decorated their bread with herbs and vegetables creating bakes that were almost too beautiful to eat.

A 'Shrektacular' night!

SHREK

Cast and crew involved in the school production of Legally Blonde were rewarded with a trip to see 'Shrek the Musical' at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. It was a fantastic production and certainly inspired the students ahead of their own musical production.

Worthwhile Wellington Workout!

On Tuesday 31st October, eleven Year 8 students travelled to the prestigious Wellington College in Crowthorne, to take part in a series of workshops around study skills and revision tips.

Plate spinning and juggling were on the timetable during the event, which comprised four one-hour workshops:

- Memory Matters – using the power of creativity and imagination to make learning easier
- Be Awesome, Be You – improving confidence and self-esteem through self-reflection and looking at values and what success means
- Goal Setting – aspirations for the future and SMART goals; and
- Pathfinder – Understanding and Condensing Text and Association Maps.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive. One said: "I will act way more positively towards Home Learning and schoolwork and will set myself more goals." Another added: "The speakers were amazing, very engaging and they put everything at the right level for us."

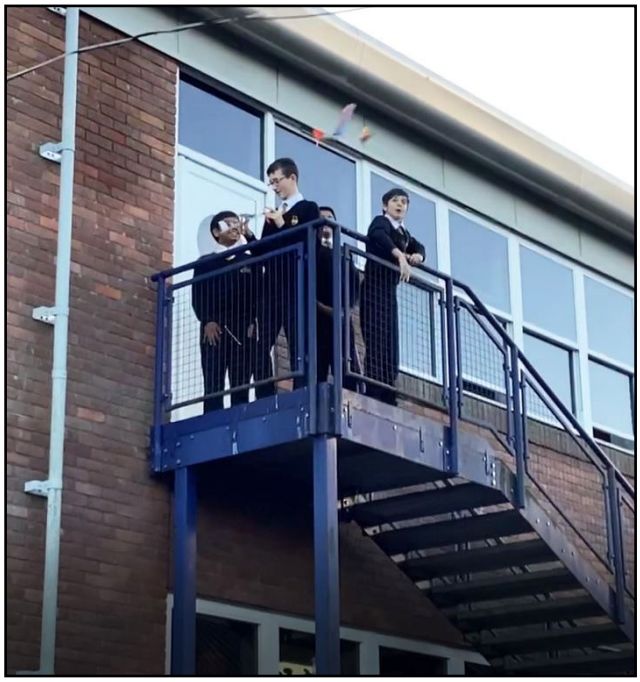
Soaring Success on S Block!

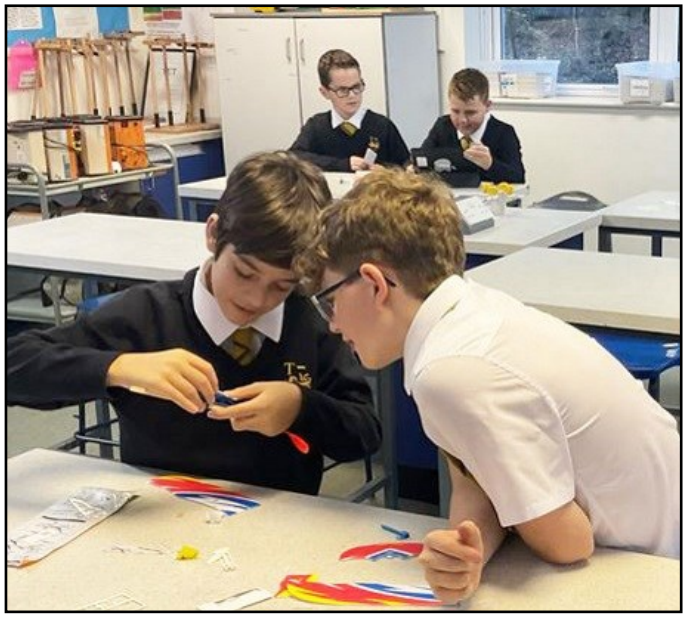
This week at STEM club students had the opportunity to build and ultimately fly gliders.

Students really engaged with the task and then launched their constructions from the fire escape on S Block.

The glider that found its way onto the roof of S Block might be there a while!

Thanks to the Science Technicians for making the launchers and prepping everything for the students.





Thanksgiving Tutor Group Collage

In America, the last Thursday of November is dedicated to 'Thanksgiving'. A time where we are grateful for what we have in our lives (as well as a time to feast as thanksgiving for the harvest).
In your tutor groups, create a collage to demonstrate what you have in your lives that make you feel gratitude. Consider why we should feel grateful for what we have, and why it is good to be grateful.
Submit them directly to Mrs Ingleby or on the Google classroom (iuv3uxy)
Due date Friday 17th November

MFL Student of the Month

Japanese - Sophia Price 8K :
Excellent work in class and excellent progress in German.

German - Libbie Harries:
Excellent work in class and excellent progress in German.

French - Sheza Kayani 9Q :
Consistent excellent class work and very good progress.

Spanish - Isabelle Ho 9X :
Outstanding effort and attitude to learning, leading to excellent progress.

