

24th November 2023

# Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some superb pictures taken of the site recently and the one above is certainly very dramatic!

As you flick through the pages of the Newsletter you will see a wide range of activities going on at Tomlinscote again this week. There were several careers related opportunities and I know that the Greenpower car club really appreciated a visit from Ewan (McLaren Automotive Ltd), who provided lots of fascinating ideas.

I hope you managed to pop down to the school to watch our annual whole school production - "Legally Blonde JR". This was a wonderful musical with lots of great singing and acting from the students. The number of students, particularly from Key Stage 3, was really encouraging for future productions. They had superb role models in the Years 10 and 11 students who ably demonstrated their wide array of talents. Well done to everyone for showing great commitment and dedication and for representing the school.

Year 11 mocks start next Wednesday and I wish all the students the very best with their revision over the next couple of weeks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Major

## Key Dates

**Wed 29th Nov - 15th Dec**  
Year 11 Mocks

**Thu 7th Dec**  
Year 8 Progress Meetings  
Main Hall

**Tues 12th Dec**  
Assessment Day  
School Closed to students

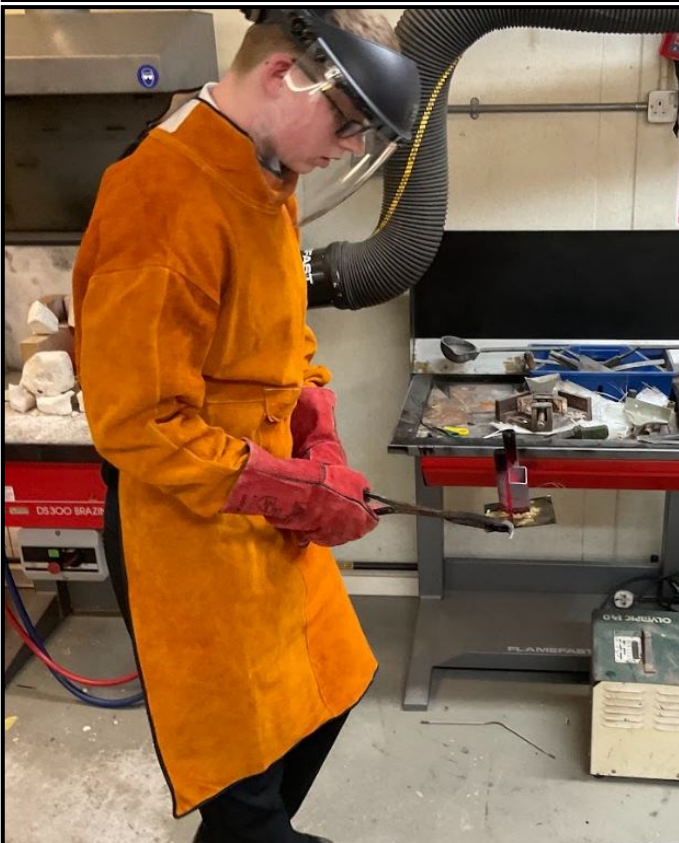


"Learn to see things from  
another perspective.  
Never limit yourself to  
just one point of view".



# Forging Ahead!

Year 10 students have been learning new metal skills in the forge area. They have been brazing their metal desk tidy creations at temperatures of up to 700 degrees Celsius. The intense temperature required the wearing of some pretty extensive safety equipment. This project forms part of the preparation for their GCSE in Design and Technology.





# Fuelling Interest



McLaren Automotive Ltd made a pit stop at Tomlinscote this week. Ewen MacRury, Principal Visualisation Specialist, came in to see what our students involved in the Greenpower club get up to. It was also an opportunity for McLaren to see what help they could provide to our team going forward.

As well as getting the chance to talk passionately about our Greenpower car, our students got to hear more about McLaren, what they aspire to and also careers opportunities within the company.

The talk ended with a Q&A session, giving our students the opportunity to ask some really pertinent questions. Ewen left Tomlinscote clear in the knowledge that our Greenpower group are a dedicated band of students. With this in mind it is hoped that we will be linking up with them again in the future and going full throttle towards a better performing car. In addition, Tomlinscote has been offered some other STEM opportunities. We look forward to further visits in the future.







