

8th March 2024

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to make a very public thank you to Mrs Savochkin and Mrs Davies who led the recent German exchange. With the excellent support from Mrs Dixon, they had to manage a German train strike, cancelled flights and overcrowded bus journeys. It was a tricky journey back to Frimley but the students had a fantastic experience living with their German peers during the week. They have made memories that will last a lifetime and hopefully cemented new friendships too.

I attended a leadership conference with Secondary and Primary headteachers on Wednesday. One very interesting presentation was by Sir Anthony Seldon who talked about education and artificial intelligence. What is already clear is that AI is beginning to have an impact upon education and it will be transformed significantly in the next few years. Tomlinscote and The Prospect Trust will work with the education leads in this field to ensure that our students benefit and are prepared for the challenges ahead. It is going to be an interesting few years!

I would like to highlight that it is Young Carers Action Day on 13th March. We have a number of students at Tomlinscote who are young carers. They manage to support different family members and also cope with the demands of school and Home Learning. Their resilience, perseverance and courage is brilliant. Students can contact our Student Support Office or Young Carers for more information.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, especially the Mums!

Mr Major

Key Dates

11th - 22nd Mar
Year 11 Mocks

Thu 14th Mar
Gremlin Dance Challenge

Fri 22nd Mar
Mufti Day

Fri 22nd - Sun 24th Mar
DofE Silver Expedition

**The future
depends on what
you do today.**

Mahatma Gandhi





Romeo, Juliet and a donkey visit Tomlinscote!

This week, students at Tomlinscote School were treated to 2 special performances by the Globe Players, a renowned theatre company that specialises in bringing Shakespeare's works to life for young audiences. The troupe performed abridged versions of two of the Bard's most famous plays, "Romeo & Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the Year 7 and Year 8 students.

The performances were not only entertaining but also educational, as the Globe Players incorporated historical context and literary analysis into their shows. The actors encouraged audience participation, inviting students to join them onstage for short sequences.

The students were really entertained by the Globe Players' energy and enthusiasm, and many left the performances with a newfound appreciation for Shakespeare's works.

The Globe Players' visit to Tomlinscote School was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the magic of live theatre and the timeless brilliance of Shakespeare's works.



“Novel Crimes: A Literary Whodunit”

This year, Tomlinscote School celebrated World Book Day with an immersive murder mystery event. Students visited the crime scene and spent their lunchtimes hunting for clues, and trying to crack the case. The event took place in the LRC, not normally a scene of murder or mystery apart from in the pages of the books on the shelves. The area was transformed into a true life crime scene with outlines of bodies and other clues. Over the course of 3 lunchtimes, students managed to identify the murderer, how it was carried out, but struggled to find a motive.

Tomlinscote School's murder mystery event was a unique and entertaining way to celebrate World Book Day, bringing literature to life and fostering a love of reading in students of all ages.

In addition, Tomlinscote staff were invited to record themselves reading a few lines from their favourite book. Students were then tasked with identifying who was reading each extract. The student who identifies the most teachers will be awarded a prize for their efforts.

Celebrating with

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



MFL Student of the Month

February

Emily Yorke - 8Q

Outstanding effort with work and participation in French lessons. Always going above and beyond.



Grace Bevan - 7Y

For super work and participation in every lesson, well done!



Isobel Wedlock - 9H

For excellent work in German.



Ethan Fuller - 7X

Outstanding effort and enthusiasm to learning. Always going above and beyond what is expected.



Aiden Swartz - 8K

For fantastic work, effort and participation in every single German lesson.



Sasha Simmonds - 9M

Outstanding effort and attitude to learning, leading to excellent progress.



Emma Hage - 8M

Super work in German - consistently working hard.



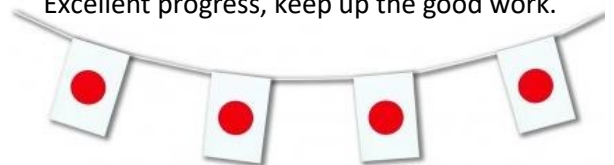
Syed Ali - 8H

Excellent work and great participation in French lessons.



