

15th March 2024

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 have started their second set of mock examinations as they get ever closer to their public examinations in May. The Year 10 examinations start on Monday 25th March 2023 and revision should be a priority for these students on a nightly basis. As you will appreciate, this is going to create a great deal of additional marking for my staff, which often takes place in their own time. To assist with their workload and wellbeing I need to highlight to families that Key Stage 3 assessment marking will be delayed because the exam courses will be prioritised first. Furthermore, the Year 10 reports date to parents will be pushed back a week to 10th May 2024.

Student medical queries: Recently, a number of students have been messaging their parents to say they are ill and asking to be collected when they've not been down to our medical area to be assessed. I need to stress that it must not be a student decision. Students must go to the student reception, a discussion will take place with qualified staff which may result in a parent being asked to collect their child. As a result, parents should only collect if the school reception has messaged to say their child is ill and needs picking up.

On a similar note; please do not communicate with your children whilst the school day is operating. This has caused a few problems recently as it has had an impact upon school-home communications and messaging at inappropriate times.

There is a non-uniform day next Friday and students participating will need to bring along a £1 that will be collected on the gates. (see details at end of Newsletter).

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend,
Mr Major

Key Dates

Mon 11th - Fri 22nd Mar
Year 11 Mocks

Fri 22nd Mar
Non-uniform day

Fri 22nd - Sun 24th Mar
DofE Silver Expedition

Mon 25th Mar - Fri 19th April
Year 10 Mocks

Thu 28th Mar
End of term - 12.30pm

The important
thing is to not
stop questioning.



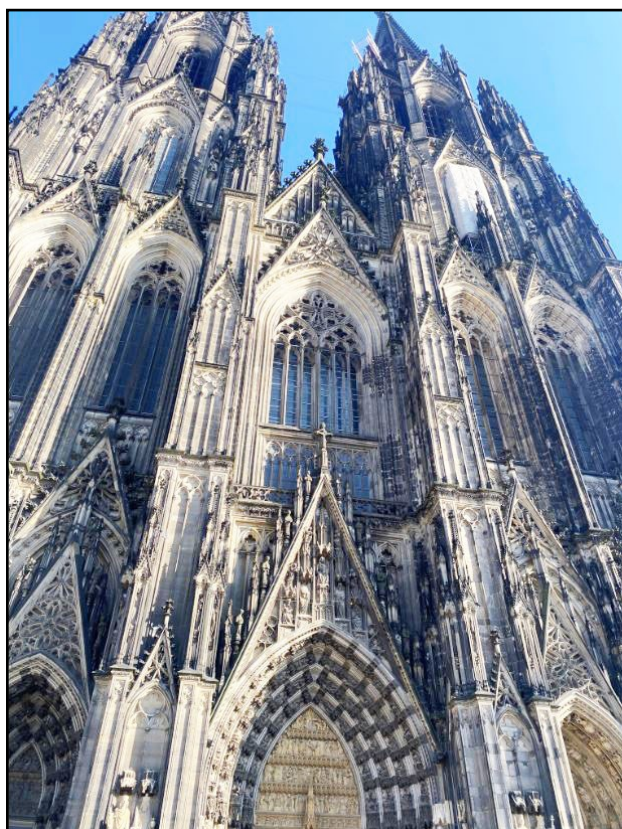
-Albert Einstein

Deutsch-landed!

Last week, 12 Year 10 students returned from an exciting exchange trip to Germany, where they spent a week immersing themselves in the local culture, improving their language skills, and forming new friendships. The journey began smoothly, with the students arriving in Germany to a warm welcome from their host partners, who greeted them at the train station with posters and smiles. The students embarked on a series of fun activities and excursions, including go-karting, sightseeing in Cologne, attending football matches and one student even went to a wedding!

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Koblenz, where the students saw the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers at Deutsches Eck. They also took a cable car ride up to the historic Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, where they were treated to views of the surrounding landscape and converging rivers.

