



# Tomlinscote School Newsletter

22nd May  
2026



Dear parents & carers,

We are really pleased to announce that the next whole school production for 2027 will be 'Sister Act Jr.' to be performed on Wednesday 27th — Friday 29th January 2027. Students can get involved on stage or back stage, information on how to get involved was sent out via EduLink, and if you have anymore questions please contact Mrs Frater [rfrater@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:rfrater@tomlinscoteschool.com). It's going to be a fabulous show!

Year 11 parents — Have you any items of school uniform that you would be able to donate? Please drop them off in reception before Friday 26th June 2026. I know that we have lots of parents & carers who would benefit from the opportunity of free school wear. See [Page 2](#) for details about the Uniform Station Evening that is run by our parental community.

It is an exciting time for our Year 9's who will receive a new timetable after half term because they start their GCSE courses. Please see [Page 3](#) for more important information about this.

I would also like to highlight the change to the Year 7 Heads of Year after half term. Miss Ellis and Mr Field will take over responsibility for Year 7. They can be contacted by using the email address [Hoy7@tomlinscoteschool.com](mailto:Hoy7@tomlinscoteschool.com)

Congratulations to Harry Lyddon, who is now Berkshire county 800m Champion running a spectacular 2:12 performance and he is now in the top 10 UK rankings for U14. This is an amazing achievement, and I look forward to hearing how he gets on for the rest of the summer.

I hope you have a good half term break.

Mr Major

## **Key Dates**

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

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

**Monday 1st -  
Tuesday 2nd June**  
Yr 10 Bronze Duke of  
Edinburgh Assessment

**Tuesday 2nd June**  
INSET Day  
School closed to students

**Friday 12th June**  
Yr 8 Reports Home

**Monday 15th -  
Friday 19th June**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
week

**Monday 15th -  
Friday 19th June**  
Yr 8 International Week -  
France, Germany, Spain





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# UNIFORM STATION

*...your stop for free schoolwear...*

**30 June – 6:30-7:30pm in main hall**



Planning a half term uniform clear-out?  
Donations of good condition newer logo  
jumpers, polo shirts, kilts, trousers, ties and PE  
kits gratefully received in preparation for our  
Uniform Station evening.

Please drop off at Reception between  
8:15-3:15 until **Friday 26 June**.

Visit **Tomlinscote Uniform Station** Facebook  
group for more information...

# Timetable Changes

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to highlight that Year 9 students will begin their Key Stage 4 option courses immediately after the holiday. This marks an exciting stage in their school journey, giving them the opportunity to study subjects that are either completely new to them or areas they are keen to explore in greater depth. I am delighted to share that 96% of students received all three of their first choice options, one of the highest allocation rates we have achieved.

Year 9 students will be able to view their new timetables on their iPads. Please be aware that the final, fully updated version may not be available until Friday 29th May.

To accommodate the introduction of Year 9 Key Stage 4 courses, adjustments have been made to the whole school timetable. This means that some lessons for Years 7 and 8 will also be affected. Students in these year groups will be able to see any changes on their iPads from Friday 29th May.

## Tomlinscote Team Results

<b>Year 9 Boys Tennis Surrey League</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Hoe Bridge School</b>	<b>Score 3-1</b>	<b>Player of the Match Jake Hilmi</b>
<b>Year 9 Boys Cricket</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Hoe Valley School</b>	<b>Score 112 / 38</b>	<b>Player of the Match Ben Reece</b>
<b>Year 8 Boys Cricket</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Hoe Valley School</b>	<b>Score 70-5 / 44-5</b>	<b>Player of the Match Noah Orgar- Mushangwe</b>
<b>Year 8 Boys Cricket</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Collingwood</b>	<b>Score 70-4 / 36-5</b>	<b>Player of the Match Tom Kilgannon</b>
<b>Year 8 Mixed Rounders Tournament Joint Winners</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Score Heathside 1.5 / 4.5 Chertsey High 7 / 1 SJB 5 / 1.5 BDB 5 / 4.5 Salesian 5.5 / 0.5</b>	<b>Player of the Match Mia Galloway Josh Williams</b>	

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)

# WMAT CAREERS SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to our latest careers newsletter.** As we look toward the future, it's easy to get caught up in the "what" of a career - the titles, the tasks, and the technology. But this edition focuses on a profession defined by the "who": Teaching.

