

8th December 2023

# Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

A few key dates to watch out for next week:

- \* The school is closed on Tuesday 12th December 2023.
- \* The previously postponed Parental Forum is now on Wednesday 13th December 2023. It starts at 7pm for one hour, everyone is welcome and I will send the agenda items separately.
- \* The Christmas Concert is next Thursday 14th December 2023 and starts at 7pm in the Main Hall. It is a lovely way to start the Christmas period and again everyone is welcome.
- \* The end of term is at 12.30pm on Friday 15th December 2023.

A big well done to Year 11 who are persevering with their mock examinations. There are just a few days to go! A separate letter will go out next week outlining the plans to support Year 11 with targeted tutoring, mentoring and a focus on revision.

This will be the last Newsletter of the Autumn Term and I wish everyone the very best over the Christmas period.

Mr Major

## Key Dates

### **Tue 12th Dec**

Assessment Day  
School closed to students

### **Wed 13 & Thu 14 Dec**

Student Immunisations - All Years

### **Wed 13th Dec**

Parental Forum

### **Thu 14th Dec**

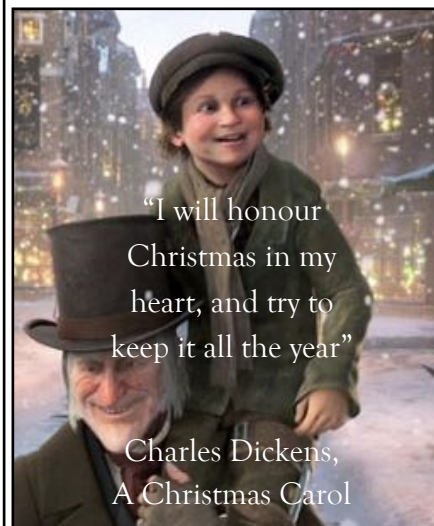
Christmas Concert

### **Fri 15th Dec**

End of term - 12.30pm closure

### **Tue 2nd Jan**


Start of Term (normal start time)



"I will honour  
Christmas in my  
heart, and try to  
keep it all the year"

Charles Dickens,  
A Christmas Carol





# Tomlinscote Christmas Concert

**Thu 14th Dec  
7.00 - 8.00pm**

**Main Hall**

**Come along and enjoy  
some wonderful music ,  
share in some  
refreshments and get  
yourself in the festive  
mood.**



## spilling the beans on a career in pharmaceuticals

### Careers Insight Talk - Careers in Pharmacy

Tomlinscote students were lucky enough to be a part of a careers insight talk this week on 'careers in pharmacy'. The session included presentations from three people who all have very different roles within the pharmaceutical industry. All three of our volunteers talked to students about their roles, how they got there and the skills they use day to day in their respective jobs.

Preeya Beczek talked to students about her journey through different careers in pharmacy to the role that she now holds which is managing her own company working with differing branches of the pharmaceutical industry. Laura Johnson talked to students about her job in Frimley Park Hospital as a Hospital Pharmacist and how she deals with medication in a very patient facing role. Finally, we welcomed back Pia Boeber to Tomlinscote to talk about her role at AstraZeneca. Pia is one of our ex-students who is now studying for a degree apprenticeship at AstraZeneca in their cell engineering team. Pia was able to give students an overview of what she does within the labs up in Cambridge but also an understanding of how her apprenticeship works and how this can be a route into a career. We would like to thank our three volunteers for coming into school to give the students a great insight into all of the different careers opportunities within one industry and the different ways in which you can get into them.



### Workshop – Drug Development in the pharmaceutical industry

Selected Year 10 Triple Scientists took part in a fantastic workshop this week with two of our volunteers from the careers insight talk on Careers in Pharmacy. Preeya and Pia ran a session for the Year 10 students where the students were all part of the same company looking to secure the rights for developing a drug (Linezolid) from a tablet form into a solution form for a vaccination. The students were split into the different departments within the company (marketing, manufacturing, regulatory services etc) and each department had a variety of tasks to get them to think about that function within a company and how they'd relate this to the specific drug case study they were working on. They did the task as a department but then had to feedback their actions and recommendations to the rest of the company at the end. Preeya and Pia then related it back to the function of the whole company and how it is done from start to finish in the real world.