The students embraced the local cuisine, taking part in a German food challenge where they had to capture action shots of themselves sampling traditional snacks. Another memorable day was spent in Bonn, where the students had a souvenir challenge, using a limited budget of 10 Euros to buy a random gift that was later exchanged among the group.



From classroom to cable car!



Despite some initial disappointment at having to leave Ahrweiler a day early due to strikes in Germany, the students took it all in their stride. The return journey presented its own set of challenges, with rail replacement buses and cancelled flights, but the students and staff dug deep and spirits remained high. The exchange was a great success, and Tomlinscote is already looking forward to welcoming the next group of German exchange students in November 2024. The exchange was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will be remembered for years to come. The students' openness to new experiences, flexibility in the face of challenges, and enthusiasm for cultural exchange are a testament to the school's commitment to fostering global citizenship and understanding. Thank you to Mrs Savochkin and Mrs Davies for accompanying the students on this wonderful adventure and to Mrs Dixon for her support back at Tomlinscote for ensuring that despite the German railway strike, the trip remained firmly 'on track'. In addition, thank you to "UK-German Connection" who supported the trip with a grant. This enabled the staff to cope with all eventualities that they encountered while away.



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Deutsch-Britische Schul- und Jugendbegegnungen
bringing young people together

The Big Plastic Count

British Science Week

11th-17th March



This week, in an effort to raise awareness about plastic waste and its impact on the environment, Tomlinscote students took part in 'The Big Plastic Count' as part of British Science Week. The initiative, organized by Greenpeace UK and Everyday Plastic, encouraged students to count and record their plastic usage over a typical week. Students received tally charts to track their plastic consumption and in their tutorial sessions they learnt about the global plastic crisis and the importance of reducing plastic waste. They were challenged to consider why plastic has become such a prevalent material in everyday items and the difficulties associated with replacing it. Students also learned about the plastic lifecycle, including what happens to plastic waste after it is discarded, and the implications for climate change. The discussions aimed to inspire students to reflect on their personal plastic usage and explore sustainable alternatives. By participating in 'The Big Plastic Count', Tomlinscote students joined thousands of other individuals and schools across the UK in contributing valuable data to the campaign. This data will be used to inform policymakers and businesses about the scale of the plastic problem and encourage them to take action towards a more sustainable future.

Tomlinscote's involvement in 'The Big Plastic Count' demonstrates the school's commitment to fostering environmental awareness and empowering students to become agents of change. Through engaging and educational activities, students gained a deeper understanding of the impact of their choices and learnt how they can contribute to a more sustainable future.

All tutor groups will submit their results which will enable classes to generate their own plastic footprint. Once all of the results have been collaborated, the school's overall plastic footprint will be generated. We will feature the results of 'The Big Plastic Count' in a future Newsletter. It's safe to say that we are in for a BIG shock!

2 million plastic bags are used every minute worldwide.

Plastic production is expected to double by 2040.

6 billion packets of crisps are consumed every year in the UK.

Coca Cola produces more than 100 billion bottles every year.

Microplastics have now even been found in the human heart.

Continuing as we are, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050.

Spy Academy

Two Schools, One Mission!



Frimley CofE Year 4 Creative Arts Workshop

This week, Tomlinscote welcomed Year 4 students from Frimley CofE school. They were treated to a 'Creative Arts' morning where students were able to take part in a series of workshops in the different disciplines within Creative Arts. They got involved in workshops in Photography, Drama, Art and Music and had a fantastic time creating their pieces to take home. It was lovely to see the Year 4s enjoying themselves so much and being able to use facilities and techniques not yet encountered at primary school.



ART
PHOTOGRAPHY
MUSIC
DRAMA





Year 7

SEASONS TELLURIUM

Construct a Tellurium, which is designed to demonstrate how the earth's axis gives us our seasons.



