

12th January 2024

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

There are a number of large events occurring during January to bring to your attention.

Year 11 Parents — Revision Evening on Wednesday 17th January 2024 and Progress Meetings online on Thursday 25th January 2024.

Year 10 Parents & students - Work Experience and Post 16 Progression evening on Monday 22nd January 2024.

Year 9 Parents - Options Evening on Monday 29th January 2024

Now that the weather has turned colder, I would like to bring to your attention our procedures in the event of a school closure due to weather conditions.

Click on the link:

<https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/page/?title=School+Closure+Procedure&pid=36>

If you didn't complete the Google form last term indicating what course of action to take for your child(ren) if we had to close during the school day, please do so now using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/vxmaNqxrEuq5BNo9A>

Thank you to the teaching team who led the Year 9 Personal Development Day on Thursday. The themes were: media influences, body confidence, radicalisation, substance misuse, gang exploitation and gambling awareness. Quite a varied range of topics but very relevant to the world we live in.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Major

Key Dates

Wed 17th Jan

Revision Evening for Year 11
Parents & Carers
Main Hall 6.00 - 7.30pm

Mon 22nd Jan

Year 10 Work Experience & Post 16
Progression Evening 7.00 - 8.00pm

Tue 23rd Jan

Year 9 Diversity Day

Thu 25th Jan

Year 11 Progress Meetings
(online)

Mon 29th Jan

Year 9 Options evening
7pm Main Hall

**"To appreciate the beauty
of a snowflake it is
necessary to stand out
in the cold."**

- ARISTOTLE





Recently, Miss Merle gave her French language students a challenge. She provided them with 10 words and asked them to write a story in French.

Chloe Flint and Venus McKee came up with this 'magnifique' composition. Are you able to translate their fabulous French fairy-tale?

« Il était une fois un petit chien qui a voyagé à travers le monde dans une soucoupe volante bleue. Tous les jours le petit chien a mangé des œufs verts et du jambon et il a regardé les êtres humains sur la terre sur son ordinateur. Il pensait que c'était une vie pas mal. Hier il a reçu un message qui disait 'tu arriveras sur terre dans deux jours'. Le petit chien a trouvé la nouvelle excitante ».

Congratulations to Chloe and Venus for managing to include all of the words in such a clever and entertaining piece of writing.

A tall order with Surrey Storm!

On Friday 5th January, 30 students from the Tomlinscote netball squads went to watch Surrey Storm vs Team Bath. This was an incredibly exciting, fast paced game with plenty of goals. The final score ended up Surrey Storm 68, Team Bath 37. After the game the students were very excited to have the opportunity to get photos and signatures with the players. It was a brilliant evening observing high level netball with amazing female role models. Hopefully this helps to inspire the students to be aspirational with their future sporting endeavours.



Lines are blurred in Art!



Year 9 students enjoyed their Art lesson this week, using bleeding techniques to bring their portraits to life.

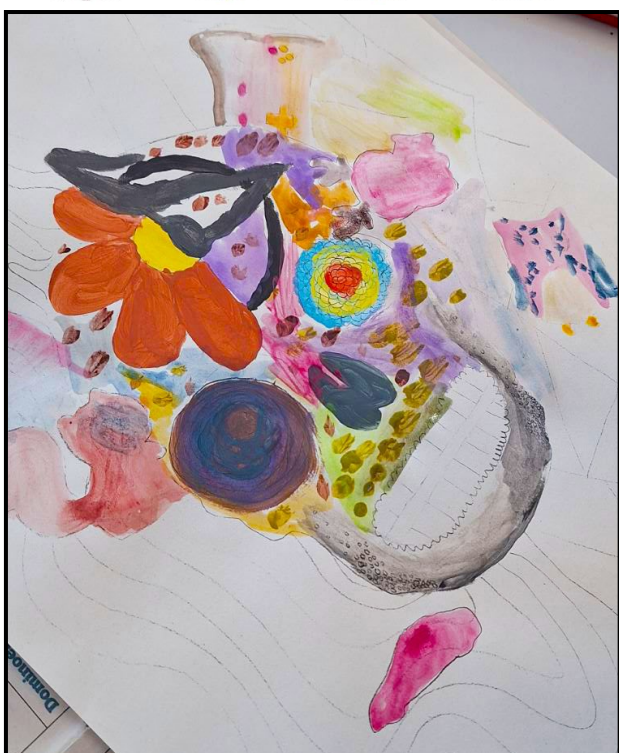
Using either photos of themselves or a celebrity (Adele featured very heavily), they used water to create a bleeding effect which saw colours and inks flow into each other to add a natural and soft look to their work.