Education is the spark that starts every other journey. Whether you are in Year 7 just beginning your secondary adventure or in Year 11 preparing for your next big step, you see firsthand the impact of dedicated professionals who do so much more than deliver a lesson. Teachers are the mentors, cheerleaders, and navigators who nurture talent and influence the leaders of tomorrow.

In the following pages, we explore the rewards of a career in the classroom - a profession where no two days are the same, and where your legacy is measured in the confidence and success of the next generation.

Happy reading!

Best Wishes, Nikki Coleman - Head of Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance.

## A WELCOME FROM YOUR CAREERS ADVISERS



Hello, we are Lorna Durbridge and Jen Dinkeldein, your Careers Advisers at **Tomlinscote School**.

Lorna will offer face to face meetings every Tuesday and Friday, and Jen will offer face to face meetings every Monday.



Careers appointments take place in a dedicated space in the LRC.

Appointments are scheduled by the school and every student in Key Stage

4 will have the opportunity to have a careers discussion. Career summaries (My Next Steps) are shared with the students on their edulink account.

You can contact us for information by email at: [careers@propsecttrust.org.uk](mailto:careers@propsecttrust.org.uk) or by contacting Mrs H Khan at school.

## CAREERS RESOURCES



**Take a free [Career Cloud Quiz](#)** (Spartan Test).

The test is a quick and simple, image based quiz to help you start

thinking about and researching Apprenticeships, Degrees and careers.

**Take the [Buzz Quiz](#)** and in just a few minutes this fun quiz can help you:

- Discover your strengths and what makes you tick
- Understand how others may see you
- Explore subject choices and jobs that suit you



## Websites to help you with your career research:

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

[www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[Pathways Explore](#)

[Explore your education and training choices](#) - National Careers Service

[Click here](#) for more information on the **World Economic Forum Future of Jobs Report 2025**

## Resources for parents:

[Apprenticeship Levels explained](#)

[Qualification routes and levels explained](#)

[T-Level subjects](#)

A parents' toolkit for career conversations:

[Talking Futures](#)

[Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#)

[Parent and Carer Guide to Careers in the Screen Industries](#)

## WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS?

Apprenticeships enable you to earn and learn at the same time, gaining a nationally recognised qualification. They are open to anyone over the age of 16.

Did you know that within **10 miles** of Tomlinscote School there are currently **77 apprenticeships** being advertised?

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**Click on the picture below** and read the one-page guide to uncover the 5 steps you can take if you think you are interested in apprenticeships.

I'M INTERESTED IN  
APPRENTICESHIPS... WHAT NOW?



Check the [Gov.UK webpages](#) for more information, or [watch this video from Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

Read the article from HigherIn on the [Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2025](#)

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PARENT & CARER ZONE

EXPLORE THE OPTIONS TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOUR CHILD

**Parents and Carers** can download the [Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#) guide, or take a look at the [Parents and Carers Zone](#).

## CAREERS SPOTLIGHT Careers in Teaching



Do you have a passion for inspiring young minds and shaping the future? A career in teaching could be your perfect path. Teachers play a crucial role in guiding and nurturing students at various stages of their education.