**100 Years of Disney**  
**A Prospect Trust Collaboration Music Concert**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Last Friday, Tomlinscote Choir were invited to sing at the Prospect Theatre at Farnborough 6th Form College along with Frimley CofE School Choir. This was as part of the First Prospect Trust Collaboration Music Concert.

Mrs Wilcox and Miss Ward took 27 students to represent the school, 25 singers made up the choir and they were beautifully accompanied by Isabelle Ho (9X) on piano Chanara Wijesinghe (10X) on Drums.

All of the participants performed music from Disney to celebrate Disney's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023. The Sixth Form students wowed the audience with several complex and beautiful instrument ensembles and vocal group arrangements.

Frimley CofE children performed "How Far I'll Go" from Moana and "I Just Can't Wait To Be King" from The Lion King, followed by an incredible solo, "Reflection" from Mulan, by one of their Year 5 students, Valentina.

The Tomlinscote Choir sang "Show Yourself" from Frozen II and "Try Everything" from Zootopia, followed by a beautiful rendition of "A Whole New World" from Aladdin, by Isobel Ellement (10K) and Katie Moutsatsos (10R).

The concert ended on a joint item with over 100 singers and musicians all performing "We're All In This Together" from High School Musical. Special thanks to Stuart McSweeney, Andre Da Silva and Eloise Warren from Farnborough Sixth Form for the organisation of such a fantastic event.





# Chelsea Cheer

## Black History Month competition, 'Making History Everyday'

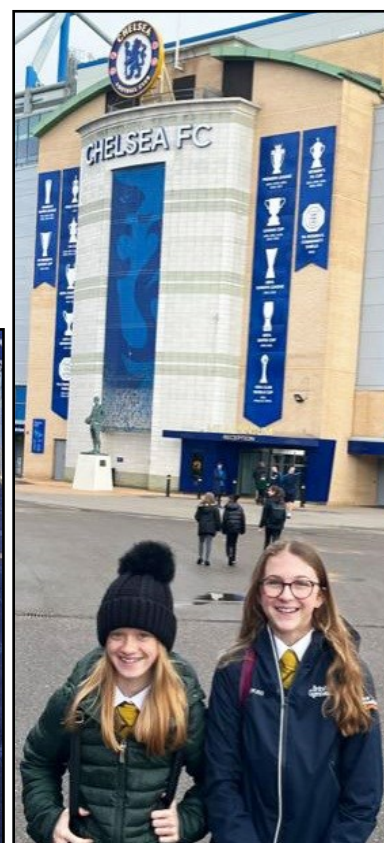
As part of the Premier League Inspires programme, students participated in a Black History Month workshop where they were asked to nominate someone from school, the community or a celebrity who they wanted to celebrate for a 'Making History Everyday' challenge.

Roxanne and Jasmine in Year 8 were selected as finalists by a panel of judges. This was an incredible achievement as there were over 7,000 entries. As finalists, they were invited with their nominees, Ella and Manesha, to attend a showcase at Stamford Bridge on 31<sup>st</sup> October with their parents/ carers.

The girls had a wonderful day, and were so grateful for being able to participate in this once in a lifetime experience.

## Chelsea vs Fulham U21's

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 14 students were given the opportunity to attend the Chelsea vs Fulham U21 game, accompanied by a parent/carer. Students were able to meet some of the players and watch some of the up and coming football stars of the future. The final score was 2:2.



# Careers News



## *Notice for Year 10 and 11 Students, Parents and Carers*

### **Year 10 and 11 – Online ‘Live’ Apprenticeships Information Evening (Monday 27th November 7-8 pm)**

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 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 is hosting a 'live' online information evening on Monday 27th November between 7 and 8pm 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 students have information, advice and guidance surrounding apprenticeships and technical education.

Live online information event link: [Link for Event](#)

### **GCSE Music careers session – Weds 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Year 10 GCSE Music students were lucky enough to be treated to a visit by Roberta Wolff last week. Roberta came into school to talk to them about her varied career involving Music so the students can start to see how their subject could potentially lead them down different avenues in the future. Roberta talked to them about her experiences in the Music industry, including roles such as: A concert piano tuner for Steinway for many years; teaching piano in schools, leading a choir, private piano tuition to name but a few! Additionally, Roberta talked to students about her current role in tutoring Performing Arts teachers at the Guildhall for their PGCert. We would like to thank Roberta immensely for giving up her time to inspire our next generation of musicians!