### Higher Education Insight Talk- Psychology

This week, the Year 10 Psychology students welcomed Amelia Truscott into their lesson to give them an insight talk into studying Psychology at University and the careers that this can lead to. Amelia is with us at Tomlinscote for a year's placement from the University of Surrey as a Learning Support Assistant. Amelia talked to the GCSE Psychology students about her journey to studying a degree in Psychology, what studying Psychology at university is like (courses, lectures, seminars and how she is assessed), careers that a Psychology degree can lead to and how her university placement year is set up to prepare her for the workplace. There were lots of questions from the students and it gave them a really valuable insight into the range of choices they have for their next steps and how university courses are organised.



## Maths Magic at Wellington



WELLINGTON  
COLLEGE



On a cold November morning, a group of Year 10 students arrived at Wellington College to investigate 'Taking Maths Further' beyond GCSE. They attended a series of workshops relating to various topic areas that may feature in A level or degree courses in Maths or related subjects. Students investigated the author of 'Alice in Wonderland' and his links to Mathematics, code breaking and cryptic puzzles. Digital roots were the focus of the next workshop and the links of Number Theory to various areas of mathematical study. Operational research and the science and art of decision-making, focused on real world problems such as theatre booking systems and using mathematical algorithms to find the best approach.

After a hearty lunch, with a huge range of culinary options to suit everyone, students returned to hear the Keynote session: Maths in Space. They were treated to an interactive presentation on how mathematicians worked to identify the best way to land on the moon and more recently Mars. Students were amazed to discover that calculations for the moon landing had been made as early as the 1930s, before manned space exploration was even scientifically possible! Students then attempted to make their own prototype helicopter for the Mars Rover. Some flew incredibly well despite the fact that they were only made of paper!

The day ended with the famed 'Dragon Quiz' where Tomlinscote students have always thrived. A brilliant day was had by all and everyone enjoyed being exposed to such advanced mathematics but on a level which was accessible to them currently. Their eyes were opened to the potential career options available to them and how further mathematical study could be the root into a huge range of industries and professions in their future.

The Maths Department has decided to include a Year 10 and Year 11 student from the Further Maths Groups into the November Student of the Month nominations.

These 2 students have been recognised for their continued hard work and perseverance within the Maths Department.

Congratulations to the 2 nominated students.

**Year 10 Further Maths**  
**Harriet Washington 10M**

**Year 11 Further Maths**  
**Tegan Westhead 11G**





See below for the incredible number of books our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been reading. A huge congratulations to 7G and English class 8A/EN1 for being awarded the gold medal to celebrate their reading prowess.

Take time over the Christmas break to get your teeth into a good book!

## "Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere"

### YEAR 7 LEADERBOARD - OCTOBER

●	7G	91 Books Read	+2hps
●	7V	88 Books Read	+1hp
●	7L	84 Books Read	+1hp
4	7K	72 Books Read	
5	7X	67 Books Read	
6	7H	62 Books Read	
7	7Q	58 Books Read	
8	7M	48 Books Read	
9	7P	45 Books Read	
10	7R	40 Books Read	

### YEAR 8 LEADERBOARD - NOVEMBER

●	8A/En1	78 Books Read	+2hps
●	8C/En2	76 Books Read	+1hp
●	8B/En2	69 Books Read	+1hp
4	8C/En3	68 Books Read	
5	8B/En1	65 Books Read	
6	8C/En1	62 Books Read	
7	8B/En3	55 Books Read	
8	8A/En2	43 Books Read	
8	8D/En1	43 Books Read	
10	8D/En2	42 Books Read	
11	8D/En3	41 Books Read	
12	8A/En3	23 Books Read	

## Practicing Biscuit Decorating!

Students enjoyed themselves decorating biscuits in Fun Club this week, armed with baubles and brightly coloured icing, they created some beautifully decorated biscuits to celebrate the imminent arrival of Christmas.







