

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

At the moment of writing, just under 500 students have volunteered for Open Evening. This is an extraordinary number and a genuine reflection of the values that you, as parents, and the school have worked so hard to build.

You may have friends or family members with children in Year 6. Over the next three weeks we are running our open morning tours. Of the 15 dates available, 7 are already fully booked, so please do encourage them to secure a place.

The Year 11s have been an absolute credit completing their Geography Fieldwork. Staff have been impressed by how brave the students were in talking to the general public.

I also wanted to share some moments of kindness I witnessed today. In Computer Science, one student took the time to coach another through the next steps of a programming task. I told him that if he ever decides to become a teacher, he should come and see me.

In Psychology this morning, a student

initially struggled to answer the teacher's questions. The rest of the class showed remarkable respect, giving her the space to grow in confidence and ultimately experience the satisfaction of demonstrating her understanding.

These behaviours — teamwork, support and kindness — will ensure our young people are valued by loved ones and colleagues in whatever they go on to do.

I am delighted to announce that the school has achieved its **AI in Education accreditation at Explorer Level**, the first stage of a three-tier pathway. This accreditation, valid for three years, recognises our commitment to embedding AI responsibly and purposefully. Last week I shared that we have secured funding to build a new school website. As parents are the main users, your views are essential. The survey below will remain open for two weeks, and I would be grateful for your feedback.

[Tomlinscote School Website Questionnaire](#)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Venton

## KEY DATES

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| <b>MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>                                             | Y7 INFORMATION EVENING    |
| <b>MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER &amp;<br/>TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> | THORPE PARK REWARD TRIP   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>                                          | GCSE MEDIA TRIP           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>                                            | Y7 ENRICHMENT DAY         |
| <b>THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>                                             | Y7 MEET THE TUTOR EVENING |
| <b>MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER -<br/>FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>          | HALF-TERM                 |

## A Note from Student Support

### Supporting our young people

We know that coming back to school and settling into a routine can be challenging, so we wanted to take the opportunity to signpost the fantastic Mindworks team. They support all schools across Surrey and provide help for a range of challenges. Below is the QR code link to their website which outlines what areas they support with.



### Parental and Carer Support

There may be occasions when you would welcome some extra advice or support for your child's emotional wellbeing. Mindworks Surrey offers a range of resources, guidance, and support services for parents also. Whether you are looking for practical advice, information about emotional wellbeing, or details of local support services, their website is a great place to start.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE - Service Pupil Premium

If you serve in the British Armed Forces (including Gurkhas), and you have a child in school, please make sure the school is aware in advance of 1 October 2026 as the school is able to claim £360 (2026/27) Service Pupil Premium (SPP) per child to fund the provision of pastoral care and support to help mitigate the impacts of service life, such as parental deployment or moving schools.

**Schools can only claim this additional funding if parents/carers have informed the school ahead of the deadline.**

Pupils from reception age to Year 11 are eligible if:

- A parent currently serving in the regular UK Armed Forces
- A parent died while serving, and the child received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or War Pensions Scheme
- The child has been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in England at any point in the last 6 years

Your school will be able to combine the SPP funding to provide additional support for all its service pupils.

This might include:

- Reading materials / subscriptions for Service children
- Transition Assistance: Helping children adapt when moving between schools
- Club and Social Activities: Running after-school clubs or parent and child social events
- Dedicated Support Staff: Funding learning support assistants or pastoral coordinators

Parents/carers must Inform the school of their Service by **1 October 2026** or the setting will miss out on the extra funding. For further information visit the [Armed Forces Federation Service Pupil Premium page](#) and [Service Pupil Premium - GOV.UK](#)

If you believe your child is eligible for service premium support please contact Mr Henry (phenry@tomlinsscoteshool.com) to confirm your eligibility.

## TOMLINSCOTE TEAM RESULTS

| HOME TEAM               | SCORE   | AWAY TEAM                        | PLAYER OF THE MATCH |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Y11 Boys Football       | 4 - 1   | Calthorpe Park School            | Luca H              |
| Year 8B Boys Football   | 4 - 0   | Ash Manor School                 | Charlie L           |
| Year 7A Boys Football   | 6 - 3   | All Hallows Catholic High School | Leo B               |
| Year 11 Boys Football   | 4 - 2   | All Hallows Catholic High School | Ethan W             |
| Year 7&8 Girls Football | 5 - 0   | Ash Manor School                 | Ruby W              |
| Year 11 Netball         | 29 - 21 | Gordon's School                  | Eloise W + Eva S    |
| Year 8A Boys Football   | 7 - 0   | Amery Hill School                | Ethan G             |

## Y7 ENRICHMENT DAY REQUEST

For our upcoming Year 7 Enrichment Day on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, we need lots of scrap paper! If you have any unwanted paper at home that you're happy to donate, please send it in with your child to the Drama Department.