This topic allows students to explore the history of portraiture while looking at the proportions of facial features. This enables them to produce self portraits combining a number of techniques.

Skullduggery in the Art Department!

Year 8 students have been creating some beautifully bright pictures to enhance their learning of different cultures. They have been designing their own skull images, incorporating different painting techniques like layering. They initially produced practice pieces before moving onto their final composition. They have included images that are personal to themselves, hence sporting, floral, flag and animal designs. They will then develop their clay skills by producing their very own Mexican Day of the Dead Calavera (skull).



Get a grip!

Recently, a host of students took part in their first (of 6) bouldering sessions at Oakwood Climbing Centre.

Bouldering is a sport that through climbing, helps develop skills like balance, coordination and strength; particularly in the core, arms and hand grip.

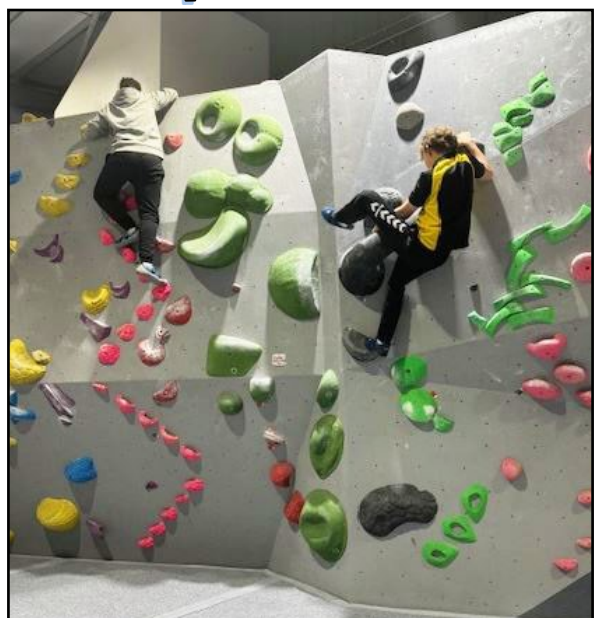
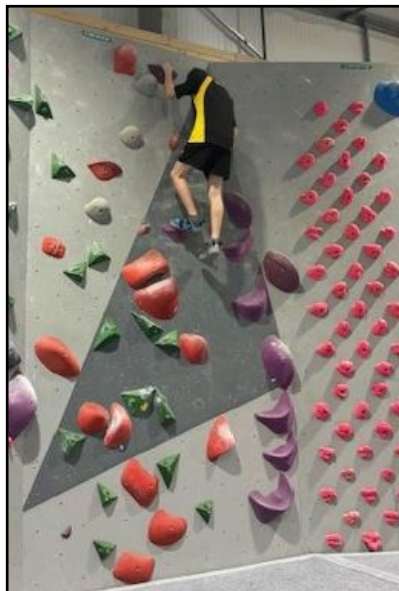
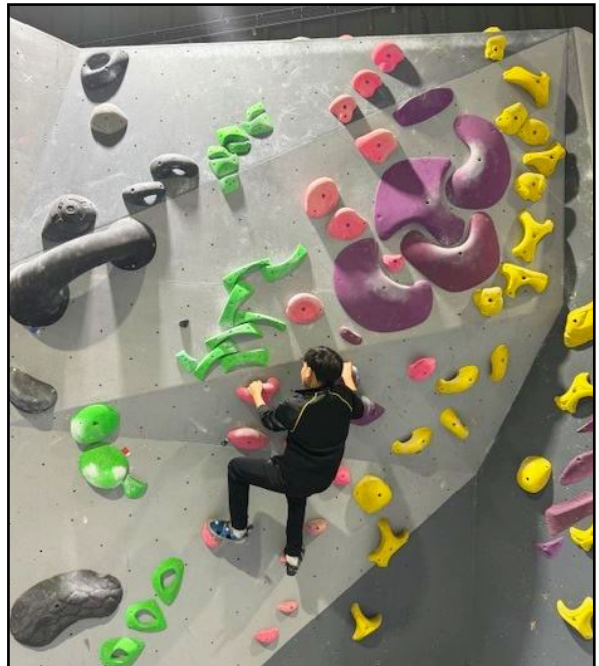
Over the course of the 6 weeks, students will progress their climbing skills, as well as their knowledge of the sport. This will include learning how to be safe in the bouldering area, and climbing etiquette around others.

