



Tomlinscote School Newsletter

12th September
2025



Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been a tough week with the tragic death of Laurence Foley. Laurence was an English teacher and Head of Year at Tomlinscote from September 1999 and he recently retired at the end of August 2025. In his 26 years at the school, Laurence had a huge positive influence on thousands of students and it has been a pleasure to read a number of lovely emails from ex-students and parents in the past couple of days. In his role as Head of Year, Laurence saw 23 different cohorts of students go through the school.

Laurence was a real character - a person with a brilliant sense of humour, a person who had a great relationship with all members of staff, an English teacher who could bring the subject alive and a person who cared deeply about the teaching profession and colleagues. He was always the person who would volunteer to have sponges thrown at him in charity events or to attend school trips such as to Spain, the Battlefields, Berlin and he used to lead the PGL trip to France. Students and staff have so many lovely memories from these experiences outside of the classroom.

Laurence seemed to touch the lives of so many people at the school and his leaving speech to 150 staff brought the house down. Laurence will not be forgotten at Tomlinscote and over the next couple of weeks we will talk to students and staff to consider the most appropriate way to remember him.

Mr Major

Key Dates

Monday 15th September
Year 8 Information Evening
7pm

Tuesday 16th September
Year 9 Information Evening
7pm

Wednesday 17th September
Year 10 Information Evening
7pm

Thursday 18th September
Year 11 Information Evening
7pm

Thursday 25th September
Year 6 Open Evening
Early closure at 12.55pm

Monday 29th September
Year 7 Information Evening
7pm