

5th January 2024

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

The big piece of news is obviously our fantastic Ofsted result this week and I do want to highlight it again because it is such a great achievement for the Tomlinscote community.

Overall Effectiveness	OUTSTANDING
The Quality of Education	OUTSTANDING
Behaviour & Attitudes	OUTSTANDING
Leadership & Management	OUTSTANDING

I have not read such a positive Ofsted report before and there are so many positive comments throughout. Here are a few:

"Pupils flourish at this exceptional school"

"The school's curriculum is aspirational.... ambitious, challenging and engaging"

"Pupils consistently demonstrate exemplary behaviour"

"Classrooms are industrious spaces where students demonstrate an exceptionally positive work ethic and achieve highly"

"Staff are passionate about education"

"The school is an inclusive community in which difference in values and discrimination is not tolerated"

"Those responsible for governance know the school extremely well"

"Staff describe the inclusive and purposeful culture that is now embedded in the school"

The use of words such as 'exemplary' and 'exceptional' are so pleasing to read. Congratulations to the students, who were brilliant ambassadors, to the parents who support us day in/day out, to the Councillors (governors) who dedicate so much of their own time for our students, to the staff who are brilliant role models and to The Prospect Trust, who have formed a Multi Academy Trust that is exciting to belong to. It is a lovely time to be at Tomlinscote!

Mr Major

Happy New Year

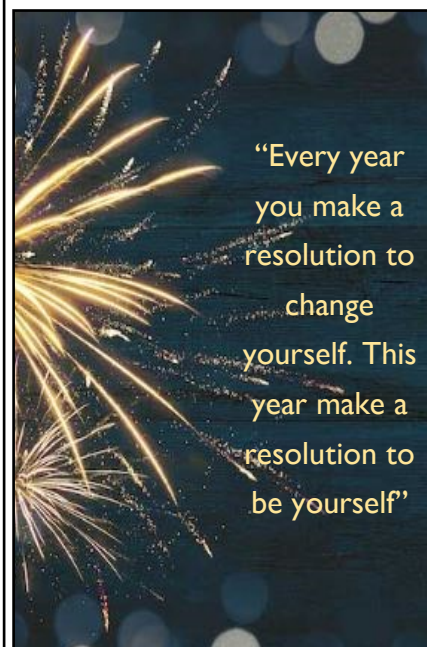
Key Dates

Thu 11th Jan

Year 9 Personal Development Day

Wed 17th Jan

Revision Evening for Year 11
Parents & Carers
Main Hall



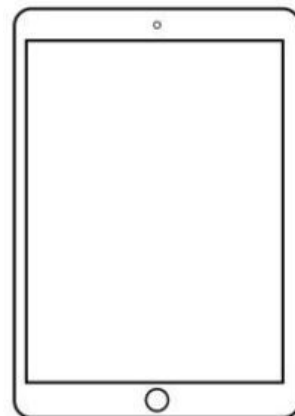
"Every year
you make a
resolution to
change
yourself. This
year make a
resolution to
be yourself"



Important Information for Year 7

We wish to remind parents/carers of Year 7 students that paper planners are no longer used. All Home Learning tasks now need to be accessed via EduLink (students and parents/carers) and Google Classroom (students only).

New electronic planners also exist for all other purposes. They are available on students' iPads in OneNote.



Grappling Greatness!

Serina in 8H has had some absolutely outstanding achievements during 2023 in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. She is currently ranked number 1 in the world for her weight category and in the top 10 in the world across all weight classes within Grey belt category.

Serina has won 8 gold medals at county and national level during 2023 and one gold at international level competing in the Europeans.

She has already been promoted to solid grey belt from grey and white belt and was awarded 'Most improved Grey Belt Student of the Year 2023' from her Head Instructor at Carlson Gracie, Farnborough.

In 2024, Serina will be sponsored to compete at the Pan America's and possibly in Brazil as well.

This really is an amazing story of success and we look forward to hearing about Serina's future competitions both here and abroad.



"Since Jujitsu was originally developed for samurai, Japanese jujitsu is suitable for real-life combat situations. It is often taught in a very traditional setting where discipline is greatly valued. Brazilian jiu-jitsu, on the other hand, is primarily used for sport with a primary focus on grappling. They remain, however, closely related to each other".

Careers News



Year 10 'Post-16 Progression & Work Experience' Information Evening Monday 22nd January 7-8 pm (Main Hall)

A reminder that we have our Year 10 'Post-16 Progression and Work Experience' evening coming up on Monday 22nd January 7-8 pm in the Main Hall. We will be giving you information on how we support the Key Stage 4 students with their next steps and post-16 plans, as well as launching the Year 10 Work Experience programme which takes place this coming June 2024. There will also be an opportunity to hear from local post-16 providers at the evening. These providers will be available on stands, from 6.30 pm prior to the presentation, and again afterwards for any questions you may have.