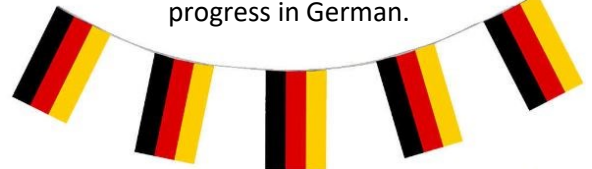
Kirstie Conway Mullins - 8L

Excellent progress, keep up the good work.



Bilal Khan - 9L

Consistently working hard and making excellent progress in German.

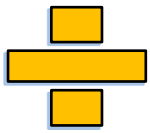


Tahniah Ahmed - 8M

Always engaging and working hard, consistently finishes homework.



Sum Maths Successes!



Maths Students of the Month - February

Iona Cooper 10R

Sonny Henkun 9G

Louie Shallom 7X

Jack Tebbs 7Q

Katie Bannerman 8H

Léa Daniel 7P

James Waite 11Y

David Kirkpatrick 8P

Further Maths Students of the Month

Aaron Razey 10L

Edward Bradshaw 10R

Rohan Lobo 11K



Students got their teeth into Maths Feast



This week, 8 Year 10 students represented Tomlinscote at "Maths Feast". Students travelled to Edgebarrow School, and were treated to a variety of maths problems and challenges. The event took the form of a quiz, where students worked in teams of 4 to crack codes, identify patterns and solve complex problems. Several mathematical topics were covered including number patterns, estimation, probability, geometry, logic problems and lots of algebra.

