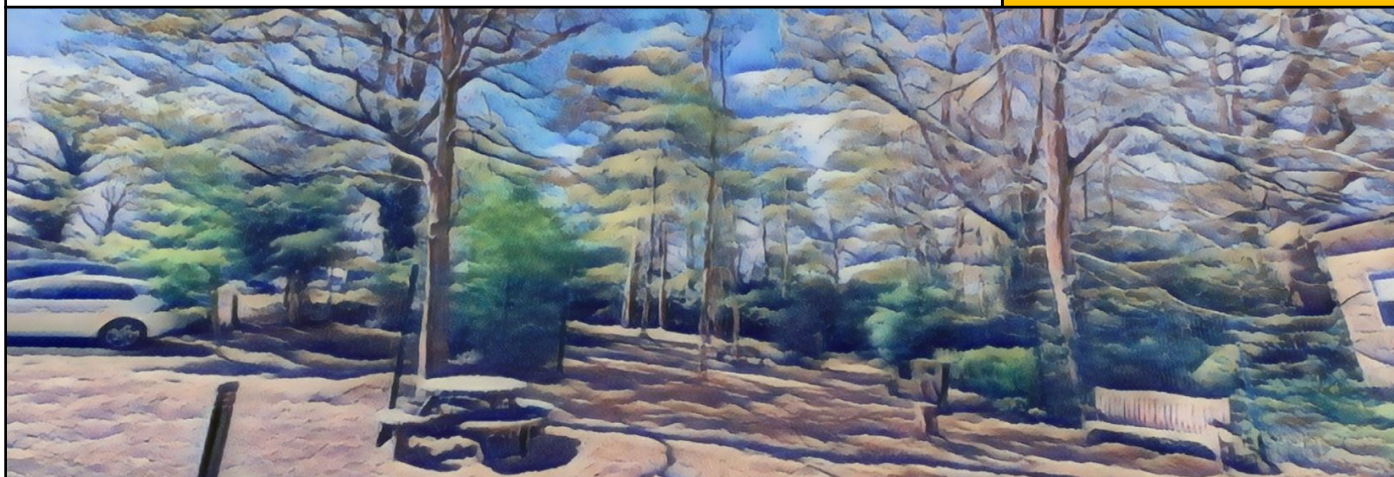


26th April 2024

Tomlinscote School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

On page 7 there is some information about the establishment of Tomlinscote School. The school opened in 1970 on what is now the site of Ravenscote School, moving to its current site in 1972.

At the time of opening it had 186 students with 12 teaching staff. It is an interesting read and gives an insight into the tradition of the "yellow socks" and the type of lessons taught at the time. I am not sure of the date of this



aerial photograph, I didn't realise we had so many huts!

Congratulations to the Under 16 Girls football team who I am pleased to announce have been crowned AFDSA District Champions and picked up their first silverware in 6 seasons! This is an exceptional result as it was their first season in the top division. Good luck to the Year 8 Boys who play in the AFDSA FA Cup Final on Wednesday 1st May 2024. It will be a great experience for the team to play at Aldershot.

There have been some lovely opportunities for a number of our students this week and I hope you enjoy reading the articles and looking at the pictures in the Newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mr Major

Key Dates

Thu 25th Apr - Thu 2nd May

Spanish Exchange Trip

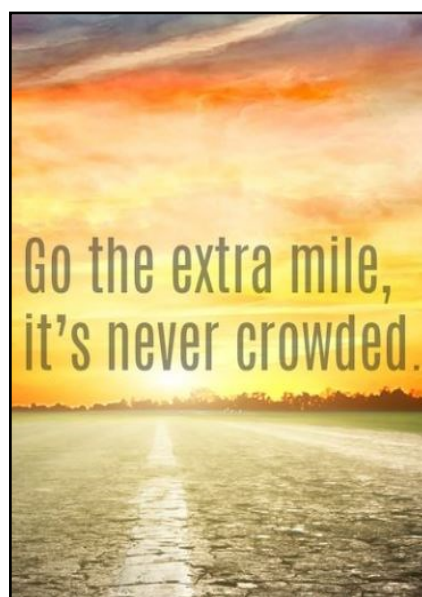
Mon 6th May

Bank Holiday

Wed 8th May

School Early Closure - 11.55am

(Due to Year 11 Leavers' Assembly)





No Tyredness here!