Activate Learning Centres – Year 10/11 Taster Sessions (Merrist Wood, Guildford and Farnham Colleges)

Between January and May 2024, students in Year 10 and 11 will be able to sign up to bespoke taster sessions on campus, aimed at helping them make informed decisions about their next steps. Each session will be completely tailored to a Career Pathway and provide students with the opportunity to sample an activity related to the course, view the facilities, and ask the tutors questions about studying with Activate Learning. By signing up, students will have complete control over the subject(s) they sign up for and how many they attend.

Students can sign up for the taster sessions by following the links below:

Merrist Wood Taster Sessions - [Merrist Wood Taster Sessions](#). | [Eventbrite](#)

Guildford College Taster Sessions - [Guildford College Taster Sessions](#). | [Eventbrite](#)

Farnham College Taster Sessions - [Farnham Taster Sessions](#) | [Eventbrite](#)



Year 11 students- interested in a career in Medicine or Dentistry? King's College, London Lecture Programme 2024

For those Year 11s potentially considering pursuing a career in the competitive fields of Medicine and Dentistry, applications are now open for the free, online, and national [King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2024](#). This programme is for students across the UK in Year 11, 12, and 13, who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are interested in becoming a doctor or dentist.

For over three years, this online programme has supported students in accessing the hypercompetitive medical and dental degrees by acting as a **hub of support** for their questions and queries. Lectures will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6.00-7.15pm. Our first lecture will be on Wednesday 14th February.

Over the course of the lecture programme, students will hear from a variety of speakers to help them make the best application to medicine or dentistry possible! Last year's lectures included the following:

- Medical and dental specialities: paediatrics, prosthodontics, renal transplant, maxillofacial and many more!
- Q&A's each week with current medical and dental students.
- Support for the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.
- September Q&A with key admissions colleagues in the school of medicine at KCL, UCL, St George's, Queen Mary, and Imperial.
- A session on other careers in healthcare with six professionals currently working and teaching in the sector (nursing, dietetics, clinical science, etc.)

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

Tomlinscote Trip Statistics for 2023

As a school Tomlinscote uses a software package called Evolve. It is an online system for the planning, approval and management of educational visits, sports fixtures and extracurricular activities.

At the end of 2023 Evolve provided us with some statistics highlighting the number of visits, type of visit and number of students involved. The numbers involved help to demonstrate Tomlinscote's commitment to enhancing our students' educational journeys.



**Tomlinscote School
ran 127 visits in total
during 2023**

**Tomlinscote School
ran 10 overseas
visits with 485
participating
students.**

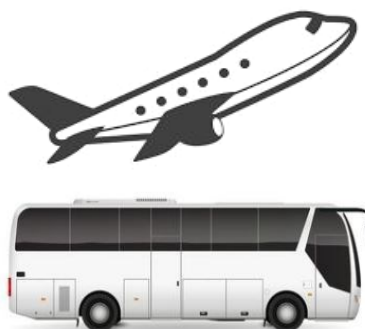
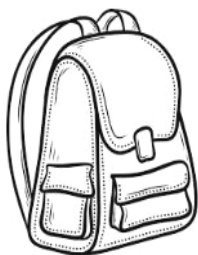
**Thank you to all of
the members of
Tomlinscote staff
who enabled these
trips to take place,
both home and
abroad.**

**Tomlinscote School
ran 81 day visits
with 2347
participating
students.**

**These trips
enhanced and
supplemented
classroom learning
by bringing the
curriculum to life
and providing
memorable
experiences.**

**Tomlinscote School
ran 14 residential
visits with 711
participating
students.**

**These created
bonding and
teamwork
opportunities and
encouraged
essential life skills
such as
independence, self-
reliance and
decision making.**