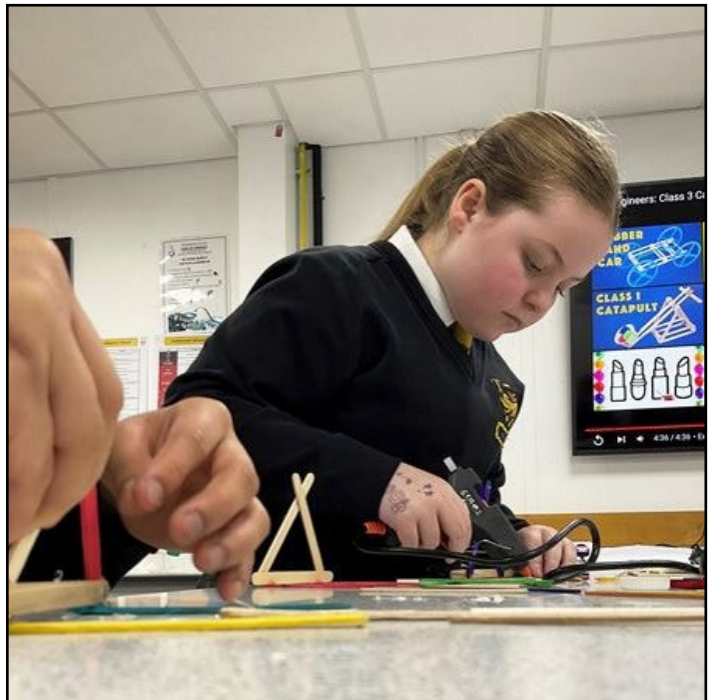
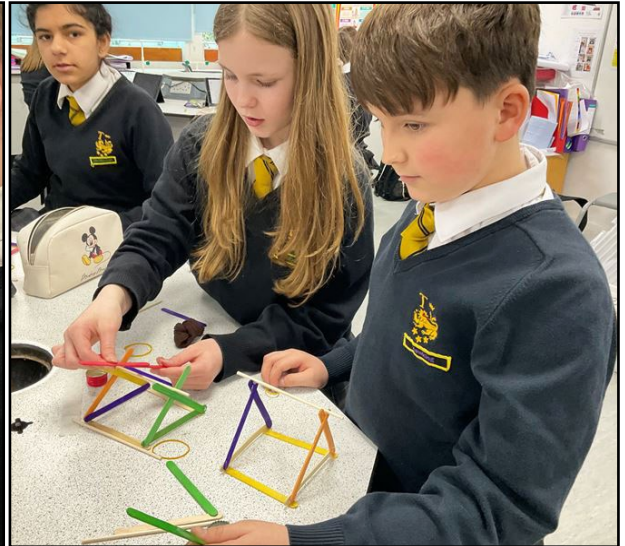
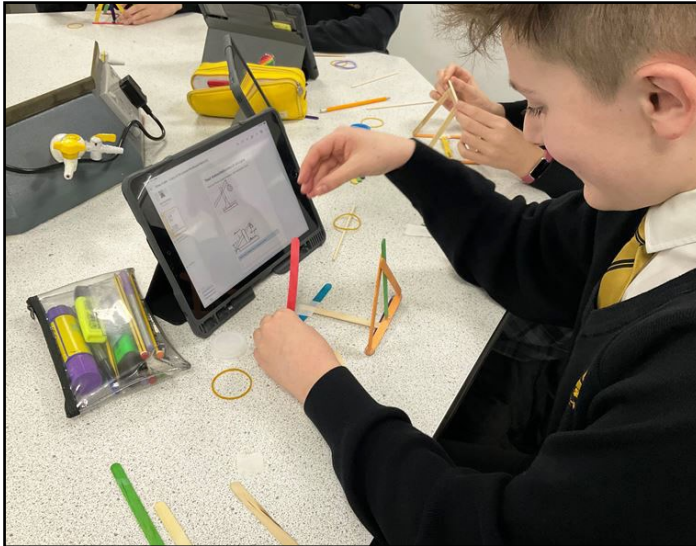
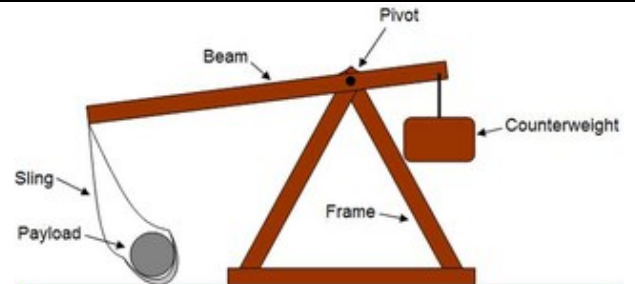
In the last round, students built cubes out of paper folded into triangles and rhombic dodecahedra! Both teams did brilliantly and scored highly in the rounds: one team came 4th overall, just missing out on Bronze by 1 mark! The afternoon reaffirmed the love of Maths amongst our students and lots of fun was had by all.

Year 7 have a shot at an engineering challenge!

Last week, Year 7 students at Tomlinscote put their engineering skills to the test in a fun and creative competition. The challenge? To build a functioning trebuchet using only lollipop sticks, tape and glue guns. This formed part of their current structures project.

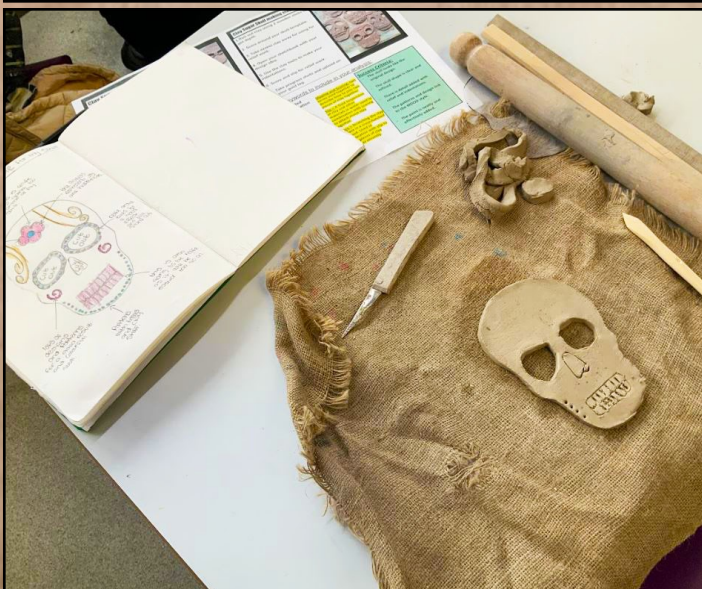
A trebuchet is a type of medieval siege engine that uses a counterweight to launch projectiles. In this case, the students' goal was to design a trebuchet that could launch a marble as far as possible without collapsing under the weight.

