



# Tomlinscote School

June 2025

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers,

## The Year 10 “Big Interview” – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

I am very excited to inform you that all of our Year 10 students will be taking part in the “Big Interview” on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July in a couple of weeks’ time. Following a very successful pilot of this activity last year, we are looking forward to being able to provide our students with yet another opportunity to help prepare them for their post-16 transition as they move towards Year 11. In the autumn term of Year 11, students will be making choices about their next steps and post-16 plans and this will include making applications to different colleges, apprenticeship programmes etc. In order to ensure they are in the best possible position to be able to do this, we are hosting the “Big Interview” programme to help prepare them for their next steps.

This activity will involve all children in Year 10 taking part in a twenty minute, one to one interview with a business professional at some point throughout that day. We have over 35 business volunteers lined up to come into school that day to interview the year group. They are from a huge range of industries and are very experienced in interviewing. This interview will provide your child with an incredibly valuable experience which will enable them to discuss their careers aspirations, their strengths, how they can evidence particular employability skills and what their intended post-16 plans are at this point. The business volunteers will provide feedback to your child which they will receive in due course after the interview.

In advance of the “Big Interview”, your child will be doing preparation work in tutorial sessions and in their upcoming PSHE lessons. As part of this, they will complete an application form, detailing information regarding their subjects, their interests, their intended post-16 plans and their own strengths and skills. One part of the form will also see them apply for a hypothetical job; students will select a job from the choice of four available. Their interviewers will have access to these application forms on the day and these will form the basis of the interview. First impressions count and it would be most beneficial for you to have a conversation with your child regarding the application form, the day itself and how they can make the most of this opportunity. There is a section on the school website dedicated to this activity with a copy of the application form and the preparation work that students have completed in advance of the day should you wish to find out more:

<https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/page/?title=Year+10+%26%238220%3BBig+Interview%26%238221%3B&pid=663>

I do hope your child has a fantastic interview and fully embraces this opportunity as excellent preparation for next year. If you have any questions regarding the event then please contact me at the school on: [hivesey@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:hivesey@tomlinscoteschool.com).

Yours Sincerely,

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