Nocturnal Device



Tellurium Device



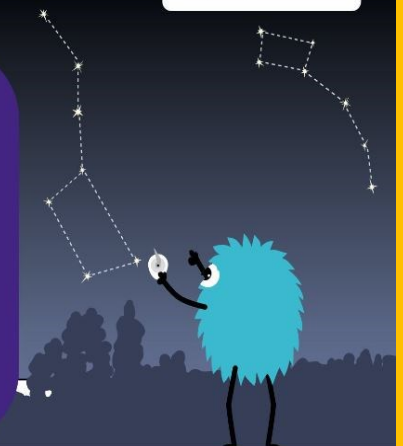
As part of British Science Week, guided by Mrs Cookson, Year 7 and 8 students at Tomlinscote School had the exciting opportunity to construct their own Nocturnal and Tellurium devices. The Nocturnal device project challenged students to create a tool that could accurately measure time using the position of the stars in the night sky.

Year 7 students turned their hands to the Tellurium device. This project required students to build a model of a Tellurium which is designed to demonstrate how the earth's axis gives us our seasons.

Year 8

TELLING THE TIME BY THE STARS

Construct a Nocturnal which is an instrument used to determine the local time based on the position of stars in the night sky.



By participating in British Science Week and engaging in hands-on projects like the Nocturnal and Tellurium devices, Tomlinscote students were able to explore the wonders of science and technology in a fun and interactive way.

To mark 'World Book Day' the Tomlinscote School Wargaming Club recreated a skirmish from the Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. The scenario pitted the Nazgûl, the most dangerous of Sauron's servants who are on a mission to find and recover the One Ring against the Dunedain rangers who are protecting the borders of the Shire from the servants of the Dark Lord. To claim victory two of the three Nazgûl had to cross the board and exit on the Western board edge and into the Shire. For the Dunedain rangers to win they had to banish at least two of the Nazgûl and send them back to the realm of Mordor.

Evil emerges from the East

The board is set. The Nazgûl are in the bottom left corner. The Dunedain rangers are positioned on the high ground in the middle of the board.

For the Shire!

It was a hard fought skirmish with two Dunedain rangers succumbing to the effects of Black Darts that the Nazgûl were able to unleash against them. However, through the combination of accurate bow shots, mighty strikes in combat and the influence of both will and fate, the Dunedain rangers were able to banish two of the Nazgûl and emerge victorious.



World Book Day: A Lord of the Rings Wargaming Adventure



Go back to the shadow!

A critical combat for the Dunedain rangers banishes the Witch King of Angmar from the borders of the Shire and leaves only one Nazgûl remaining on the board.

We look forward to staging more games from the Lord of Rings in the future, stay tuned for more details.

Want to find out more?

The Tomlinscote School Wargaming Club meets in C2.6 on a Monday after school between 15.15 and 16.15. No experience required and new players are most welcome.

Step Count House Challenge Results...

Special mention to:

Mr Mount who managed a staggering **109,613** steps for Mandela House!!

Henry Simpson 7P who managed a HUGE **71,134** steps for Pankhurst House!!

Final Results (totals of all entrances per House)				
Pankhurst	Attenborough	Mandela	Rowling	Hawking
838,251	329,926	306,577	221,565	120,546
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th



PERSEVERANCE



CHARACTER



COMMUNITY





EXCELLENCE





PROGRESSION

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U14 A Boys Football Team	v	Yateley School 	 Score 4 - 0
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The U14A completed their season in the league by beating Yateley school 4-0. After a difficult season of losing a few games by close 1-0 margins, the boys completed the season in good form by rallying together as a team to a convincing 4-0 victory at home. They moved and passed the ball well and scored some great goals. This, mixed with some highly effective defending, made it a very difficult game for Yateley who didn't manage to get many shots in the game. The team are now through to the Quarter-finals of the cup which is due to be played this week.