**PE
STARS**
November
&
December

**Congratulations
to our
Star Performers.
Well done, keep
up the good
work.**

Aimee Maginnis 10L

Poppy Armstrong 9R

Inara Czubala 10L

Alannah Stott 7R

Jabez Rai 10H

Imogen Bird 11H

Evie Mackinnon 9H

Cameron Milam 8X

Harry Chennells 9X

Brooke Daniel 8K

Orla Swift 8X

Evan Duncalfe 11X

George North 8X

Finlay Hooper 8R

Chloe Flint 11X

Mysha Muneer Basha 9X

Lucas Berowsky 8P

Ellie Chasteauneuf 7X

Lewis Barnes 10K

Rhys Kendall 10M

Shaivi Udhin 9G

Sophie Jefferson 10R

Jayme Weekes 11Y

Henry Godfree 7H

Fergus Swift 10G

Rhys Sheppard 7R

Honey-Rae Feehan 7Q

Hanna Georgsson-Young 7P

Louise Bradnam 7L

Milana Sira 7X

Maya Couderc 11Y

James Fishlock 8R

Adam Phillips 11K

Evelyn Russell 7L

Jenis Gurung 11H

Lewis Capper 9Y

Aryan Dixit 8Y

Abby Taylor 8G

Yasmin Ballard 7G

Maisie Hall 8Q

Caitlin Hughes 7M

Kavin Ramesh 7X

Felix Whitehead 8L

Henri Botha 8G

Andrew Evangelista

Daniel Edrich 9R

Terelle Ingram-Small 9P

Joe Beatty 11K

Sheza Kayani 9Q

Aasheem Gurung 9K

Rozalia Ciernicka 9X

Jasper Kelly 11M

Geet Hira 9M

Act of Kindness Awards - Year 8



Bella Sawyer - 8R

She is always happy to help and always thinks about others.

Luke Baker - 8G

He helps me with work when I am stuck and is always kind and funny to be with.

Luca Hannaway - 8H

For helping others during lessons, ensuring that everyone feels involved when in a group and going up and saying hi to them during break and lunch.

George North - 8X

For his kindness, for helping others and for being so funny.

Eva Scott - 8K

For regularly representing the school at sporting events.

Lillian Al-Zobaigy - 8P

She is an amazing friend to have, she has everyone's back and is caring towards everyone.

Rinjen Pradhan - 8M

For positively motivating the class.

Eassa Ashraf - 8Q

For helping me out when I was stuck and for always being kind.

Kirstie Conway-Mullins - 8L

For being a helpful member of 8L and being kind towards friends and other peers.

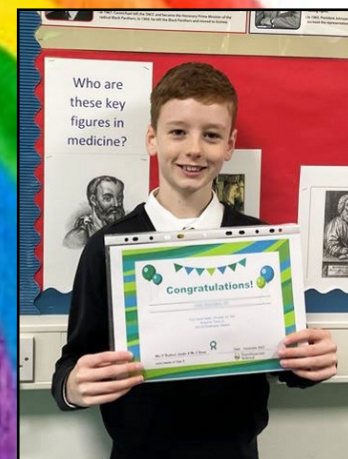


Josh Saunders - 8Y

For encouraging and supporting other members of his tutor group.



Congratulations to all of the Year 8 students who have been nominated by their peers to receive Acts of Kindness Awards.



The Light Fantastic!



Just before Christmas, students were invited to take part in an inter-House photographic competition. They were tasked with taking photos of Christmas lights they had seen in their neighbourhoods.

Congratulations to Edward Bradshaw in Rowling House for winning with his 2 submissions, and to Tilly Bourke who was runner up from Attenborough House.


They both managed to capture the magic of Christmas with these bright and colourful photos.



A huge 'Thank you' for the food donations that were donated by students and staff. The Besom Food Bank benefitted hugely from the items that we as a community provided.



Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U12 Boys Basketball League	v	Yateley School 	Score 12 - 54	Player of the Match Luke Bush
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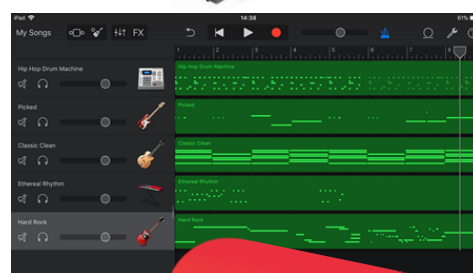
House Competition



Create a piece of music in GarageBand

You need to create a piece of music to represent Tomlinscote's Community Spirit!

- * Add your entries to the House Competition Google Classroom:
<https://classroom.google.com/c/Nji0MzE5MzU5MDc4?cjc=iuv3uxy>
- * Classroom Code iuv3uxy
- * Don't forget to add your form and House in the comments section
- * Deadline - Friday 12th January
- * All entries will receive House Points, with the winning entry receiving 100 points for their house!



Parent Notices

Consultation on changes to Gordon's Admission Arrangements for 2025/26

Gordon's School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for 2025/26.

The key changes to the admissions arrangements are as follows:

Main School Policy

Sibling Criteria - Clarification of when the sibling must be on roll. Academic year prior not Calendar Year (see paragraphs 3b, 3e, 5b, 5d and 5f).

Sixth Form Policy

- Sibling criteria – Change to when the sibling must be on roll - At the time of application (see paragraph 5c)
- Addition of 'children of staff' within the oversubscription criteria (see paragraph 5d)
Addition of 'students who have been awarded Scholarships' within the oversubscription criteria (see paragraph 5f and Appendix 2)

Please send any comments on the proposed changes to Mrs Josephine Boorman by **29 January 2024**, by email to jboorman@gordons.school or by letter to Gordon's School, Bagshot Road, West End, Surrey, GU24 9PT

The proposed arrangements can be viewed on the School's website www.gordons.school/joinus

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CLASSES AND
UNLIMITED GYM!

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