A small band of enthusiastic Tomlinscote students took part in an exhilarating day of racing at Goodwood Motor Circuit last Sunday. The early morning start did little to dampen their spirits, as they set off from school at 6.15am. Their prized car was transported in a van generously loaned for the occasion.

Upon arriving at Goodwood, the team wasted no time in getting down to business, preparing for a 7.30am scrutineer to ensure their vehicle met the necessary safety standards. Once given the green light, the students eagerly participated in practice sessions, fine-tuning their driving skills and strategies for the day's races.



With 11 students forming the team, they worked seamlessly together to tackle two 90-minute races, pushing themselves and their car to the limit! Several parents were also present, cheering on the young racers and lending their support throughout the day.

Six of the students took turns in the driver's seat, each striving to improve their lap times and contribute to the team's overall success. Their efforts paid off, as they managed to post a faster time than their previous year's result, leaving them thrilled with their progress.

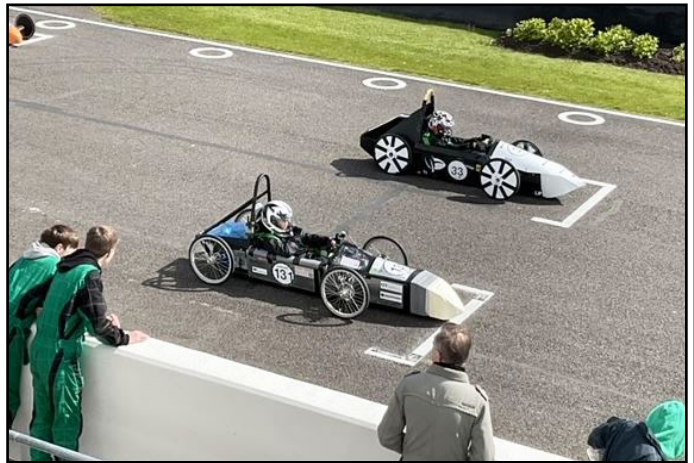


No Tyredness here! Cont'd

Looking to the future, the Tomlinscote racing team is determined to further enhance their kit car ahead of the final race day of the season. Simultaneously, they continue to build their scratch car for next year's competitions, showcasing their commitment to improving on previous races.



"Greenpower Education Trust is a UK based charity which gets young people enthusiastic about science and engineering by challenging them to design, build and race an electric car". There are over 700 teams throughout the UK with 30+ regional events every year. Increasingly, international teams are participating in the UK events.



The Goodwood racing experience not only allowed the students to demonstrate their driving prowess but also fostered teamwork, camaraderie, and a passion for engineering. As the Tomlinscote team continues to build on their achievements, it's clear that there are no limits to what they can accomplish on and off the track.



A huge thank you to Mr Jones from Technology, who has worked alongside this enthusiastic team and who was responsible for driving the team to Goodwood at a time on a Sunday when most of us were still asleep!



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Banking on a good trip!

Exploring the River Tillingbourne: Three days of Discovery for Year 10 Geography Students

Year 10 Geography students recently ventured beyond the classroom for an immersive day trip along the banks of the River Tillingbourne. Armed with measuring tools, wellies and a thirst for knowledge, students embarked on a journey of exploration, aiming to unravel the secrets of the river!

