

1st December 2023

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is examination time at Tomlinscote with the Year 9 Science exam on Wednesday and the Year 11 mock examinations under way too. I wish the students well and the Year 11 students will receive their grades in January in individual envelopes—just like the real occasion in August!

I would like to highlight a couple of logistical aspects

- if your child has lost an item of uniform recently then please ask them to go to the student reception. Next week, all items will be displayed outside of the reception.
- A letter was sent out recently regarding our school closure policy, it included a link to a form asking parents and carers to detail their wishes in the event of the school closing during the day. Please could I ask that you complete this form if you haven't already done so. We still have a number of blanks and that will cause a problem if we do have to send students home during a school day. Hopefully, we will never need to do so! Please click on the link, the form takes seconds to complete.

[Google Form](#)

There are some fantastic photos from the school production on pages 2 and 3. You can see that the students really enjoyed themselves putting on the 3 nightly performances.

I hope that 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

Wed 13 & Thu 14 Dec
Student Immunisations - All Years

Fri 15th Dec
End of term - 12.30pm closure



*Hello
December*



Legally Blinding!



An incredible 3 nights of pure unadulterated fun was had at Tomlinscote last week. The cast of 'Legally Blonde Jr' put their heart and soul into the performances, ensuring that the audiences were carried along on a 'feel good' fusion of singing and dancing.

Thank you to the actors, make-up and hair crew, backstage crew, and willing helpers over the 3 nights who all helped to create this visual spectacle.





Important Parent Notices

Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation for All Year Groups

e-consent must be completed before 7th December 2023, 4:00pm.
Immunisations will take place at school on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December 2023.

Under no circumstances will a vaccine be available without this consent.

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on Tel: 01483 728201 option 5.

Lost Property

For the week commencing Monday 4th December through to Friday 8th December any lost property will be outside Student Reception.

Any students who have lost items of uniform or equipment can come and have a look.

Any items remaining after this week will be taken to the Age UK shop in Frimley.



HOME LEARNING

Year 7 Home Learning

For the last two weeks of term, staff will be gradually switching to setting Home Learning tasks on Google Classroom (syncing with EduLink) but they will continue to ask students to write a brief entry in the paper planners (i.e. subject name + see EduLink/GC + due date). Whilst Year 7 students seem to be adapting really well to using their new iPads, we feel they will still benefit from the gradual switchover.

From 2nd January onwards, paper planners will no longer be used and all Home Learning will need to be accessed via EduLink/GC.

'Pitching' languages through football

This week, Year 9 Language students were treated to a wonderful talk given by Steve Eadon who works for a company called Mingalaba. Their mission is to promote languages through football. Their premise being that football is a common thread and therefore a topic that people easily relate to.

Steve gave a brief outline of his career in football and his work for Arsenal FC promoting football around the world. At school, he had reluctantly learnt German, but surprisingly went on to study it at A Level and at University, as well as Spanish. He felt that having these languages at his disposal opened doors for him, in terms of his career that wouldn't otherwise have been there.

His stint at Arsenal FC saw him travel to Kenya coaching groups of more than 200 children, often accompanied by roaming cattle, which was followed by a trip to Barbados. He was a little perplexed by his secondments, and on his return to Arsenal, asked why they hadn't made use of his 2 languages, German and Spanish. They explained that it wasn't just his languages that were an asset, but the fact that he was culturally aware, adaptable, up for a challenge and resilient.

This was an important message that he wanted to pass onto our students. He was keen for them to see the learning of a language as a valuable tool and not just another school subject. Having a language skill is seen as a real benefit and can put candidates head and shoulders above other applicants when it comes to looking for a job. He promoted 'having a go' and not being afraid to make mistakes. He also talked about English players in the men's and women's game who now play for foreign teams who felt that out of respect for their clubs, they should learn the respective language.

One of his slides detailing the number of languages that foreign players speak was quite impressive. Clearly they are known for their footballing prowess, however a large number also speak more than one language.

He finished by saying that it is easy to accept that English is one of the most commonly spoken languages. However, by learning a language and being prepared to use it, earns you respect, provides opportunities, widens your friendship group and opens doors to a more fulfilling future.



Mikel Arteta Spoke To His Arsenal Players In Three Different Languages During Manchester City Game

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Technical Staff

- Manager
- Coaches
- Medical Staff
- Dieticians
- Psychologists
- Scouts
- Analysts

Jobs In Football
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NEW ROLE: Player Care Officer

Manchester United require the above to assist the Player Care management in the integration and continual care of first team players, senior first team management and their families.

