



Tomlinscote School Newsletter

15th May
2026



Dear parents & carers,

Thank you so much to the parents who attended the parental forum this week. We discussed Personal, Social, Health and Economic themes that occur within the curriculum, our mobile phone policy with regard to recent government guidance and several specific items raised by the group concerning school life. Your input and views are always appreciated and help the school go from strength to strength.

A reminder that Tomlinscote is a nut free school. Please do not provide nuts to your child as a breaktime or lunchtime snack. We have had a couple of medical incidents in the past year and those could have been avoided by adhering to this policy. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Congratulations to Max Walker (Year 10 student). His artwork entitled "London Roundels" has been accepted for the Royal Academy Young Artist's Summer Show online exhibition. On Wednesday, I was pleased to award 80 Key Stage 3 students a "Young Writers" certificate for their recent creative writing extracts and 35 students had their brilliant work published in a book called "Whispers of war".

Congratulations to all of them!

After half term, Year 9 students will receive a new timetable and start GCSEs or other Level 2 qualifications for all their subjects. This is quite a logistical task at this stage of the year and it might mean that a few students in Years 7 and 8 have a lesson or two changed during the week.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Mr Major

Key Dates

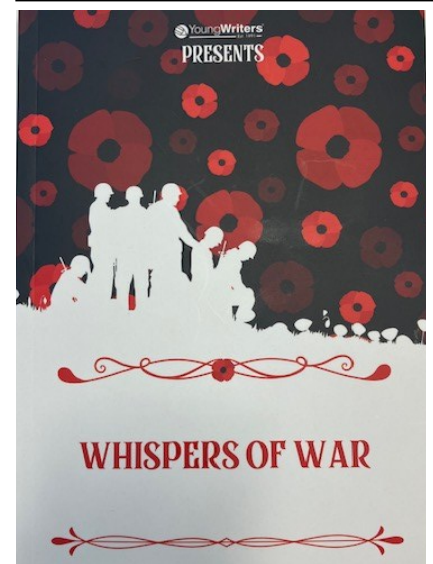
Wednesday 20th May
German school visit to
Tomlinscote

Friday 22nd May
Year 9 Report sent home

**Monday 25th -
Friday 29th May**
Half Term

Monday 1st June
Year 9 start the Key Stage 4
curriculum in all subjects

Tuesday 2nd June
INSET Day



Creative Arts Learners of the Half-Term

Congratulations to our Star Performers.
Well done, keep up the good work.

George Grace	Tooba Syed	Mounir Hashem	Tilly Taylor	Emilia Searle
Joshua Perrio	Zara Ali	Sky Roberts	Jiya Chana	Jasmyn Kerr
Sebastian McIntyre	Michelle Stoichkov	Jana Sabzevariha	Jessica Looker-Murphy	Charlotte Hendry
Travis Henkun	Emilie Cox	Edward Melas	Jessica Foreman	Olivia Bucur
Finn Crabtree	Alice Messer	Harry Lyddon	Milek Hildreth	Bethany Howard
Ethan Landucci	Nour Choueib	Toby Ward	Lucy Hutcheson	Gorgia Howton
Elizabeth Griffin	Brooke Haskins	Freya Shaw	Mabel Padgham	Suraya Rahman
Ethan Chalmers	Cecily Govey	Yanis Bouafad	Camellia Hardy	Ethan Welford
Jun Marcolini	Penny Purchase	Shahzain Sajid	Louie Shallom	Holly Tiffany
Darcie Girvin	Amy Blake	Sebastian Toft	Grace Bevan	Poppy Lytle
Freya Champion	Tina Louw	Sophia Fereday	Louise Bradnam	Lea Daniel
Kasra Naderi	Khadija Bukhari	Mieya Ryves	Amethyst Naoe	Edward Stokes
Valentina Palfreman	Tallulah Harries-Watkins	Olivia De Angelis	Nora Kaltenbacher	Jasmine Jaranilla Skie
Kruz Holmes	Joseph Hatton	Emily Tomlin	Aidan Mitchell	Melissa Weller
Ayden Nair	Elizabeth Hall	Aarian Gogna	Bobbie Ruffles	Elleana Joel
Weronika Radziwonowska	Alexis Izri-Hughes	Thomas Butcher	Gabriela Amaya Idan	Jennifer Rajendira Kumar
Ria Dani	George Bullen	Reya Vernekar	Jessica Watkins	Lola Johnson
Charles Pavli	Anna Kubrycht	Manasvi Modgil	Ollie Pankhurst	Chloe Bird
Rupert Bryers	Sienna Whitehorn	Emma Weatherley	Micke Moutsatsos	Nathan Valdez