The first day provided students with a tough but rewarding session. One that they can build upon and improve their technique.

Congratulations to all of the students who are participating and stepping out of their comfort zones. We look forward to hearing how they progress over the coming weeks.





OAKWOOD



A steep learning curve!

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U16 Basketball League Match	V	Weydon School 	 Score 18 - 28	Player of the Match Finlay Walsh
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A fast pace start to the game meant that after the first quarter there was only a 1 point lead for Weydon and the score being 8-9. Going into the 2nd and 3rd quarters, Tomlinscote had a good defensive structure with zonal marking, making it difficult for Weydon to score, however the team struggled to score points and baskets offensively in the game.

A few lovely 3 point shots by Tomlinscote kept the game tense going into the final quarter with only 5 points between the two teams. Unfortunately, in the final quarter of the game we struggled to score points when attacking the basket which resulted in a 18-28 point loss to Weydon.

Player of the match was Finlay Walsh due to some great defensive rebounds in the game and a nice 3 point on the 3rd quarter buzzer.

Tomlinscote U13B Football League Match	V	Kings International  KINGS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE	 Score 5 - 3	Player of the Match Jack Wright
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A cold and windy night resulted in a brilliant team victory for the U13B football team. It was a fantastic start to the match for Tomlinscote who went 2-0 up within the first 15 minutes of the game. Some lovely team passing and moving of the ball resulted in the team making a great start in the match. We continued to pass and move the ball around the pitch quickly and effectively which led to the scoring of a third goal before half-time. Kings continued to press the ball and managed to get a goal which meant it was 3-1 going into half-time. Tomlinscote maintained the pressure in the second half moving the ball well around the pitch and communicating effectively with each other as a team. This, mixed with some good tackles to break up play meant that Tomlinscote came away with a 5-3 win. Player of the match Jack Wright, due to some great assists, a goal in the game and some brilliant all round play.

Going to great lengths

Kian in 10Q is pictured with his medals from the last 2 county qualifying events where he achieved personal bests and all important county times in all events entered.

Kian will compete in 8 events in the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire County Championships this month.

We wish Kian every success for his future competitions and look forward to reporting on them.



“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”



GOOD ATTENDANCE

MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 94%
OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE
THAN 8 DAYS OFF!



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DAYS
ABSENCE
100% ATTENDANCE



MORE TIME
IN SCHOOL
MEANS MORE
TIME TO
LEARN,
DEVELOP
& GROW!

8

DAYS
ABSENCE
96% ATTENDANCE

19

DAYS
ABSENCE
90% ATTENDANCE



LESS TIME
IN SCHOOL
MEANS LESS
TIME TO
BECOME
THE VERY
BEST YOU!

29

DAYS
ABSENCE
85% ATTENDANCE



38

DAYS
ABSENCE
80% ATTENDANCE



POOR
ATTENDANCE
MEANS
DRASTICALLY
REDUCED LIFE
CHANCES!



47

DAYS
ABSENCE
75% ATTENDANCE

Parent/Carer Notices

Please be aware of a new scheme that Surrey Heath Borough Council launched in December 2023.