### **Service Premium Students – breakfast and presentation from the Forces Employment Charity – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Our Service Premium students here at Tomlinscote extended a warm welcome to the Forces Employment Charity this week who came in to talk to them about the range of support that they offer to young people from both serving and ex-military families. Students were treated to a breakfast and got to hear from the Forces Employment Charity about how they specifically support young people with careers advice and support and guidance regarding next steps after secondary school. We work really closely with the Charity who come in and provide one to one guidance and support for a range of our young people. To find out more about this support then please visit our ‘careers and post-16 progression’ section of the website for more detail on this provision and how to access this support:

[Website link](#)





**YOUR SUCCESS;  
OUR MISSION**  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
19:30-21:00

Are you ready to find your pathway to success and explore a world of opportunities with the Royal Air Force? RAF World is back, and it's our mission to show you how your dreams can take flight from the comfort of your home!

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- Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey and set yourself up for success!

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## Careers Cont'd



### House Candy Cane Competition

From the 4th to the 8th of December, we will be running a competition to raise money for our House charities.

Every lunch time for that week, the Heads of House and House Captains will be selling tickets to have a candy cane delivered to anyone you want in the school.

Each candy cane will be 50p. You will need to bring money, as we will not be accepting fingerprint payments.

You will purchase a coloured ticket relating to YOUR house, and have space to add a message to your addressee. You will need to know:

- Their full name
- Their form group
- If you want to add a message
- If you are going to send it anonymously

The money raised by each House will go to their individual House charity. There will also be House Points for the House that raises the most money.



## Thanksgiving Thanks

**On the fourth Thursday of November, Americans take time out to be thankful for what they have on the day of Thanksgiving. Last week, the House Team encouraged tutor groups to make collages of all that they are grateful for in their lives - and they rose to the challenge!**