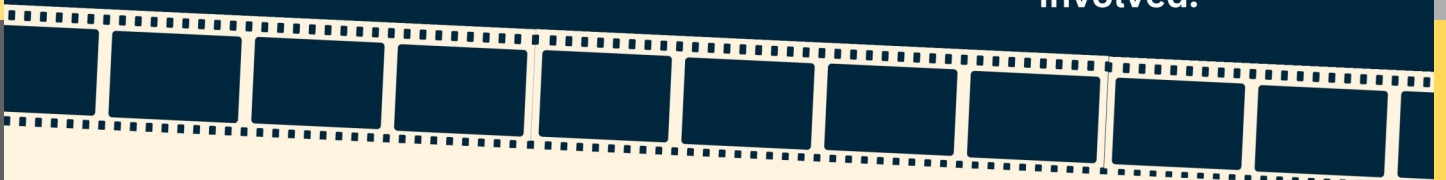


Year 10 Max Walker's artwork "London Roundels" has been accepted for the Royal Academy Young Artist's Summer Show online exhibition, which launches on Wednesday 8th July.



SCHOOL SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the huge success of last year's show 'The Addams Family', we are excited to reveal our next production after school on Tuesday 19th May in the hall. During the announcement students can find out about how to get involved on stage and back stage! It's a fantastic opportunity for as many students as possible to get involved.



Congratulations to our newly appointed Y9 Drama Prefects. They will join our current dedicated team of Y10 Drama Prefects:

Aidan Mitchell

Bethany Howard

Darina Moroz

Ethan Fuller

**Gabriela
Amaya Idan**

Jessica Hart

Kelsey Walford

**Lauren-Beth
Smith**

Olivia Crossland

Toby Bibb



Tomlinscote Team Results



Year 9 Boys Tennis U15 LTA League	V	RGS Guildford	Score 2-4	Player of the Match Ben Holmes
Year 9 Boys Tennis U14 Surrey League	V	RGS Guildford	Score 1-3	Player of the Match Stephan Burgess

All Team fixtures and results can be accessed on our Sports System:

https://sport.tomlinscoteschool.com/Fixtures_Teams.asp?Id=4438

“£1 a brick?”

Year 10 students had an insight into the range of construction courses offered at Farnborough College of Technology this week. Students tried skills and activities leading to courses and careers in plumbing, carpentry, bricklaying and becoming an electrician. Students had the opportunity to talk to college staff about entry requirements and job and apprenticeship opportunities and whether brickies really got paid by the brick.

The insight trip is ahead of the Colleges Open Event for Year 10

and 11 on
Wednesday
17th June
– booking is
advised:

[https://
www.farn-
ct.ac.uk/](https://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/)



Leave of Absence in Term-Time

Schools can only authorise time off in **exceptional cases**.

- ✦ Ask the headteacher **before** you plan any time off in term time.
- ✦ The headteacher will decide if your reason is exceptional.
- ✦ If the school refuses and you still take your child out of school, the school will record the absence as **unauthorised**.

Unauthorised time off can lead to a **penalty notice (fine)** or **prosecution**.

Penalty notices

A penalty notice (PN) is a fine. It explains:

- ✦ why you are being fined
- ✦ how much you must pay
- ✦ how to pay
- ✦ what happens if you do not pay

If you do not pay, the council may take further action, which can include prosecution.

Fine amounts

Absence - per parent/per child	0 to 21 days	22 to 28 days	More than 28 days
First absence (since 19 August 2024)	£80	£160	Prosecution
Second absence (within 3 years of first PN issue date)	£160	£160	Prosecution
Third absence (within 3 years of first PN issue date)	N/A	N/A	Prosecution

Prosecution

If attendance does not improve after support and warnings, the council may take you to court.

The court looks at:

- ✦ your child's attendance record
- ✦ the support the school or council offered
- ✦ what steps you took to improve attendance

The court can give a fine or another type of order.

Education Supervision Orders (ESOs)

An Education Supervision Order is a **court order** setting out what you and the council must do to help improve your child's attendance.

The council will explain what the order means and what happens next.

Persistent Absence

The government considers attendance that drops to 90% and below to be an example of persistent absence. The school will always work with the family to try and identify the causes of absence and provide appropriate support for the student to improve their attendance to school. If your child's attendance has fallen to 90% and you are concerned, please do not hesitate to contact their head of year who will be happy to discuss any challenges your child may be experiencing.