



# Tomlinscote School Newsletter

13th March  
2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

At Tomlinscote we have a big emphasis upon improving literacy and last week we had such fun celebrating reading as part of the World Book Day 2026. We did the following events:

- Staff had a task to find their literacy match which encouraged a great deal of discussion.
- We had two fun House Competitions to enter with a literary theme: a 'Design a Bookmark' competition and a 'Make a Scene' Form photo competition, recreating a favourite book moment with some inspiring dressing up and props.
- In the LRC at morning break students had the opportunity to participate in a Waterstones Virtual School Event Author Visit with writer Nathanael Lessore, who shared what has inspired him to become a writer. His World Book Day title is 'Against All Odds'.
- In the LRC at lunchtime, we held our first 'Kids' Lit Quiz' tournament and had a packed event! Students had to answer 20 questions correctly - all based on a variety of children's literature.
- Lastly, we are delighted that our new '100 Books To Read Before You Leave Tomlinscote School' list has now gone live on our Tomlinscote School website and a tab to access the list can be found in the 'Student' area. Families can now access some inspiring titles for KS3 and KS4 that have been suggested by current teaching staff and students.

I have enjoyed walking the school each day and some parents were really impressed on their school tour this morning. I am particularly encouraged to see so many Year 11 students focussed in the lessons and engaged in after school interventions. Next week, Year 10 have examinations and I am sure that many of them will be busy revising at the weekend.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Mr. Major

## Key Dates

**Friday 13th March**

Culture Day

**16th March—26th March**

Year 10 Exams

**Thursday 26th March**

End of Term at 12.30pm

**20th—22nd March**

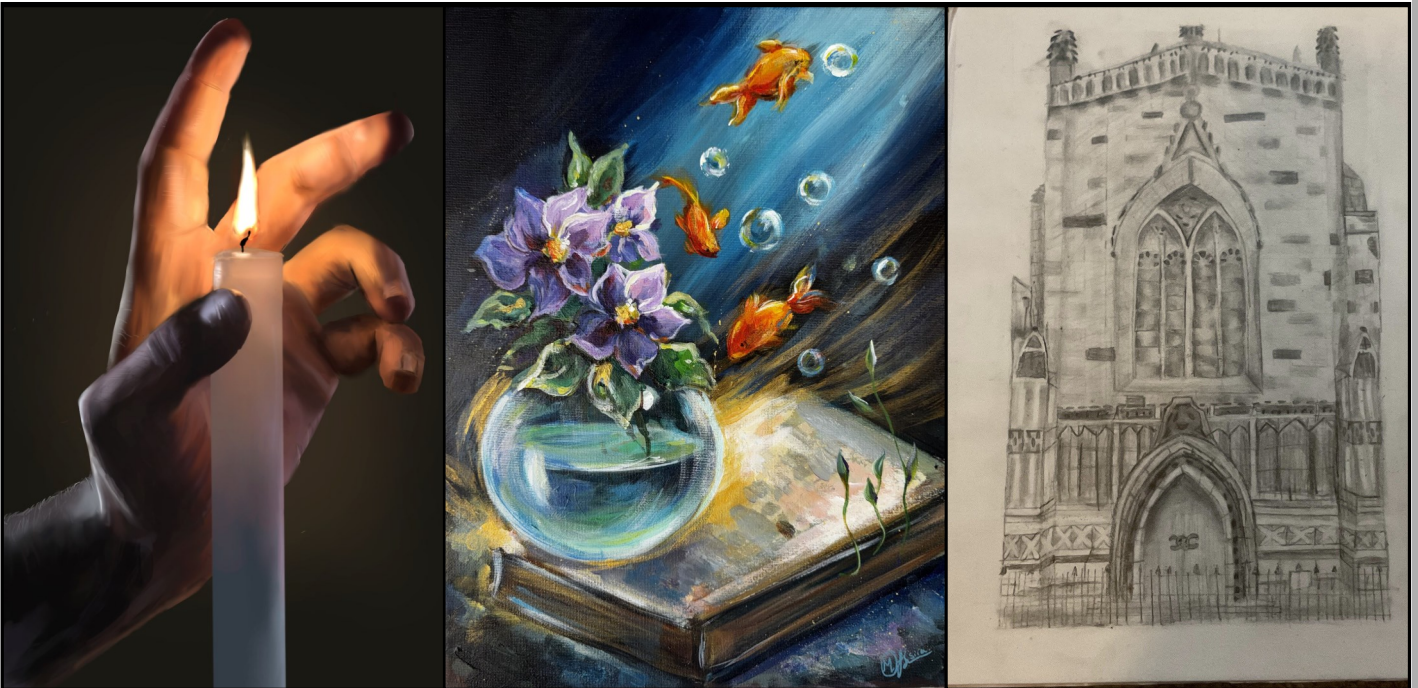
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*"I've been to Persia a hundred times. Along with St. Petersburg, Paris, Middle-Earth, distant planets and Shangri-La. And I never had to leave this room."*