*"I am grateful that I have lots of friends"*

*"I am grateful for my friends and their kindness"*

*"I am grateful for being able to receive Christmas presents"*

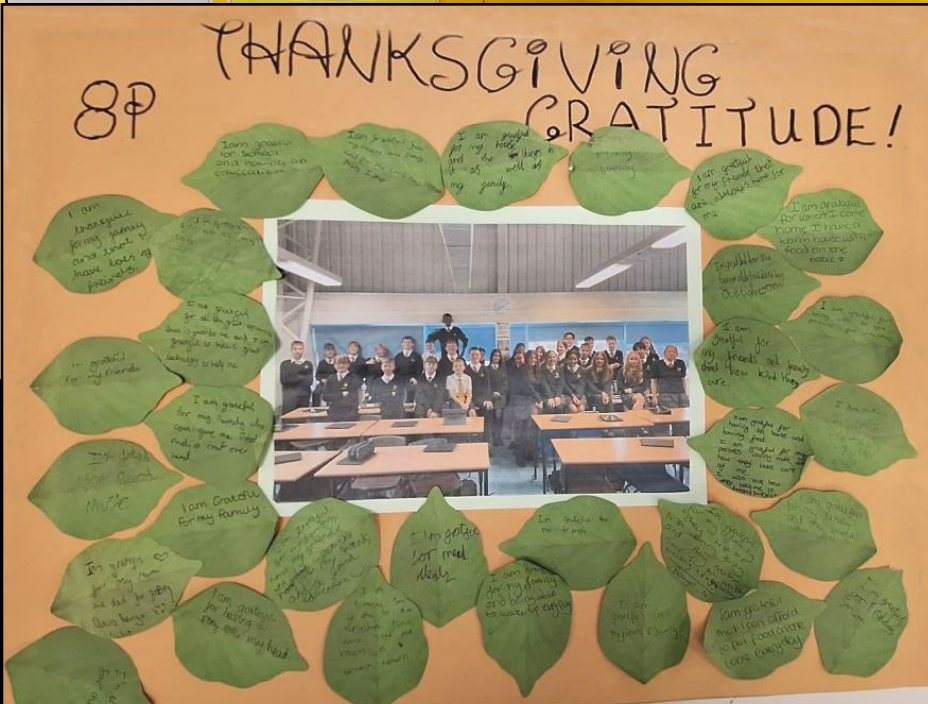
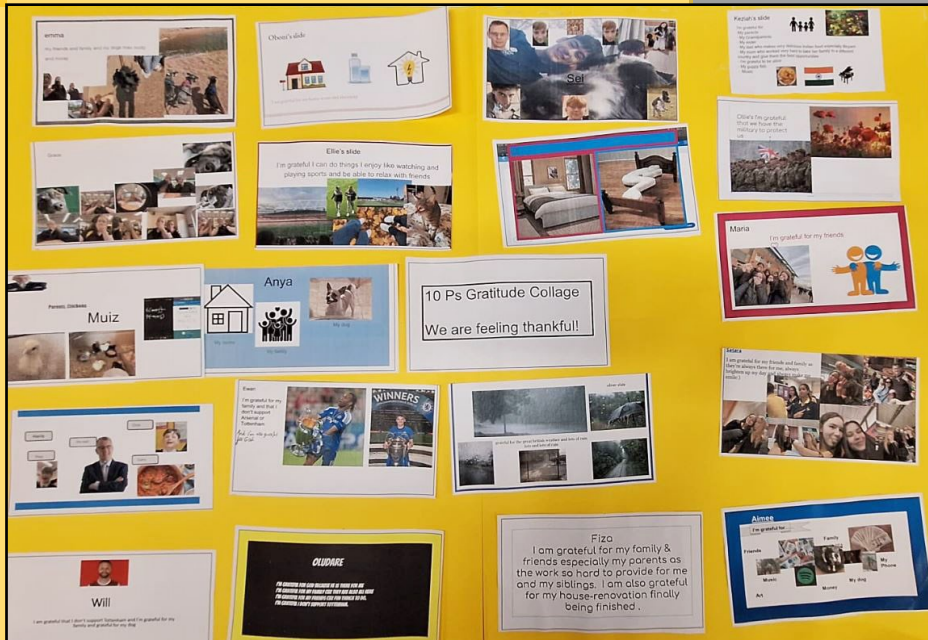
*"I am grateful that I am able to put food on the table every day"*

*"I am grateful that my friends are always there for me"*

*"I am grateful for my family"*

*"I am grateful for having an education"*

*"I am grateful for good music"*





# Tomlinscote Team Results

 <p><b>Tomlinscote</b> <b>U13 Boys Rugby</b></p>	v	<div>  <div> <p><b>Winston Churchill</b> <b>Charters</b> <b>Collingwood</b></p> </div>  </div>	<p><b>Won 2</b> <b>Lost 1</b></p>
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The U13 Boys rugby team attended a rugby tournament at Chobham RFC on Tuesday 21st November. There were 3 other teams present: Winston Churchill, Charters and Collingwood.

Tomlinscote won 2 matches and lost one, but played some fantastic rugby and showed the school values in abundance!

A huge congratulations to the team of :  
Cian Boeber, Kyle Bouwer, Oscar Bullen, Edward Dolbear, Seve Gersbach, Nathan Hill, Aden Holloway, Finlay Hooper, Aston Walton, Ethan MacLennan, Jack Evans, Lucas Rowley, Ben Thompson and Caleb who made a guest appearance from King's International School.

Well done to all of you!!



Scorers - Cian, Ethan, Ben, Finlay, Edward, Oscar, Nathan, Aden, Aston, Caleb, Kyle.

## A 'cracking' time!

A small group of students was offered the opportunity to learn more about healthy eating through our school catering company, Aramark. The enrichment session was a great way for our students to gain a better knowledge of nutrition, the importance of balanced diets, and how to make healthier food choices. It also included a practical demonstration which the students were encouraged to join in with.





## ESU Debate Heat One Year 7 team

***"You win a debate with a better argument, not by force"***



Some Tomlinscote students were given the task of presenting arguments for the Opposition to Gordon's School Proposition arguments. The motion the Proposition team were presenting was:

**'This House believes court cases should be broadcast to the public'.**

Our Opposition team - Noah Darby (7X), Kevin Ramesh (7X) and Vanya Jensen (7R) - had to argue that court cases should not be broadcast in courts.