With the gentle flow of the Tillingbourne as their backdrop, students measured key river characteristics such as width, depth, and velocity at various sites along its course. This hands-on experience provided invaluable insights into the dynamic nature of river systems, bridging the gap between theory and practice, and providing an excellent experience that they can use in Paper 2 of their Geography exam. Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the course.

The lesson transitioned momentarily from Geography to Biology when this colourful Crayfish performed a pincer movement and appeared on the scene!



Exploring the River - Cont'd



Guided by their teachers and the Field Study Centre staff, students navigated their way through the different stages of a geographical inquiry, from formulating questions to collecting data, and from analysing findings to evaluating their significance. This will be built upon in their lessons when back in school. This comprehensive approach not only deepened their understanding of geographical processes but also equipped them with essential skills for future exams, and if they take Geography beyond Tomlinscote.

The knowledge and skills acquired during this day trip will play a vital role in shaping students' success in the GCSE Geography examination and beyond. Hopefully it begins to instil in them a passion for exploration and an appreciation for the natural world.

A big thank you to Miss Harris for organising this vital fieldwork for the students, and we look forward to our trip to Guildford in the Autumn Term. Thanks also to all the Geography teachers who spent the 3 days by the river with our students.





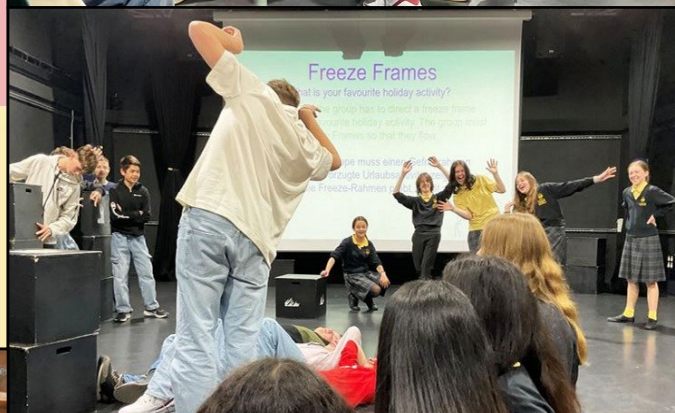
International Interviews Improvisation & Impact!



This week, Tomlinscote School had the privilege of hosting a group of students from a German partner school, offering them a unique opportunity to experience life in an English school. The visit aimed to foster cultural exchange and promote international friendship between the two schools.

Upon arrival, the German students were greeted by their Tomlinscote peers and given a tour of the school's facilities. During the day, they engaged in various activities from Drama, language lessons and sport.

One of the highlights of the day was a Drama lesson, where students from both schools collaborated in creating 'freeze frame' images. This immersive experience enabled the German students to explore their creative side while practicing their English language skills too.



In addition to the Drama lesson, the visiting students spent time in the Languages Department, where they had the chance to refine their English and join in with conversations. It was an enlightening experience for both Tomlinscote and German students, as they found out about their respective lives.

No day at Tomlinscote would be complete without PE. As a result, German students were introduced to rounders, joining their Tomlinscote peers for a fun, if a little cold, match on the school field.



As the visit came to an end, both the German students and their Tomlinscote hosts expressed gratitude for the memorable experience. This successful visit proves yet again that providing these foreign visits both at home and abroad promotes confidence in language and provides a valuable life skill.

It wasn't always like this.....

In early 1970, on the recommendation of the local authority, plans for a new secondary school were completed. The name of the school was to be Tomlinscote and at the time of being built it was the only purpose built comprehensive school in Surrey.

It opened in 1970 on what is now the site of Ravenscote School, moving to its current site in 1972. At the time of opening it had 186 students with 10 full time teaching staff and 2 part time. The total cost of the school was £489,068, with an additional sum of £4,670.00 for the layout of the playing fields.

This was a very busy time for the area as other new schools including Crawley Ridge, Cordwalles, Pine Ridge and Lakeside were all being constructed to meet the need for more school places.