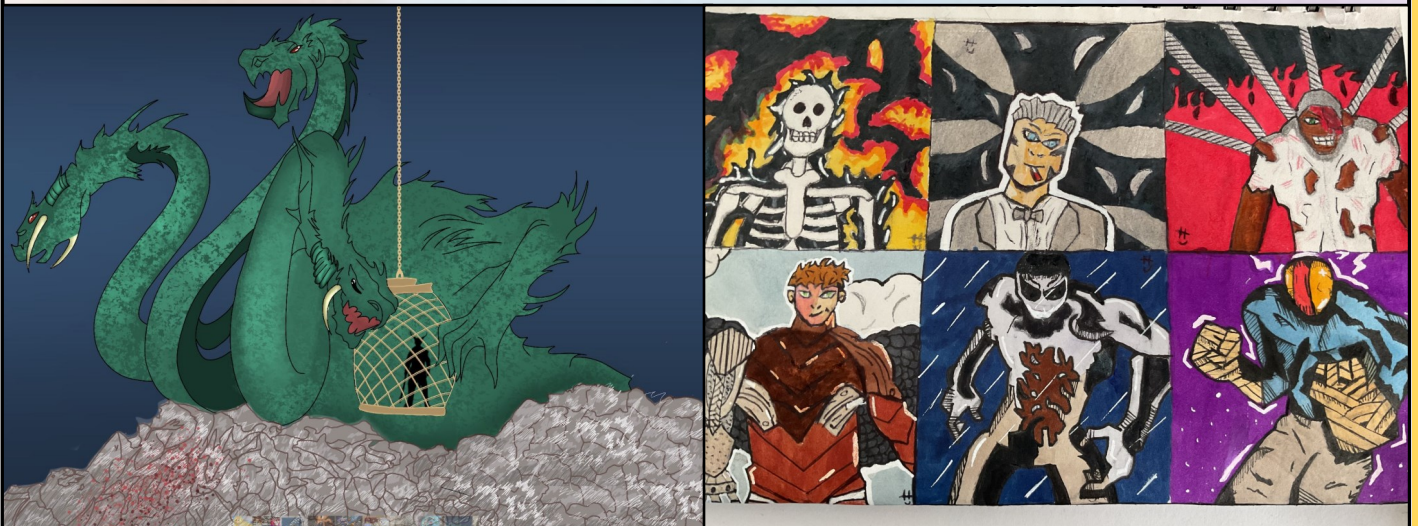
*- Cornelia Funke,  
Inkheart*

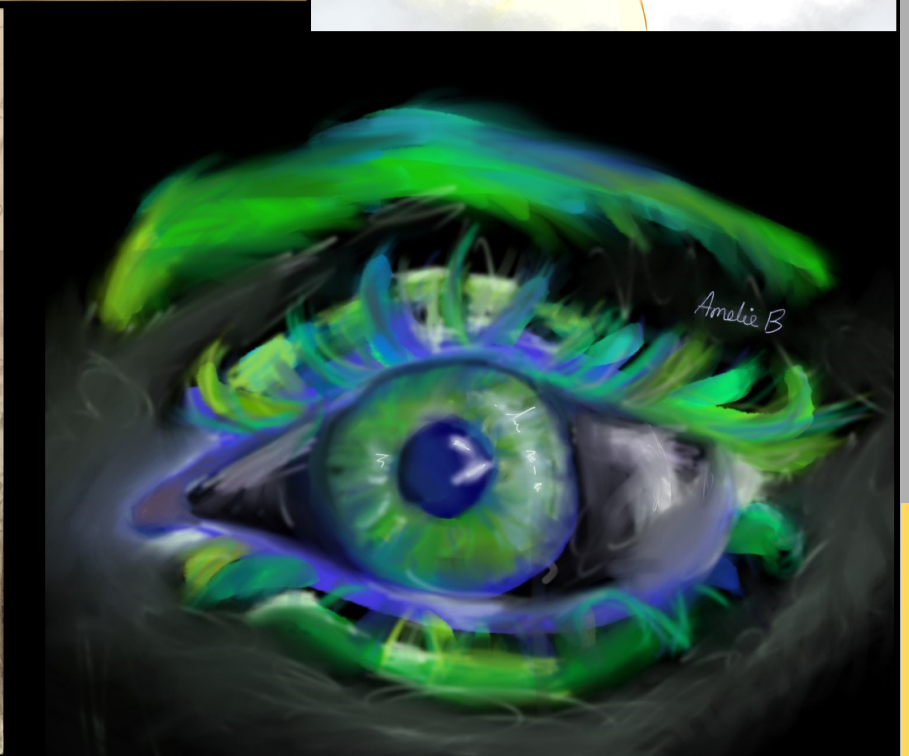
# Talented artists



The following students have submitted artwork for the Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show for students aged between 4 and 18. The theme was a subject of their choice. They had to submit a piece of work in any media with a tile and some information about the meaning. We wish all our entries the best of luck in the possibility of having their work shown at the exhibition in London with winning prizes or art material gift vouchers. The judging will take place by a panel of experienced and passionate artists and arts professionals, in May and the RA display on the 14<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Lizzie Ssebatta, Amelie Bigg, Jessica Hart, Erin Galbraith, Indigo Wiltshire, Milana Sira, Mona Imbera, Seren Harkness, Esther Amago, Emma Storey, Nyla Bernard & Harry Doel. Here are their entries:





# Tomlinscote Team Results



<b>Year 10 Boys Football</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Farnham Heath End School</b>	<b>Score</b> 1-0	<b>Player of the Match</b> Luca Hannaway Indy Mills
<b>Year 7B Boys Football</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Frogmore Community College</b>	<b>Result</b> 5-1	<b>Player of the Match</b> Owen Sheppard