With Health & Safety in mind, we hope they weren't too successful!







Year 8 have been developing their work GCSE style by designing a clay relief tile based on research and a painting. Students are enjoying experimenting with a variety of media. We look forward to seeing the end results of this wonderful project.



Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote Year 8 Boys A Team	V	Robert May's School 	 Score 4 - 0	Scorers Jay Coombs - 3 Josh Saunders - 1
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Player of the Match - Jay Coombs

On Friday 23rd February, the Year 8 Boys A Team travelled to Robert May's to continue their League campaign. After a goalless first half saw the better chances fall to Robert May's after quick counters or defensive mistakes against the run of play, Tomlinscote quickly asserted their dominance. After the break, following a free kick on the wing, the May's keeper misjudged the flight of Jamie Robertson's cross-shot. The ball was deflected into Player of the Match, Jay Coomb's path inside the six-yard box - a chance Jay could not miss!

Six minutes later, a wonderful cross field angled pass from Rivan Pradhan, a first-half sub, found the run of Coombs who finished coolly past the oncoming goalkeeper. This deflated the opposition somewhat and Tomlinscote spent more and more time in the opponents half, soon making the pressure tell when Indy Miles broke down the left before delivering a beautiful ball across the six-yard box for the onrushing Josh Saunders to tap in from close range. The scoring was brought to a close with Coombs completing a well-deserved hat-trick (despite a hint of offside, but not picked up on VAR) after more good work from Robertson in a central role now, playing him in behind the tiring defence.



Tomlinscote Year 8 Boys A Team	V	Oakmoor School 	 Score 5 - 0	Scorers Jay Coombs - 1 Jamie Robertson - 4
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Player of the Match - Jamie Robertson

On Monday 26th February the Year 8 Boys A Team hosted Oakmoor in their final league game of the season. Looking to enter the Cup rounds on the back of a good run of form, Tomlinscote started strongly, pressing and harrying the Oakmoor defenders, and creating some good chances in the opening minutes. After just five minutes, Jamie Robertson beat the full back before putting in a lovely cross for Jay Coombs to tap in to an open net. A few minutes later, Coombs repaid the favour, playing a through ball between the centre back and full back for Robertson to score. At this point, the Tomlinscote lads cranked up the pressure and on 15 minutes more excellent work from Robertson saw him go on a mazy run, beating numerous players including the Oakmoor keeper, assisted (somewhat unintentionally) by centre forward Dan Dixon.

The second half enabled a few changes to the lineup, although this didn't affect the rhythm of the Tomlinscote attack, and another solo effort from Robertson ten minutes in ended with a deflected effort from the edge of the box nestling in the back of the net to secure his hat-trick. Five minutes from time, Robertson added his fourth, and Tomlinscote's fifth after he arrived late in the box to get on the end of an excellent pull back by second-half sub James Mayne on the left. The win sees Tomlinscote finish their league campaign with 6 wins from 7, scoring 20 and conceding just two (both in one game!!)

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U12 Boys B Football Team	v	Robert May's School 	 Score 1 - 3	Player of the Match Luke Bush
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Tomlinscote Year 8 Rugby	v	Calthorpe Park 	 Score 4 - 8	Tries Edward Dolbear Nathan Hill Seve Gersbach Kyle Bouwer
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Player of the Match - Edward Dolbear

Tomlinscote U14 played away at Calthorpe Park recently. The conditions were very wet and muddy!

After a bright start, some great rugby and leading at half time, Calthorpe Park were able to come back and eventually win the match. The team pulled together really well and despite the loss, showed real promise. We look forward to hearing how this team progresses.

This week, Year 10 Tomlinscote rugby team travelled to Collingwood College for a triangular fixture. Winston Churchill Sports College also attended. It was a tough afternoon where each team played one another. Tomlinscote were beaten by a well drilled Winston team, losing 39-5.