German - Grace Hughes 8M :
Super writing in German!

French - Lauren Ashley 9R :
Excellent classwork and very good progress.

Spanish - Sophie Coates 10M :
For making a fantastic start to GCSE, and for achieving 16/16 in your most recent writing assessment!

German - Amelie Burnett 9G :
Excellent work and fantastic writing assessment.

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U15 Boys Football	**V**	**Calthorpe** CALTHORPE PARK	**Score 2-0**	**Scorers** Alex Jefferies Alexander Barrett

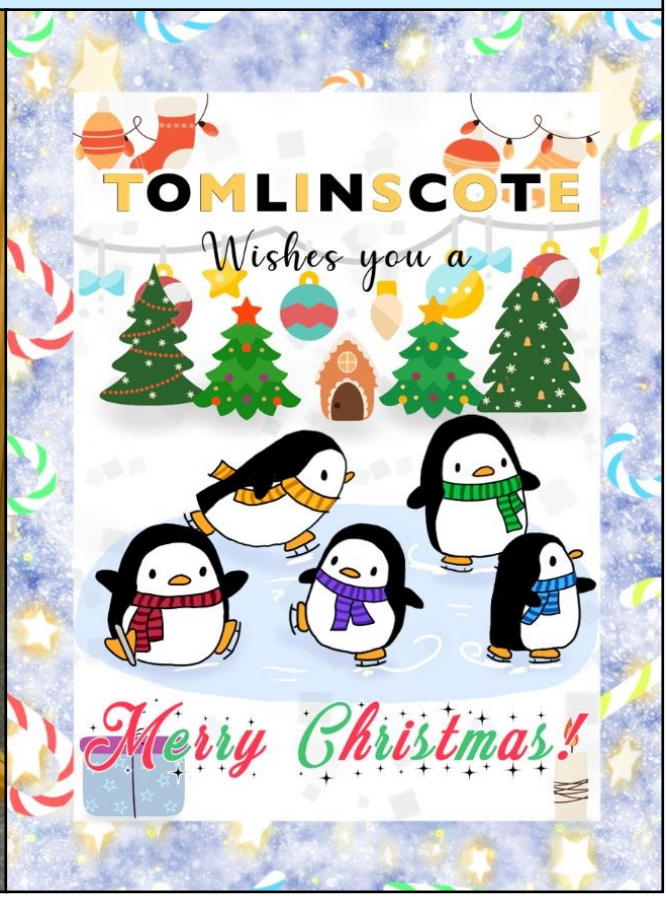
Player of the Match - Jack Wakeling

Tomlinscote U15 Boys played Calthorpe in the League on Monday. As a team they had never beaten them before, so the boys were hungry for victory. An excellent performance from all 11 players saw Tomlinscote gaining a 2-0 lead. Alex Jefferies scoring from a scramble for the ball after a corner and Alexander Barrett scoring a rebound from a penalty. In the second half, the team worked really well to keep the pressure on Calthorpe, forcing them to make mistakes resulting in them not having a single shot on goal for the entire second half. This was a great result and a well fought victory.

A Brrrrrriliant Design

Congratulations to Isabelle in 9X for winning the 'Design the 2023 Tomlinscote Christmas Card' Competition.

It was felt that Isabelle incorporated the House Colours, the school colours and a fun element. The design will be sent off to a printing company and made into this year's Tomlinscote card.



Staff in Student Reception put up a beautiful display in honour of Poppy Day.

It was lovely for passing staff and students to be reminded of this special anniversary.

Year 10 and 11 – Online 'live' Apprenticeships Information Evening (Monday 27th November 7-8 p.m.)

Notice for Parents and Carers of Year 10 and 11 students

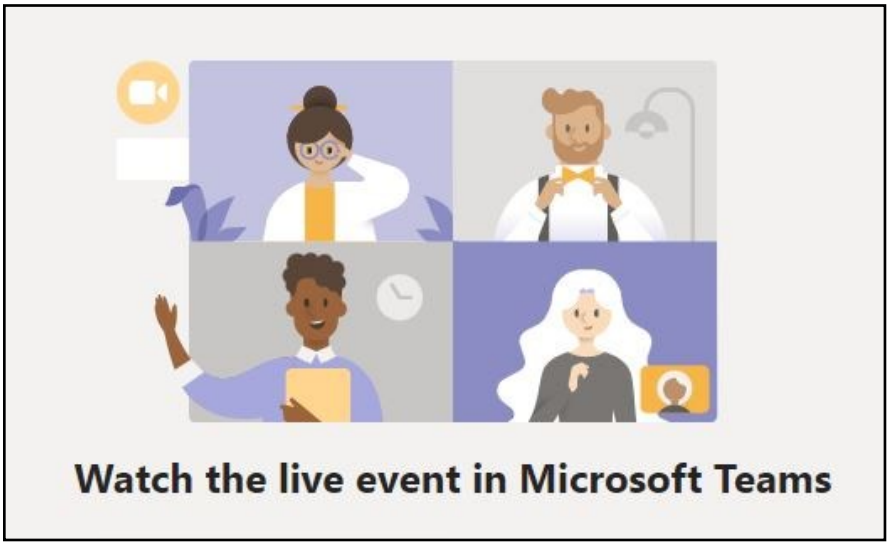
Apprenticeships are fast becoming one of the favoured post-16 progression routes now because students have the ability to 'earn as they learn'. With an apprenticeship, you are doing a job for 80% of the time and then using the remaining 20% to work towards a qualification in that industry. Plus, you are getting paid for it whilst you are doing it. For many, this is becoming a very popular alternative to full-time college courses.