In the early days, there were 6 classrooms and just one toilet which meant that boys and girls were allotted times for their use. All of the equipment was new with exception of the desks, which were second hand, literally the cast offs from other schools as there was a problem with supply. There were 87 doors in the school, all of which were numbered!

After the first year, the teaching numbers swelled to 20. The school was still very much 'work in progress' with specialist rooms and laboratories still not complete. The school uniform colours were decided upon by the then Head Teacher, Mr Carter. When asked he said "As you know I have always been very keen on acting and you may find the yellow is from the yellow stockings worn in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, the black I think is always smart".

Most of the curriculum was very similar to today's offering. However, additional subjects on offer were Money Management at CSE Level, Ceramics, Needlework and European Studies. Typing, Shorthand and Secretarial Duties were also available to study as a commercial course.

At the time, there were 6 school Houses, namely Canterbury, Durham, Ely, Salisbury, Winchester and York named after Cathedral cities. Sports still played an important part in the school day offering additional sports of Golf, Synchronised swimming and weightlifting!

School catering offered a similar cafeteria style dining experience, the meal of the day back in 1972 cost 67p.

We think it is safe to say that Tomlinscote has grown somewhat and continues to thrive in 2024.



Aerial shot of Tomlinscote when a large number of classrooms were in fact huts on the playground and the school was lucky enough to have a pool!



Ophelia Bailey 8H

Paige Penfold 7R

Roshni Lobo 9K

Aileana Reid 7K

Harley Skone 7M

Alexander-Jack Harber 7R

Jennifer Dolbear 8P

Hamish Buchan 9Q

*Congratulations to our
Star Performers.*

Chelsia Amago 11Y

Scarlett Pasley 9M

Theo Murray 8L

Prischita Gurung 7R

Bethany Howard 7Y

*Well done, keep up the
good work.*

Avaani Pannum 8R

Daniel Lea 7P

Josh Dean 9L

Thomas Sargent 8M

Ella Peddie 8L

Cohen Nicholas 7G

Keira Boylan 10L

Jack Gubbins 9G

Tahir Bhangsi 9M

James Kelley 8Q

Louie Longman 8Q

Manaal Qureshi 9G

Matthew Packham 9K

Andreea Morcovescu 9R

Maya Couderc 11Y

Oliver Brooks 7L

George Gregson 8G

Natasha Hill 10Y

Annabelle Burrridge 7Y

Lincoln Tunstead 9M

Alexandra Papathoma 9G

Christian-Quade Lauderdale 7K

Camellia Harding 7G

Telemachus Crichlow 10L

Nevil Mathew 8L

Rose Walker 9R

Laila Azebeokhai 11G

Ashton Peddle 11L

Isabelle Calvert 10H

Sophie Bird 10L

Harry Jackson 11M

Nia Leat 10H

Isabelle Mather 9M

Jessie Widdows 11K

Max Holdstock 8X

Tomlinscote Team Results



Year 8 Boys Football

Having completed their league campaign with a record of Played 6, Won 5, Lost 1, scoring 20 and conceding just 2 goals in the Premier Division, the A Team were crowned District League Champions on goal difference! A fantastic achievement after narrowly missing out last season.

This was a confidence boost ahead of the final game of the season when the Year 8 Boys play in the Aldershot & Farnborough District Schools FA Cup Final on **Wednesday 1st May 2024**.

The final is to be played at Aldershot Town FC's EBB Stadium, kick off 3pm. Spectators are welcome, but please be aware that there will be **No parking** on site for spectators – the nearest car park is the Aldershot High Street Multi-Storey on Wellington Avenue, a short walk from the ground.


Entry to the ground costs £6 per adult and £4 per child – there will be cash and card options available, but if paying cash, please try to bring the correct amount.