<b>Year 8 Girls Netball</b>  <b>Pool A</b> <b>4th Place</b>	<b>District Tournament</b>  <b>v</b>	<b>Scores</b> All Hallows 0-7 Loss Weydon A 0-18 Loss Farnborough Hill 8-0 Win Weydon B 1-9 Loss	<b>Team:</b> Imogen Davidson Mia Galloway Rose Hampshire Lucette Neacsu Isla Rowley Ella James Holly Took Tilly Taylor Jana Sabzevariha
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All Team fixtures and results can be accessed on our Sports System:

[https://sport.tomlinscoteschool.com/Fixtures\\_Teams.asp?Id=4438](https://sport.tomlinscoteschool.com/Fixtures_Teams.asp?Id=4438)

# LUIS GABRIEL GUEMBES TESTIMONIAL MATCH

In Support of the Luis Gabriel Memorial Fund  
Honouring Luis' life and helping the local  
community through charitable projects



*19:00 Kick off*  
*Tuesday 14th April 2026*  
*Entry by donation*



Churt Juniors  
U16 Vipers

**Vs**



Mytchett Athletic  
U16 Kestrels

Hosted By:

Farnborough F.C.  
GU14 8UD

Full Address:  
Saunders Transport Community Stadium, Cherrywood Rd, Farnborough GU14 8UD

# UK MATHEMATICAL TRUST - COMMITMENT TO MATHS!

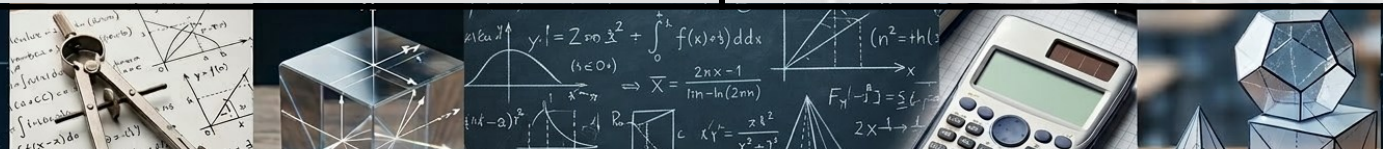
On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 70 Year 10 and 11 Maths students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Students had 60 minutes to solve a series of challenging mathematical problems.