Tomlinscote U16 Boys Basketball Team	v	Amery Hill 	 Score 33 - 20	Player of the Match Frieden Njini
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The U16A Basketball team finished their season with a great 33-20 victory away to Amery Hill. The boys played very well in the match defending in their zones to make it difficult for Amery Hill to score baskets. The way in which they moved the ball and attacked the basket allowed us to score lots of points in the second and third quarters of the match. It was great to finish the season with a win, after the boys lost in the District cup final in their previous game. However, getting to the final in the cup this year was a great achievement!



Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U12 Boys Football Team Cup 1st Round	V	Robert May's School 	 Score 2 - 1	Scorers Jayden Payet Kai Gohil
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Player of the Match - Cavan Power-Hammond

Tomlinscote Year 8 Boys Football Team	V	Wavell School 	 Score 7 - 1	Scorers Luca Hannaway - 3 Jamie Robertson - 1 Jamie Mayne - 1 Rivan Pradhan - 1 Jay Coombs - 1
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Player of the Match - Luca Hannaway

The Year 8 boys started their journey of retribution in the Aldershot & Farnborough School Cup last week against a Wavell side who had felt unfortunate to only draw against our B team a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, Mr Young's words of motivation fell somewhat flat in the 4th minute when Wavell broke through the Tomlinscote defensive line to open the scoring. After a slow start, the boys worked their way back into the game and soon earned a free kick on the edge of the opposition box, which Luca dispatched into the top corner having won it himself. This seemed to relax the team, and they settled into a rhythm which disrupted the Wavell tactics. Five minutes later, Jay Coombs was again involved with another assist, giving Luca the opportunity to flick home from close range. The quick-fire repost from one nil down seemed to deflate the Wavell team, despite their promising start and the game settled into a pattern of exquisite passing and high pressing versus the low block and counter-attack, which the Tomlinscote defenders coped well with. On 21 minutes, Jamie Robertson found himself in space to receive the ball from Coombs who had turned on a sixpence, to score his fourth in two games and send Tomlinscote in 3-1 up at half time.

The second half quickly settled into a similar rhythm, with Tomlinscote dominating the ball for the most part after a slightly shaky start. Ten minutes in and player of the match, Hannaway again picked the ball up in space in the final third before striking across the goalkeeper, to find the back of the net via a deflection to complete his hat-trick, and the third by a Tomlinscote player in three games! Shortly after, James Mayne collected the ball on the left wing, cut inside and played a cross-shot to the back post, which flew over the 'keeper's head to make it 5-1. If the tie wasn't already sealed, it was when the Wavell striker lashed out viciously after being fouled, an act of aggression which earned him a straight red card. Tomlinscote made the player advantage count, and utilised the space well to earn a corner, which after good pressure by Dan Dixon initially, saw the ball fall to Rivan Pradhan to stab home. Straight from kick off, Coombs showed his acceleration and poise on the ball to pinch the pass back to the defence, before running through and beating the 'keeper one-on-one to complete a 7-1 comeback win. This earns Tomlinscote a home Quarter Final tie against either Bohunt or Ash Manor. We look forward to the next match!

Year 8 Basketball Team:



This team had a great season this year, being promoted into the top division after a successful season last year meant that harder teams and bigger challenges lay ahead. The team showed excellent determination and skill to win all but one game throughout the season, resulting in a 2nd place finish in the league after only just being promoted. Top scorer was Poonj Gurung, who also managed to score 28 points in 2 quarters in a game against Weydon where the score finished at 66-6.



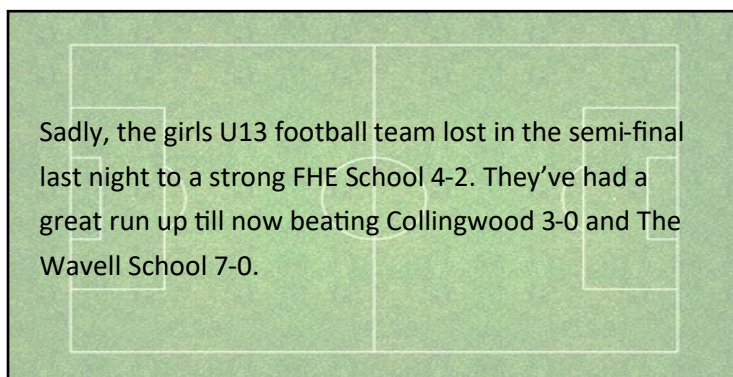
Year 9 Basketball Team:



Last year, the Year 9s played up a league, playing against teams who were much taller and physical. Although there was no silverware last year, the team showed great promise for this year after being able to hold their own against teams a year older than them. This year, the team went undefeated in the league, winning their games comfortably. The best result was when the team played Robert May's who finished 2nd in the league, Tomlinscote beat this team 71-17, showing the level of skill our Tomlinscote team has.

Tomlinscote Team Results

Tomlinscote U13 Girls Football Team	v	Farnham Heath End 	 Score 2 - 4	Scorers Aileana Reid Isobel Scott
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Player of the Match - Scarlett Pasley



Tomlinscote U12 Boys Football—League Result	v	Yateley School 	 Score 7 - 2	Scorers L Glassar - 2 C Mephram - 1 E Fuller - 1 J Payet - 1 K Gohil - 1
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Player of the Match - E Fuller

A Brain Game

Have you had a go at 'cracking the code'? Give your brain a workout and try to solve the riddle.

The answer will be revealed in next week's Newsletter.
Good Luck

Can you break the code?

Simply work out what the question is asking and answer it?

SDWP EO PDA WJOSAN PK
HEBA, PDA QJERANOA WJZ
ARANUPDEJC?

Write your answer to the question (with your name, form and house) and drop it in the box in student reception by Friday. All correct answers will get house points.

PS: If you need a hint to answer the question, ask your Head of House for a hint.



(Hint A=E, N=J, W=A)

Building bridges and breaking barriers!

This week, Ms Scattergood accompanied a team of thirteen of our Year 8, 9 and 10 female students up to Wellington College for a fantastic STEM event related to 'girls in construction'. The event, led by Taylor Wimpey, was designed to get more female students thinking about careers related to construction and engineering.

In addition, the students got to meet and interact with female role models working in various roles within these industries. Hosted at the lovely Wellington College site, students took part in a series of challenges and activities, including a sustainability exercise and a building exercise.



A day at hospital bears fruit!

As a partner school of InvestIN Education, we have been lucky enough to send numerous students on their immersive careers experiences. With over 15 different careers sectors to choose from, students get to experience that career in either a face to face workshop at the UCL London, or via an online 'live' webinar version. Feedback from students who attend these experiences is always absolutely fantastic and I am really pleased to include a write up from one of our recent attendees - Ollie Hackett in Year 10. This is what Ollie had to say:

"Last Sunday, I spent the day at University College London on the 'Junior Doctor' experience day. There were two lectures that covered pathways to being a doctor, what the actual job is like, work experience advice and a virtual reality medical appointment. Then we were taught how to suture and practised on bananas. The day helped me decide if I'd suit a career in medicine and it was a lot of fun".



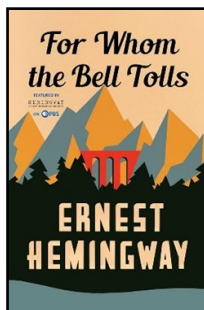
The Masked Reader

Quiz Answers

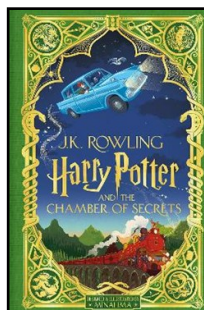
Well done to everyone who participated! We had over 300 responses with around 60 students getting full marks, so hundreds of House Points being awarded! The answers to the quiz are as follows:



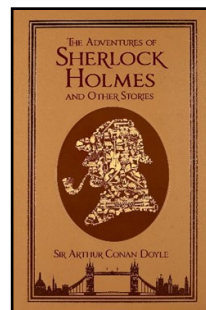
Read by Mr Henry



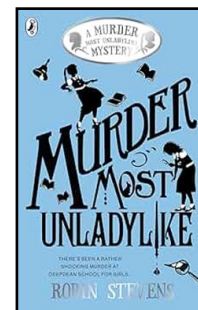
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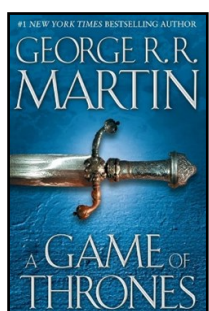
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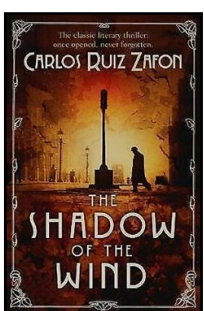
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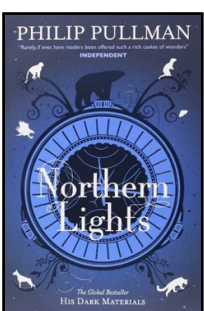
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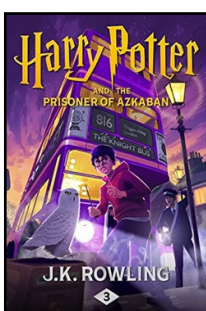
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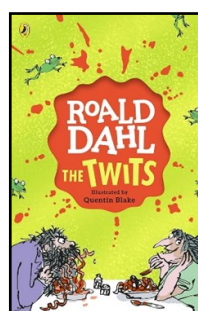
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Read by Miss Livesey



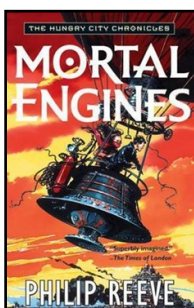
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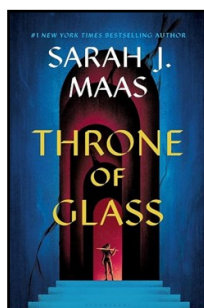
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Read by Mr Lyddon



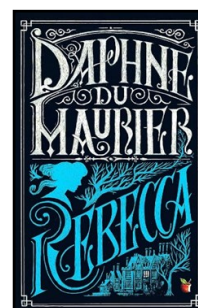
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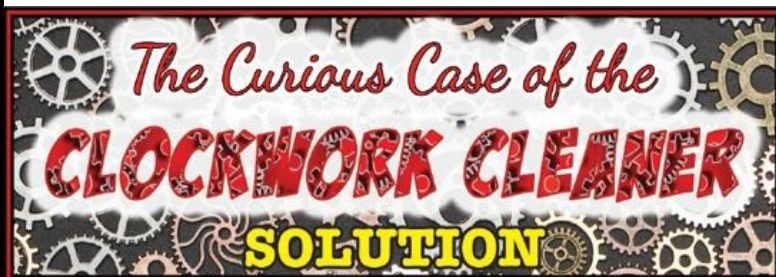
Read by Ms Leslie



Read by Miss Graciano



Read by Mrs Ali



Well done to everyone who had a go at solving this mystery! We had 10 successful students who solved it and they have been awarded their House Points. If you'd like a more in-depth look at how Nieve went about the murder, please come to the LRC!

WHO?



Nieve Farius

Nieve Farius wanted Conan Drum dead for a singular reason: she was being blackmailed by him. The blackmailing had begun the previous August, shortly after Nieve had stolen a large quantity of jewellery from a safe deposit facility she had been working at as a cleaner. Somehow, Conan had become aware of Nieve's involvement in the theft and began demanding large monthly payments to keep quiet, as well as part of the jewellery haul.

Unfortunately, Conan's greed got the better of him. After Nieve tried to negotiate an end to the blackmail, Conan demanded all the remaining money that Nieve had accumulated from the heist, or he would go to the police. At this point his fate was sealed!

How Will I Be Rewarded?