U16 Girls Football	v	Bohunt School 	 Score 4 - 1	Scorers Sianna Hegarty
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Player of the Match - Sianna Hegarty

The U16 team finished their season on a high when Bohunt visited after a strong performance in the last game. Early pressure settled the Tomlinscote nerves as Sianna Hegarty latched on to a through ball from her sister Ciara in the ninth minute to open the scoring. Some pressure was then applied by the Bohunt midfield, but to no avail and Tomlinscote were able to play through the majority of the press with some good play between the defensive and midfield units. In the seventeenth minute, Sianna picked up a loose ball as it dropped from Connie Gimblett's goal kick to weave through the Bohunt defence before slotting coolly past the advancing keeper. It was 3-0 before half-time when a quick throw from Evie Smith, impressing in her first game with the armband, found the equally impressive Sianna to complete her hat-trick in style, with a stunning strike into the top corner from the edge of the box – TOP BINS! The second half saw some early pressure on the Tomlinscote goal, before a long range free kick beat Connie in goal to pull one back for Bohunt and raise their hopes of a comeback. This was, however, short-lived as Player of the Match, Sianna, scored her fourth to close out the scoring by rounding the Bohunt keeper one-on-one, to make it 4-1. As results continued to be submitted to the League, the girls were not confident of success in their first season in the top division of the Aldershot & Farnborough District Schools FA U16 Girls League, but I am pleased to announce that they have been crowned **AFDSA District Champions** and picked up their first silverware in 6 seasons!

Tomlinscote Team Results

Year 11 Boys Cup Semi-final	V	Salesian College 	 Score 4 - 4	Scorers Zahir Al Nawab - 2 Kris Eccleston - 1 James Banks - 1
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The Year 11 Cup semi-final vs Salesians was a hugely exciting game with 8 goals, extra time and a penalty shoot-out. The Tomlinscote players battled till the end but unfortunately got beaten in penalties by a very strong Salesian side. There were some incredible saves from Harry to keep us in the game as well as moments of magic from all players on the pitch throughout. The team did themselves proud.

Final score: Tomlinscote 4 – 4 Salesian after extra time. Salesian won on penalties.

Player of the match – Harry in goal.

A huge congratulations to the boys who had a phenomenal game and have had incredible success over the last 5 years winning both the league and the cup throughout their time at Tomlinscote.



“To be defeated and yet not surrender, is victory.”



Navigating a path to success



Edward and Matthew in Y10 have both received awards for their achievements in the 2024 Southern Navigators Junior Orienteering League. Matthew came third in his age category (Y10/11 Boys), and Edward was placed second.

Both boys also received the first Gold medals ever awarded for participation; a cumulative commitment over the past 3 years. They also topped it off with a Light Green par certificate. This final certificate is earned by beating the average time on that course on 3 or more events, competing against a field of both junior and experienced adult orienteers.

Their efforts placed Tomlinscote second overall in the Schools' league table, a huge achievement considering the much greater number of students contributing to the points at some of the other schools.

The prize-giving was held last Saturday at Tomlinscote, the final event of the season.

If anyone from the school is interested in joining them next school year, Southern Navigators are the local orienteering club and their website is :

<https://www.southern navigators.com/>



Congratulations to Edward & Matthew for such a fantastic achievement.

TOMLINSCOTE MINECRAFT CLUB

Following on from the article about the origins of Tomlinscote School, you may be surprised to hear that the whole of Tomlinscote School is being rebuilt from the ground up.