The aim of the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge is to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to use their knowledge outside the classrooms and to encourage them in taking their maths studies further.

Well done to all who took part!

We are very proud to announce that our students achieved outstanding results this year and the following students qualified for the next round of the UKMT Mathematical Olympiads based on their impressive scores:

**Duncan Davies - Hamilton Olympiad**  
**Emily Armitage - Pink Kangaroo**  
**Joseph Horne - Pink Kangaroo**  
**Mason Yu - Pink Kangaroo**  
**Bradley Weaver - Pink Kangaroo**  
**Quinn Wiltshire - Pink Kangaroo**



As a School we would like to extend further congratulations to Duncan Davies, who qualified for the Hamilton Olympiad. This places him in the top 1,800 Year 10 students in the country. This is an incredible achievement and a testimony to Duncan's hard work!

We would also like to congratulate the following students on their achievements:

## GOLD AWARD

**Duncan Davies** – Gold award and Best Score in Tomlinscote School

**Emily Armitage** – Gold award and Best Score in Year 11

- Joseph Horne
- Mason Yu
- Mollie

**Entwistle-Burke**

- Bradley Weave
- Quinn Wiltshire
- Matthew Sturt
- Gabriel Stewart

## SILVER AWARD

- Tharun Mahapathirannehelage

- Livia Radziwonowska

- Poppy Penfold - James Kelley

- Sheza Kayani - David Danso

- Naomi Davies - Marlon Ballard

- Rida Khan

- Bruce Walker

- Neelum Sagoo

- Harvey Saville

- Aiden Zadeh

- Lorinc Varfoldi

- Evie MacKinnon

- Megan Gooding

## BRONZE AWARD

- Rebecca - Ellie Melas

Gurung - Isha Nanavati

- Alana Moore - Sophia Price

- Sanjana - Zoe Ansa-Otu

Papnai - Aidan Swartz

- Isabella - Alexander

Roberts Calvert

- Emily Goggin - Emily Yorke

- Emily Head - Brogan

- Holly Hebditch

Wedlock - Luke Baker

- Shaivi Udhin - Tamir Zeevi

- Jeremy - Mia Couldrey

Rushforth - Rinjen

- James Pradhan

Casewell

## Year 8 and 9 UKMT Team Maths Challenge

Separately, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026, four Tomlinscote students were accompanied by Mr Hopcraft to compete in the UKMT Regional Team Maths Challenge.

The event took place at Guildford County School. The team was represented by Tristan Melcher and Inaya Shah in Year 8, and Lucy Pearce and Charlie Welding in Year 9.

The challenge comprised of 4 rounds where the students had to work in either pairs or as a group of 4. The tasks were designed to stretch and test the students' mathematical talents, in a competitive environment. There were 21 schools that took part, with the winning school knowing they would represent the region at the national event in Manchester later this year.

Out of the 21 schools participating, Tomlinscote School finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place. The students represented the school very well and should be proud of their achievements on the day, as I was. - Mr Hopcraft

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Hannah in 8H participated in the National Youth Artistic swimming championships in Gloucester. She did incredibly well and picked up 2 national medals:

- \* Bronze in Youth duet
- \* Bronze in Youth free team
- \* AND came 4<sup>th</sup> in Youth free combination team

Massive congratulations to Hannah and the team!

Last night the Tomlinscote Dance Club competed at the KS3 Gremlin Dance Competition, up against 11 other local schools the competition was tough.

This year's theme was 'Icon' and the group performed an original piece called 'The Shows That Shape You' that was a medley of famous musical numbers celebrating their iconic influence on watchers.

The piece was choreographed by Jenny Dolbear and May Goodwin from Year 10 - which made it extra special that we **WON THE AWARD** for best Choreography!

A huge well done to all the performers and creative team involved!

### Lost Property

Lost property will be available for students to claim back from Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March outside Student Reception.

Items remaining after this time will be donated to a local charity.