The Join In Scheme is designed to reduce the financial barrier that some young people and their families face to accessing club and team sports. Eligible children and young people can apply for a one-off grant payment of up to £150 towards a sports club membership with one of the 5 clubs involved below;

- Surrey Rams Basketball Club
- Camberley Judo Club
- Generation Gymnastics
- Camberley Town Youth Football Club
- Camberley Cricket Club



The scheme is available to young people living in the Surrey Heath borough who are in receipt of free school meals, or whose parents receive Universal Credit. They will also consider applications from young people and their families who may be working with the Family Support Team, carer support organisations or similar. In order to apply, eligible families should make contact with the desired club (details on the website below) to arrange a free taster for the child/young person, and can then complete the application form on their website below:

<https://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/community/grants-and-funding/join-scheme>

School Attendance and Penalty Notices

We are required to regularly inform you about our School Attendance Policy and the issue of Penalty Notices that have been in force since 1st September 2010.

Please familiarise yourself with our Attendance Policy which can be found on our website under 'Policies'. Further information about attendance and absence can be found on the school website under the Parents & Carers' section, Attendance & Absence.

If your child is unwell and it is necessary to keep your child away from school, please report their absence *on each day* from the start of being unwell via one of these methods:

- telephoning: 01276 709050 ext 253
- emailing: attendance@tomlinscoteschool.com
- texting: 07860 095747
- Edulink app

Tel: 01276 709050

email: office@tomlinscoteschool.com website: www.tomlinscoteschool.com

Information for Parents & Carers



Information Flyer for Schools & Families - Spring Term 1, 2024

At Appeer everyone "fits in". We offer a place where autistic girls and women can meet like-minded peers and truly be themselves. Based in Woking we provide online and in-person Sessions and Programmes which support A POSITIVE PEER APPROACH, through which we connect autistic girls, women and their parents/carers by sharing interests and support.

Autistic Girls (7-12 years) - We offer both online and in-person Sessions for autistic girls aged 7-12. These are facilitated by our specialist staff and led by Kris, our Girls Programme Manager. Our Zoom Sessions include Minecraft and Roblox games which offer the girls a valuable chance to connect by sharing tips and building together. We also offer a **Monthly Girls Group** for autistic girls and their parents and carers on monthly Sundays. If you want to sign up for any of our Sessions or Groups please visit appeer.org.uk/new-joiners or book via [COACHA](https://coacha.co.uk) if you have already joined Appeer.



Autistic Teenage Girls - We know how hard it is to find support for autistic teenage girls, so we try to provide a safe space for them to connect. We offer a Monthly Teen Group for autistic teenage girls and their parents and carers on monthly Sundays. We help our teens access activities with a "challenge through choice" approach. Teenage girls can also join our Online Minecraft Sessions. If you want to sign up for any of our Sessions or Groups please visit appeer.org.uk/new-joiners or book via [COACHA](https://coacha.co.uk) if you have already joined.



Parents and Carers - We offer a room for parents and carers during all our Girls and Teen Groups offering both refreshments and connections. Our Parent/Carer Facilitator is on hand to offer a listening ear, share experiences or signpost. We also host Expert Talks, when appropriate, and our next one is for both the girls and their parents/carers. It's all about careers in gaming and is on Wednesday 17th January - book via Eventbrite by clicking the image below.



Jobs

We are currently recruiting for more Youth Facilitators for our Weekday Group Alternative Provision. We would be very interested to hear from those with relevant experience.



Ad Hoc Sessions - We offer Sessions at community venues during weekends and school holidays. See our Events Calendar appeer.org.uk/appeer-events-calendar.

Weekday Groups (Alternative Provision)

Autistic girls aged 9-18 can attend one of our 3 hour Weekday Group Sessions on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. The girls connect whilst enjoying a range of activities in a low-pressure setting, underpinned with a wellbeing-promotion foundation. The Programme is designed to support autistic girls who are not in full time education, including those who may have EBSNA, are home educated and/or have EOTAS or limited other weekday support. Funding can be provided via EHCPs by schools or local authorities. We also offer private, family funded places.



Find out more or apply - appeer.org.uk/weekday-groups