Fluency in French & Spanish is a must

<https://lnkd.in/e/pKqP>

Player Care

- Players
- Players' family
- Accommodation
- New city
- Cultural training
- General well-being

Romelu Lukaku	Belgium	England
Henrikh Mkhitaryan	Armenia	England
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	Gabon	France
Mateo Kovacic	Croatia	Spain
Kevin De Bruyne	Netherlands	England
Alexander Isak	Norway	England
Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal	Spain
Lia Wälti	Switzerland	France
Paul Pogba	France	France
Lucy Bronze	France	France
Aaron Ramsey	Wales	England
Kylian Mbappé	France	France
Vivianne Miedema	Netherlands	England
Martin Ødegaard	Norway	England
Emi Martínez	Spain	Spain
Jude Bellingham	England	England
Georgia Stanway	France	France
Keira Walsh	England	England
Harry Kane	England	England

Dungeons & Dragons Club

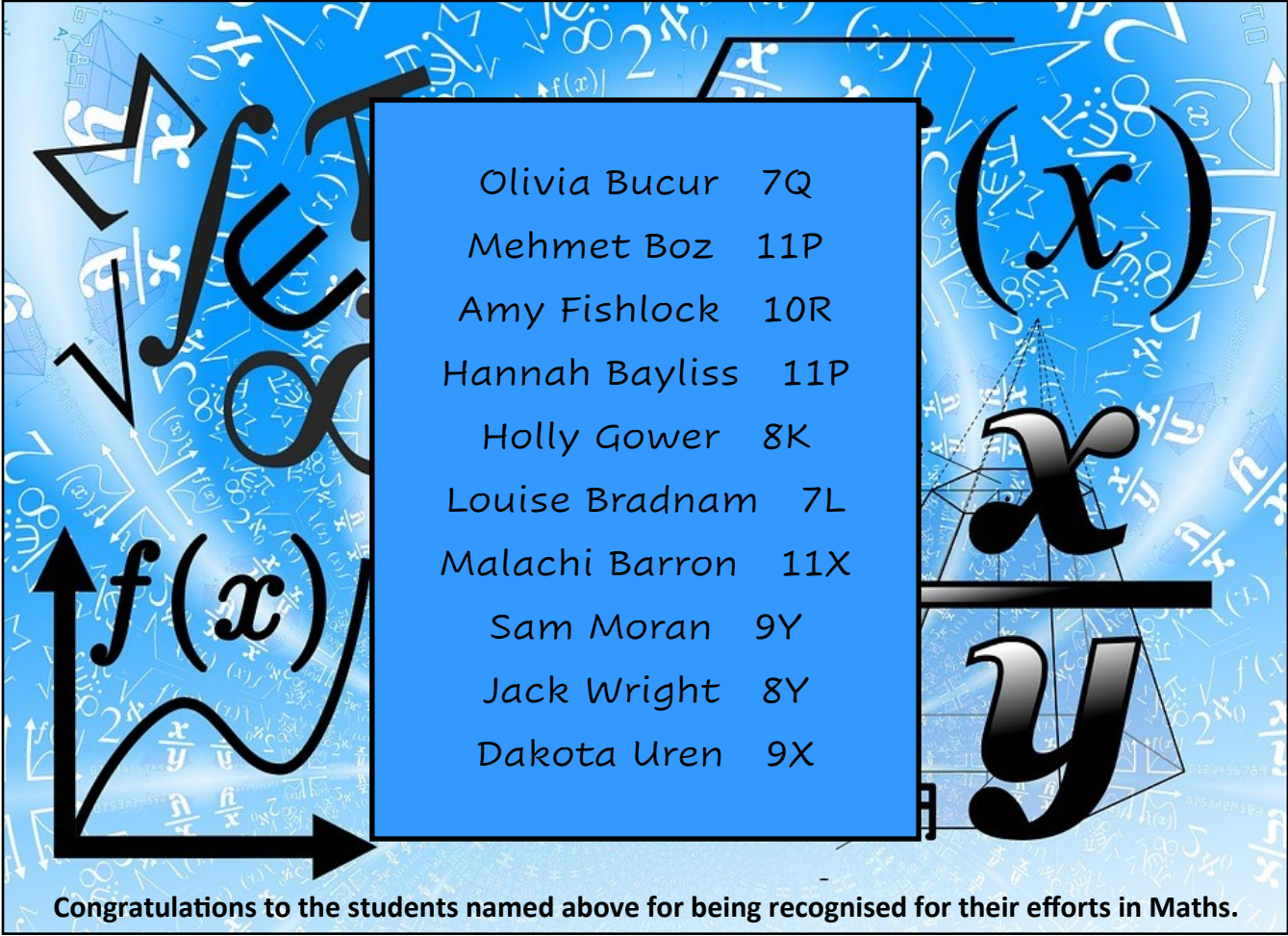


DND Club is a huge success! Thank you to everyone who is coming every week.

We started off with one group and have grown to enable us to have three campaigns running!

If you have never played before, still come along! It's a great place to be if you love role-playing games, and want to make new friends!

Maths Student of the Month - November



Olivia Bucur	7Q
Mehmet Boz	11P
Amy Fishlock	10R
Hannah Bayliss	11P
Holly Gower	8K
Louise Bradnam	7L
Malachi Barron	11X
Sam Moran	9Y
Jack Wright	8Y
Dakota Uren	9X

Congratulations to the students named above for being recognised for their efforts in Maths.