You may or may not have been aware that since July 2022, millions of us have been able to watch the proceedings of at least thirty criminal cases of consequence that have taken place in Crown Courts. Legislation was passed by government to allow this to happen to give more visibility to the inner workings of our justice system and to increase public understanding.

The proposition team from Gordon's School argued that the benefit of watching sentencing remarks for notable trials at the Old Bailey from one fixed single camera might increase trust in public institutions in this age of 'misinformation'.

Noah (our First Opposition Speaker) argued in his 7 minute-long speech that this would be an abuse of human rights according to Article 8 (the right to respect for your family and private life) and as such could breach the data protection rights of innocent people being watched by the public go through the court process which could affect their ability to continue on with their lives untainted by biased scrutiny. He maintained broadcasting could breach the privacy of jurors and witnesses in a similar way, adding, that ironically by publicising criminal behaviour there could be a danger that this might encourage criminal behaviour and actually subvert the government's intention of increasing trust in public institutions and our justice system.

Kevin (Second Opposition Speaker) supported Noah with his 7 minute speech by extending our arguments by covering how the focus of trials could be shifted by the broadcasting from the authentic and protective legal justice workings to public opinion and the trolling of innocent participants on social media and in the news and how this might also unpick our justice system representing fair and equal treatment for all and for being innocent until proven guilty.

Vanya's role as 'Opposition Summary Speaker' came after both Gordon's school speakers and Noah and Kevin had presented all their arguments. His role involved the challenging task of listening to the Proposition arguments in real time alongside his teammates, noting down the Proposition team's key points to answer (and thinking how to challenge them) in his five minute speech. In addition, it was Vanya's role to take a note of the questions (called 'Points of Information' which you can accept or decline to answer) given to our team (again in real time) from the audience of students from all six schools on the content of Noah and Kevin's opposition speech arguments - and to attempt in his summary speech to answer them!

All did remarkably well and they definitely included all the PERSUADER devices learnt in their English lessons to give the older students at Gordon's School a run for their money! We are currently waiting to see whether we managed to get through to Heat 2.

The ESU Mace Debate format is a skill you can master at Debate Club in C35 with Ms. Kirby each week on the new day of Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm!

We also practise Public Speaking through the process of writing and delivering our arguments and at KS4 we also participate in the ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition.

If you are aiming for College and/or University after your time here at Tomlinscote, this club seeks to offer you a chance to refine your oracy skills to help you to present yourself as a competitive and promising student or worker in the big game of life to come! Even if your sights are set elsewhere, it is a great way to unwind at the end of a busy day through a heated debate on all manner of serious and light discussions.

If you have a strong opinion on whether pineapple belongs on a pizza or whether a war can ever be deemed acceptable and 'just', then this is the club for you. Anyone is welcome to join anytime. If you are doing Duke of Edinburgh awards, Ms. Kirby can sign Debate Club off as a 'new skill'.



## Mental Health Help Sheet

### Advice for Parents and Carers to help with exam stress

Exams are nearly upon us and many of our students may be feeling anxious. There will be lots of things that you can do at home to help your child revise and cope with stress. Exam time can be stressful for parents and carers too, so here are a few links to other sources of help if you are finding things hard.

[Young Minds](#) – If you're worried about how your child is coping with exams at school, here is our advice and information on where you can get help.



[Parentkind](#) – Bringing together home and school



[NHS](#) – Help your child beat exam stress



[CAMHS](#) – Useful links to help with exam stress



[BBC](#) – Exam stress – How can parents help



[Place2be](#) – Exam Stress Tipsheets



[The Mix](#) – Support for exam stress



### **Stress reduction apps specifically designed to help with exam stress:**



### **Someone to talk to:**

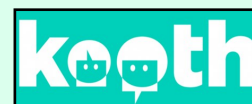
[Samaritans](#) – Call or text anytime of the day, any day of the year. They understand the stress of exams and will help you talk through your worries in confidence and for free



[Childline](#) – Not just for children. They have some great stuff for young people up to age 18 including coping with exams



[Kooth](#) – An online service for young people up to age 18 providing information, one off help or online counselling. Just register online to access help



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