## Year 9 Christmas Bake Off

The Year 9 Festive Bake Off took place this week. Competition was fierce and some wonderful bakes were produced.

The judges really went above and beyond and as seen on the TV Bake Off, they were marked on their taste and appearance.

We are yet to hear whether any of the teams received the equivalent of the 'Hollywood handshake'.

### Individual Winners:

- 1st. Francesco & Tallulah Pankhurst
- 2nd. Ava & Hariram Hawking
- 3rd. Roshni & Eloise Rowling

### House Competition

- 1st Hawking
- 2nd Rowling
- 3rd Attenborough
- 4th Mandela
- 5th Pankhurst

Although Pankhurst won the individual, they only had one team entrant.





# Tomlinscote Team Results

## Year 8 5-a-side Tournament:

The Year 8s 5-a-side team played really well recently in the District indoor 5-a-side football tournament. They managed to beat a number of local schools in the groups stages to get through to the finals. Only losing one game in the group stages to qualify, they went through with 10 points scoring 5 goals and conceding 2. The boys played incredibly well together, moving the ball quickly and communicating effectively on the pitch meaning that their team worked together really efficiently. The team won the semi-final 3-1 against a tough Salesian team with Jay Coombs scoring a lovely hatrick to get us through to the final.

We were very unlucky in the final against Farnham Heath End where the hosts scored in the final 30 seconds of extra-time to win the game 1-0.

With lots of chances for both sides the final could have gone either way. The final score meant that Tomlinscote were runners up this year in the Year 8 boys district 5-a-side tournament.

Well done to the team for a brilliant effort, making it to the final. We are convinced that there will be more success for this group in the future.

Player of the Tournament was Jay Coombs for scoring some brilliant goals for the team throughout.



**The U12 Boys attended a rugby tournament at Chobham RFC recently. There were 6 other teams participating. Tomlinscote played against Woking High, Collingwood and St. John the Baptist.**

**Tomlinscote won 2 matches and lost 2 matches. The team played some fantastic rugby showing how cohesive this team is becoming.**

**Congratulations to the team comprising:**

**George Campbell**

**Campbell Cochrane**

**Lenny Gregory**

**Billy Lovell**

**Micke Moutsatsos**

**Elijah Murrell**

**Cohen Nicholas**

**Spencer Pay**

**Archie Still**

**Harry Walker**

**Deacon (guest appearance from Kings International College)**

**Tries were scored by:**

**Spencer**

**Deacon**

**Elijah**

**Lenny**

# Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U13 Boys cricket team progressed into the second round of the Surrey CCC Sports Hall Cricket Competition following their 2 wins over Winston Churchill and Kings.

Tomlinscote 40 runs for 0 wickets

Winston 37 runs for 3 wickets

POM: Abdullah Kiyani

Tomlinscote 73 runs for 4 wickets

Kings 24 runs all out (6 wickets)

POM: Brogan Hebditch

This is a fantastic result for the boys squad that is still ultimately in its infancy.

Congratulations to all members of the team.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the U15 boys participated in the first round of the Surrey CCC Sports Hall Cricket Tournament, where they were joined by Gordons, Winston Churchill and Kings International.

In straight semi-finals, Gordon's beat Tomlinscote by a score of 69-54 after the allotted 6 overs each, and Winston Churchill beat Kings International by 88-27. Thus, Gordon's and Winston Churchill moved on to the final.

Gordon's won the final 80-20 after all the overs were bowled and Tomlinscote beat Kings International 37-23 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place game. Gordons will therefore progress to the second round of the competition.

Congratulations to all who participated in an enjoyable and well fought competition.