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.

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote Year 7 A Netball Team	V		 7 - 3	Players' Players Caitlin Hughes Jasmyn Kerr
Tomlinscote Year 8 A Netball Team	V		 12 - 4	Players' Players Issy Scott Eloise Wellington
Tomlinscote Year 7 A Netball Team	V		 9 - 0	Players' Players Caitlin Hughes Jasmyn Kerr
Tomlinscote Year 8 A Netball Team	V		 25 - 13	Players' Players Eva Scott Immy Scott
Tomlinscote Year 9 A Netball Team	V		 7 - 3	Players' Players Sheza Kayani Alana Moore
A clean sweep for the Netball teams this week, what a fantastic set of results. All of the teams should feel rightfully proud of their performances. We look forward to hearing about future successes.				

Tomlinscote Year 9 Basketball Team	V		 71 - 17	Player of the Match Jeremy Rushforth
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Tomlinscote Year 9 Basketball team had their first game of the season on Tuesday against Robert May's. The team showed excellent teamwork and skill and controlled the game from start to finish. Congratulations to the hole team for such a convincing victory.

Tomlinscote Year 11 Football Team	V		 3 - 2	Scorers Zahir Al-Nawab - 2 Luca Boeber - 1
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Player of the Match - Kris Eccleston

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote entered two girls teams into the Surrey CCC Indoor Cricket Competition this week. This was the first round with the potential to progress to regional/national finals.

The U13 side beat Kings convincingly by 28 runs and will progress to the regional rounds.

Toms 98 runs for 2.

Kings 70 for 4.

POM: Amberley Wilcox

The U15 side came up against a very strong Gordons team and in a closely fought match lost by 1 run with 1 over remaining.

Toms 62 runs for 5.

Gordons 63 for 6.

POM Imogen Richards



North-West Surrey Schools District Cross-Country

On Monday, 51 Tomlinscote students braved the elements and took part in a cross-country event at Lightwater Country Park. This turned out to be a very successful day for Tomlinscote, with a range of excellent performances.

Our Year 8 Girls finished 2nd overall, Year 9 Boys finished 3rd overall and our Year 10/11 Boys finished 1st, beating previous winners Woking High by over 30 points.

Year 10/11 Runners:

James Waite

Ewan Mayes

Nathan Allen

Oliver Newall

Daniel Jones

Stand out performances from:

Camellia Harding – Finished 4th

Imogen Scott – Finished 4th

Jay Austin-Burrows – Finished 4th

James Waite – Finished 4th

The weather was truly awful making pretty uncomfortable running conditions for our competitors. The rain, however, didn't dampen their spirits and they performed incredibly well.

A huge congratulations to all of our students for representing Tomlinscote and showing such commitment and dedication.



Careers News

Apprenticeships Online Session

Many thanks to all of the students and parents that joined us for our 'live' Teams event with ASK (Apprenticeships Support and Knowledge) on Monday evening for an 'Introduction to Apprenticeships'. We hope that the information was really valuable and provided a good opportunity to find out more about this as a post - 16 pathway.

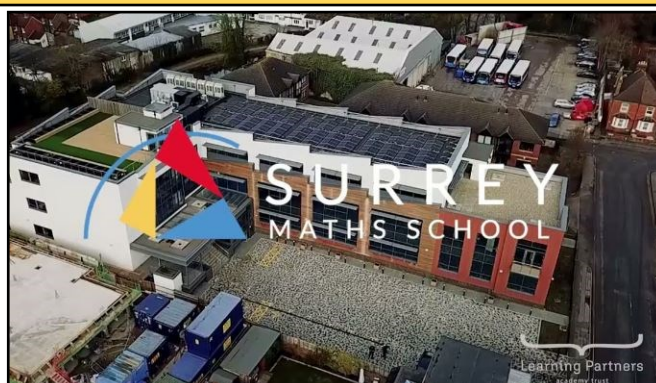
For those unable to attend or for anyone else interested in finding out more, here is the link to the recording of the event for your own information.

[Event Recording](#)

Surrey Maths School- recruitment presentation to Year 11 Mathematicians

Last Friday, 60 of Tomlinscote's top Year 11 mathematicians were lucky enough to attend a presentation from the newly established 'Surrey Maths School' which is based in central Guildford. This is a specialist Maths School for 16-19 year olds who have a passion and a flair for mathematics and other STEM based subjects. At the SuMS, students explore STEM subjects and an enrichment curriculum alongside their core Mathematics courses (Mathematics and Further Mathematics A-Levels). Students heard from Andrew Roach (LPAT Director of Education and Maths Schools Lead) about the opportunities for the SuMS students and about the curriculum on offer at the Guildford based school. This is yet another post-16 opportunity or pathway for those students to help really explore their options. To find out more, please visit their website below:

[Surrey Maths School Website](#)



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