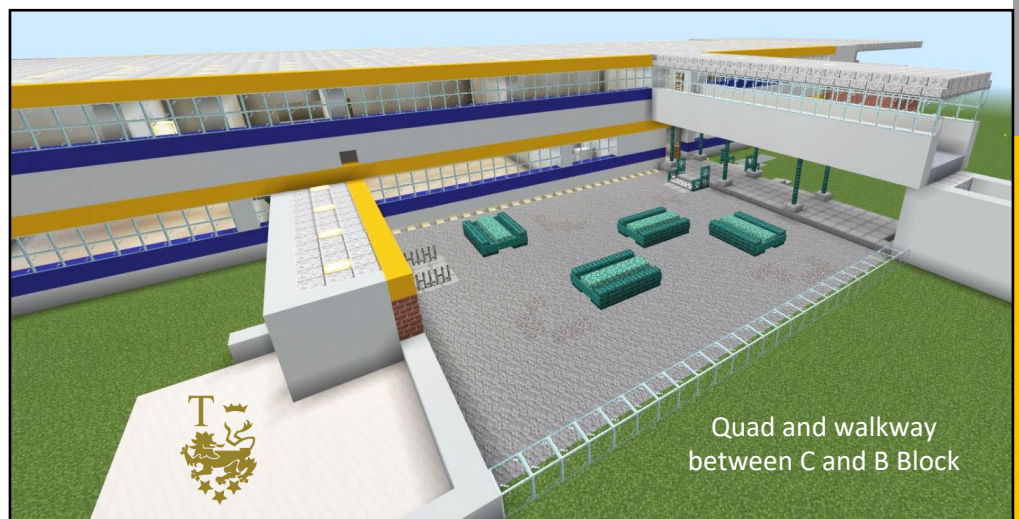
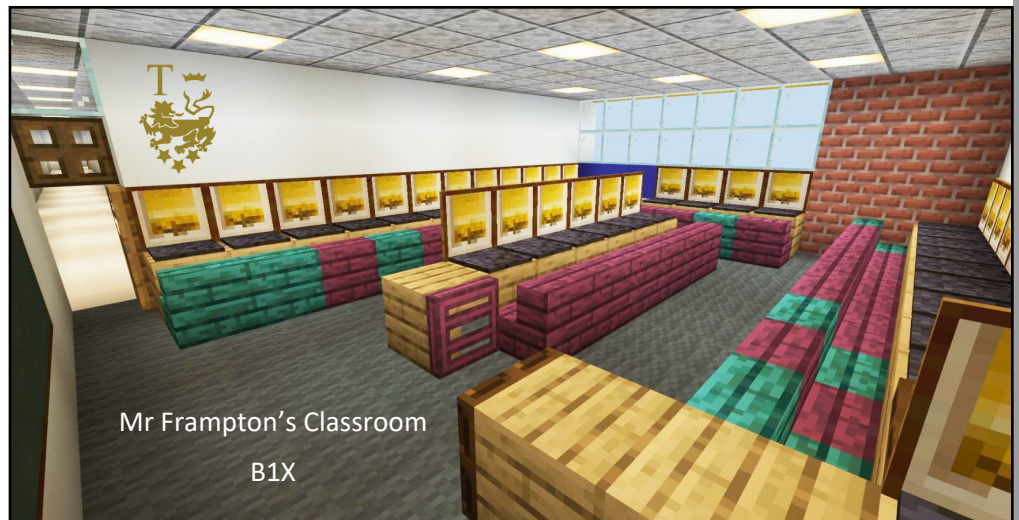
Over the last few weeks, around ten Year 7 and 8 students have started the lengthy construction project to build Tomlinscote school in Minecraft. After considerable initial discussions on the correct block colours to use, the team started building B Block, obviously starting with Mr Frampton's room B1X.

They have now moved on to the process of building S and M blocks. C block will be next!

The aim is to build the whole school and decorate it. As you will appreciate, this is going to be a lengthy process so additional Year 7 or 8 construction workers are urgently required to join the club to help build the school.

The pay is non-existent, but the experience is priceless!

Minecraft club:
after school every
Monday in B1X.



If you're stuck for something to do on Sunday 5th May, maybe you could take part in the 'Run Frimley' event. There are different distances to suit all the family.

The poster features a smiling man in a white 'Frimley Health Charity' t-shirt holding a medal. The background is a blurred outdoor scene. Text and graphics are overlaid on the right and bottom.

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