U15 Team:

Jack Croot

Tadi Leal

Callum McTernan

Hassan Shuib

Thomas Solomon

Abdullah Imran

Tomlinscote  
U12 Boys  
Basketball

V

Alderwood



Score  
12-20



Player of the Match  
Luke Bush



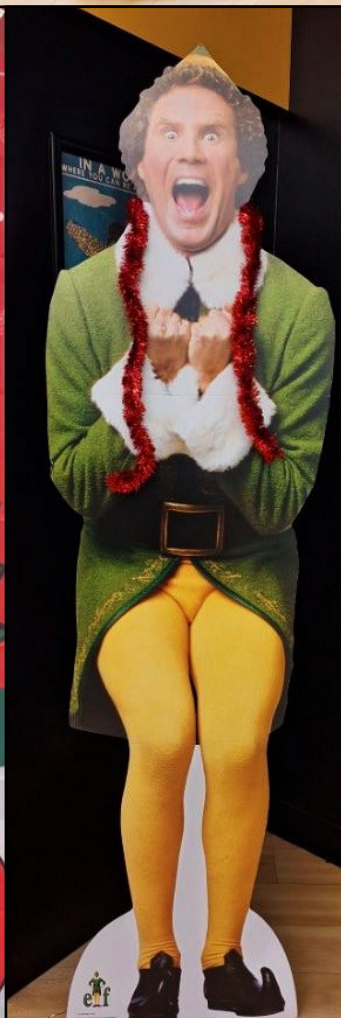
# Yule want a slice of these!

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students baked and iced some truly beautiful Yule Logs.

Embracing a number of skills, they really nailed the brief and produced some bakes that might not make it to Christmas!







### Canteen Christmas Crackers!

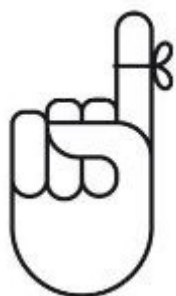
All the staff in the canteen have well and truly embraced the festive season; dressing up and decorating the Bee Hive for the benefit of Tomlinscote students and staff.

They have also laid on Christmas Karaoke and the Christmas Clock. If the clock alarm rings when a student is at the till, their food items are a 'gift'.

Two members of SLT also popped up to keep an eye on things!



# Important Parent Notices



Since the start of the new school year we have noticed a significant increase in the number of items being brought into school during the school day that have been forgotten by students.

This results in messages having to be written and taken to students, and in some cases lessons being interrupted to hand over the item.

The main school reception is incredible busy, especially first thing in the morning when most of the items are brought in. Please could we ask that students do a spot check of their bags before leaving in the morning to ensure that all the items, be it PE kits, trainers, iPads or food stuffs for Food Tech lessons are in their possession.

## Important Safety Information

We have received reports of Tomlinscote students riding bicycles to school with no lights on. At this time of year it is often quite dark in the morning and at the end of the school day.

As a result, we detail below what is currently required when cycling on public roads.

"The most basic requirement of the law is to fit a white front light and a red rear light which must be clean and working properly, when cycling between sunset and sunrise. Reflectors should also be fitted to pedals and the rear of the cycle".



Collingwood College is formally consulting on proposed changes to the College's admissions arrangements for September 2025.

The changes being consulted are their Main College Admissions Policy and their Sixth Form Admissions Policy

The consultation will run from **Monday 4 December 2023 until 6.00 p.m. on Monday 15 January 2024.**

Anyone wishing to submit their views should email the College, marking their email subject as Admissions Consultation, to [admissions@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk). Alternatively, responses can be made in writing and posted to Collingwood College, Kingston Road, Camberley, GU15 4AE. In any response, please include your full name, title, and contact details.

Full details of the consultation are published on their website [HERE](#). After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the Full Governing Board of the College for decision making and ratification.

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Merry Christmas  
Frohe Weihnachten!

Feliz Navidad

メリークリスマス

Joyeux Noël

圣诞节快乐

All staff at  
Tomlinscote wish our  
students, parents  
and carers a Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.