### Job Roles in Teaching

There are numerous roles in the teaching sector, including:

- Primary School Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Early Years Educator
- Further Education (FE) Lecturer

### How to Become a Teacher



The route will vary depending on the age group you would like to teach:

**Primary and Secondary School Teachers:** Typically require A levels (often including subjects relevant to your teaching area), followed by a degree and a teaching qualification such as:

- PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education)
- QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)

**Teaching Assistants:** May enter through direct application, experience, or apprenticeships.

**Further Education Lecturers:** Often require expertise in their subject area alongside relevant teaching experience.

### Alternative Routes into Teaching

**School Direct** (on-the-job training)

**Teach First** (Leadership-focused teacher training)

**Apprenticeships** (especially for Teaching Assistants).

Keep an eye out for the new Teaching Degree Apprenticeships!



### Key Skills for Teaching Roles

Successful teachers often demonstrate:

- Communication and Listening Skills
- Patience and Empathy
- Classroom Management Skills
- Adaptability and Creativity
- Strong Organisational and Time Management Skills

### Education and Training Pathways



Local colleges offer Level 3 pathways, such as:

**A-level subjects** relevant to your chosen teaching area

**Vocational course routes**, including T Levels in Education and Childcare

*Recommended institutions include:*

[The Sixth Form College Farnborough](#)

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

[Farnham College](#)

[Guildford College](#)

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

### Useful Resources for Further Information

- [Get Into Teaching](#) (UK Initiative)
- [Teach First](#)
- [TES](#) (Times Educational Supplement)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE - YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE!



Work experience helps you to learn new skills, decide what you do and do not like doing and supports you in choosing a future career.

Year 10 students will be completing a week of work experience 15th - 19th June 2026.

### **Calling all parents and carers - Can you help?**

We are always looking for employers to support us. If you or someone you know might be able to help, our friendly work experience team would be delighted to hear from you:

[wex@prospecttrust.org.uk](mailto:wex@prospecttrust.org.uk)

### **Current virtual work experience opportunities:**

Virtual work experience and insight days can provide an overview of an industry and give a taster of the sorts of careers available. All of these include talks from those who work in the industry, plus live webinars and a certificate of completion.

## **FUTURES FOR ALL**

Lots of exciting virtual opportunities can be found on the [Futures For All](#) website, including:

### **Discover the World of Ants!**

Age: 14 - 19  
Industry: Science  
Type: Virtual work experience  
Date: 30/06/2026 and 01/07/2026  
Timings: 10:00 - 15:00  
Duration: 2 days

[Read more](#)

### **Discover Parliament: How does the House of Lords work behind the scenes?**

Age: 14 - 19  
Industry: Government & Politics  
Type: Virtual work experience  
Date: 07-08/07/2026  
Timings: 10:00 - 15:00  
Duration: 2 days

[Read more](#)



Have a look at the [Springpod](#) virtual work experience platform for upcoming opportunities including:

### **What is the role of an RAF Pilot?**

Open to anyone aged 14+, this virtual work experience allows you to explore a pilot's day-to-day responsibilities, learn about the Typhoon aircraft and discover the skills needed to operate it effectively.

It covers important topics such as:

- What a pilot actually does
- Getting to know your aircraft
- Eligibility to join the RAF

[Start Now](#)

### **How does Amazon protect its data & prevent breaches?**

From online shopping to cloud computing, data must be protected. In this digital skills programme, you'll explore how cyber security underpins nearly every modern job at Amazon.

It covers important topics such as:

- Why does cyber security matter?
- How does effective data protection work?
- What does it take to work in this sector?

[Start Now](#)

## **LOCAL COLLEGES & SCHOOLS WITH SIXTH FORMS**

Upcoming Events and Open Days, book early to avoid disappointment.

[Academy of Contemporary Music \(Guildford\)](#)

*Diploma Open Evening: Monday 6 July at 5.15pm*

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

*Check the website for the latest events*

[Bracknell and Wokingham College](#)

*Check the website for the latest events*

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

*Open Event: Wednesday 17 June at 4.00pm*

[Guildford College](#)

*Check the website for the latest events*

[Merrist Wood College](#)

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