Winston then played and beat Collingwood 10-7. Finally, Tomlinscote played Collingwood, but again were beaten. The score in this match was 29-5.

We look forward to the next fixture in a few weeks.

Tomlinscote U12 Boys Basketball	v	Cove School 	 Score 22 - 38	Player of the Match Luke Bush
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Young Carers Action Day! Wednesday 13th March 2024

If you're helping to care for a disabled or unwell family member, you may be struggling.

Some young carers can fall behind at school and have fewer options for college and work.

BUT THIS DOESN'T NEED TO HAPPEN!



This Young Carers Action Day we're campaigning for **Fair Futures** for all young carers in Surrey.

Our Surrey Young Carers team can help you with advice, information and activities, ensuring you get the same life chances as everyone else.

To find out more, call us on 030 040 1234, or text 07723 486730 or email syc@actionforcarers.org.uk



www.actionforcarers.org.uk/young-carers-action-day-2024/

Who are Young Carers?

A young carer is defined in section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014 as:

"a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person of any age. That can be a parent or sibling, grandparent or friend. It can include help for physical or mental illness, frailty in old age, a disability or because of substance dependency"

How SYC support our learners:

- Charity, independent and not a statutory service
- Free service to children and families
- Referrals from parents/schools/partners
- Recognition for what they do
- Meet other Young Carers
- Advocacy, signposting and onward referrals
- Fun time out, drop ins and social activities
- Support plan and 12-week program
- Funding opportunities and travel card
- Raise awareness of Young Carers

Young Carer Positives:

- Proud
- Transferable skills
- Wider knowledge
- Understanding conditions & disabilities
- Empathy
- Resilience
- Closer family relationships

At Tomlinscote School, we are developing our support for young carers.

Tomlinscote is in regular contact with Surrey Young Carers. This is a charity that can offer help and support to young people who may be involved in a caring role.

If your family is affected by any of the issues mentioned above and you would like further information, please contact the student support office ([SSO@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:sso@tomlinscoteschool.com)) or Surrey Young Carers (www.actionforcarers.org.uk)

Even if you do not require support at this time, please do let us know if you think your child could qualify so that we are aware in the event any support is needed in the future.

We're here to help carers of all ages, across Surrey, with free information, support, events, advice and more. www.actionforcarers.org.uk



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Roles & Responsibilities



Practical



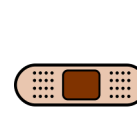
Help & Support Siblings



Emotional



Physical

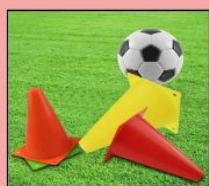


Personal



Home

Take up the challenge!



Fortnightly Sporting Challenge Cone knockdown Results



5th place
22 points

1st place
104 points

3rd place
63 points

4th place
46 points

2nd place
81 points

PERSEVERANCE

CHARACTER

COMMUNITY

EXCELLENCE

PROGRESSION

Thursday 14th March Table tennis Challenge

**How many Table tennis balls can
you get in the cup in the time-limit?**



**(Outside A-block/playground on the
table tennis tables)**



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Get ready for a fun challenge that will test your accuracy and coordination! The House competition to bounce table tennis balls into cups is a great opportunity to show off your skills and earn points for your House.

Remember, every bounce counts!

"Last Orders" for Year 11 Yearbook

Please remember to order a Yearbook for your child through ParentPay. The deadline is in two weeks' time:

Friday 22nd March – don't miss out on your copy!

Mrs Whelan, Assistant Head of Year 11

Tomlinscote
Year Book
2024



IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE BEEHIVE

Reminder for lunch accounts

There are a considerable number of students arriving at the tills in the Bee Hive with trays of food and no money on their accounts. Please could we ask parents and carers to check that their child's account has money on it to ensure a speedy service.

RESTAURANT

Canteen staff are required to write down the name of every student and every item they have selected. This results in long queues and delays and impacts on the time that students have to eat their lunch. Thank you

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