In order to enable students and parents to find out more about apprenticeships as a rival pathway to full time college, Tomlinscote are hosting a 'live' online information evening on Monday 27th November between 7 and 8 p.m. on Microsoft Teams. This is in conjunction with ASK- The 'Apprenticeships Support and Knowledge' programme. This is a DfE funded programme supporting schools to ensure pupils have information, advice and guidance surrounding apprenticeships and technical education. ALPS Surrey deliver this programme of support for ASK in our area and are also coming in to deliver an assembly to Year 10 and 11 students the week beginning 20th November. If you would like to find out more about the programme ahead of the information evening then please visit their website:

https://www.alpsurrey.co.uk/supporting-our-partners/

If you are interested in the potential of an apprenticeship and finding out more about it as an alternative to full-time college then please attend the online information evening using the link below. This event is for both students and parents/carers and there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Microsoft Meeting Event



Diwali is the Hindu festival of light with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions.

It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

This year, Diwali is celebrated on Sunday 12th November.

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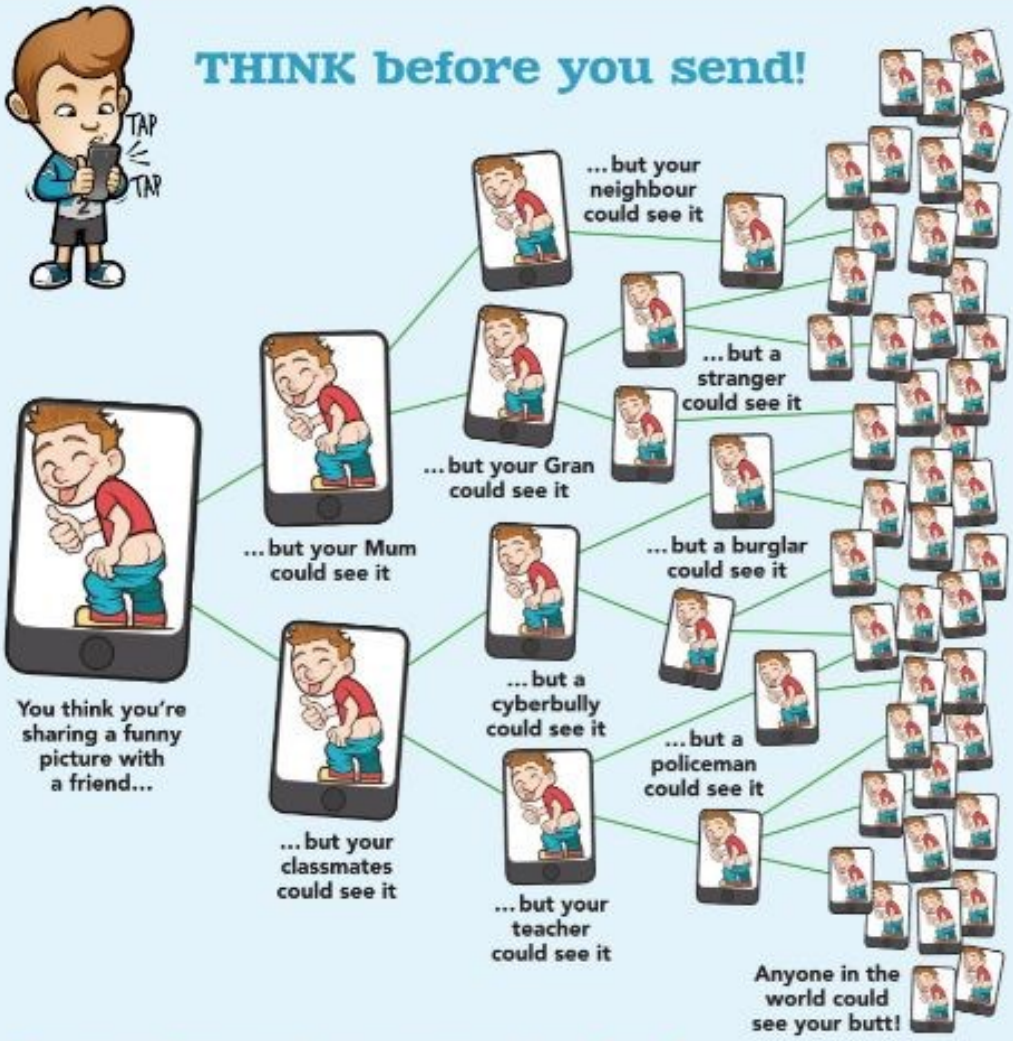
Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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