Teaching Staff & Support Staff

1-5



You will achieve 1- 5* House Points at Tomlinscote for:

- Exceptional effort & engagement (going above & beyond!)
- Each time you attend an extra-curricular club
- Representing your House in Inter-House competitions & events
- Excellent classwork, extended projects or individual/group tasks
- Demonstrating initiative & creativity in tutorial sessions, lessons, enrichment and extra-curricular.

HoY, AHoY, HoH, HoF & HoD

You can achieve 6+ House Points at Tomlinscote for:

- Committing to extra-curricular clubs over time (H-T/Term/Year)
- Significant improvement in effort and academic progress
- Excellent and improved attendance (Half-Term/Term/Year)
- Outstanding contribution to the Tomlinscote school community
- Fantastic results in end of unit tests/mock examinations etc.

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Principal & SLT

16+



You can achieve 16+ House Points at Tomlinscote for:

- Representing your school at events such as open evenings etc.
- Outstanding extra-curricular achievement outside of school
- Outstanding academic achievements in and outside of school
- Recognition of your contribution made to the wider community
- Going above and beyond, demonstrating all 5 of our Tomlinscote School core values.

In addition to receiving House Points, you can also be rewarded with:

- Certificates every time you reach a certain number of HPs
- Fast-tracked Skip the queue lunch passes
- Postcards sent home in recognition by your teachers of your hard work
- Phone calls home in recognition of your achievement(s) in lessons
- Trips, events and discounts on future events

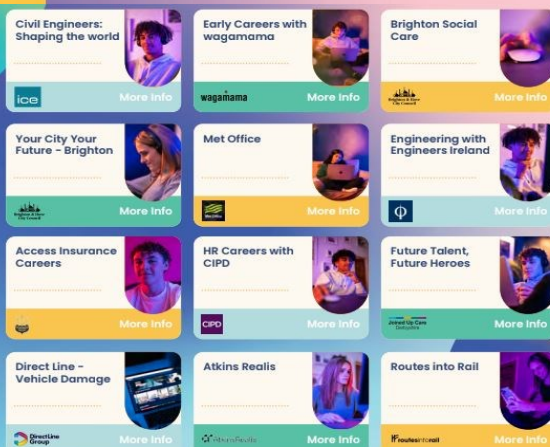


*Some teachers may award your HPS weekly, rather than daily but this will be made clear in their comment/reason for awarding you the House Points.

Work Experience Programmes

ON-DEMAND

VIRTUAL



[shareable PDF of our current Virtual Work Experience opportunities here](#)

A non-uniform day has been arranged for Friday 22nd March.

We are asking students to donate £1. As they come into school through the gate on Friday 22nd they will be able to put their £1 in the collection bucket.

The non - uniform day is not compulsory, but those students not paying their £1 contribution will be expected to attend that day in full school uniform. The money raised will go towards a range of school events to benefit the students. Any funds left over at the end of the year will go to the House charities.

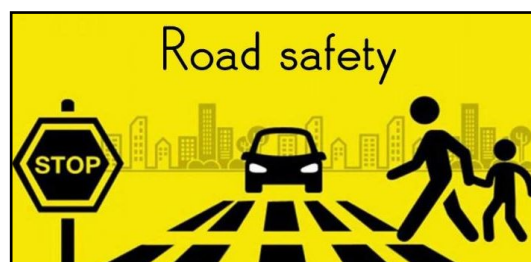
Please note that students must be appropriately dressed for school and that the following items are not allowed:

- * **Football shirts**
- * **Clothing with offensive messages**
- * **Clothing which is excessively revealing for all students, such as very low waisted trousers, strappy tops, bare midriffs, and tiny shorts/skirts**



Safety First!

Please can students be more mindful when walking to and from school. We have had reports of a number of near-misses, where students have not been paying attention. Please avoid distractions, be aware of your surroundings and stay on pavements and paths. There is a very high volume of traffic around Tomlinscote at the start and end of the day, so vigilance is of paramount importance.



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