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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2ND OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday morning, I received a significant number of emails from Year 6 parents. All of these emails had one thing in common: they wanted me to pass on their thanks to the wonderful students who, on Thursday evening, acted as tour guides or spoke enthusiastically about their learning in subjects such as Science and Art. Every email commented on how kind, confident and articulate our students were.

I was lucky enough to witness this myself as I walked around between presentations. I was also fortunate to hear Edward, Courtney and Tilly speak so eloquently to a hall full of visitors, and to listen to the wonderful piano performances of Benjamin and Jack.

It really was a special evening.

Thank you for your continued support with the Yondr pouches. From 13 October, I will be holding a series of meetings with students across all year groups to discuss how the scheme has progressed and to gather their thoughts and ideas. However, there has been one unintended consequence that I wanted to share with you.

We have noticed that, at the end of the school day, once their pouches are unlocked, many students are immediately drawn back to their phones. That is understandable. However, staff and members of the local community have observed occasions where students have become so engrossed in their screens that they have stepped into the road without checking for traffic first. Simply put, nothing on a screen is that important.

As the days grow shorter and the evenings become darker, I would ask that you have a conversation about this at home. I came across the following video, produced by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, which highlights the dangers of being distracted by a mobile phone when near roads. The ending is quite shocking, so I would recommend that adults watch it first and then decide on an appropriate time to view and discuss it together as a family.

Link to Video

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on our school website. The survey will remain open for one more week, and we welcome any further comments.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Matthew Venton

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KEY DATES

MON 28TH SEPTEMBER - FRI 16TH OCTOBER	YEAR 6 SCHOOL TOURS
TUES 6TH - THURS 8TH OCTOBER	THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE FARNBOROUGH OPEN EVENINGS
WED 14th OCTOBER	YEAR 7 ENRICHMENT DAY
THURS 15TH OCTOBER	YEAR 7 MEET THE TUTOR EVENING, 3:30-6:45pm
MON 19TH - FRI 30TH OCTOBER	2 WEEK HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
SAT 31ST OCTOBER	YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE
MON 2ND NOVEMBER	RETURN TO SCHOOL

YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS

If you have a child in Year 6, please remember that you need to apply for their secondary school place by 31 October. We strongly encourage families to submit their application as soon as possible rather than leaving it until the deadline.

Please make sure you have completed your application through your local authority and submitted it by the closing date. If you are unsure about the process, or need any help or advice, please contact your local authority's admissions team as soon as possible.

Please don't leave it until the last minute. Missing the application deadline can cause unnecessary stress and may affect the way your application is considered. Getting the application completed on time will give you and your child peace of mind as you prepare for the move to secondary school.

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SFCF Y11 OPEN DAYS

The Sixth Form College Farnborough has its Open Days taking place next week on **Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October 2026. This is a ticketed event, so please visit their website www.farnborough.ac.uk to book your place.**

Open Days provide you with a great opportunity to visit their campus and discover everything they have to offer. During your visit you will be able to:

- Find out more about the subjects on offer
- Talk to staff and current students about student life
- Explore the campus and discover the great facilities
- Meet the award winning WMAT Trust Careers Service Team and the fantastic team who provide Study Support
- ...and much more!

The Principal will be giving a short talk throughout each evening at 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm (please note that there will be no 7.30pm talk on Thursday 8 October).

Open days are an important step in planning for your child's studies after school and a good way to gather information about all of the options available. The team at Farnborough will be delighted to see you!

TOMLINSCOTE TEAM RESULTS

Home Team	Score	Away Team	Player of the Match
Y9 Boys Football	3 - 0	All Hallows Catholic High School	Dexter K
Y7+8 Girls Football	3 - 1	Weydon School	Maddie D

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CALLING ALL TOMLINSCOTE ENTREPENEURS!

Do you have a business dream or idea? Would you like to put your passion and skills together to make money? Or learn how to run a successful business?

The Young Business Showcase (YBS) mentors young people aged 7-18 to develop and launch their own businesses, sell in an authentic setting and, ultimately, make their own money. They have ran over 50 events to date and seen 1000+ local young entrepreneurs launch their own products and services, selling to tens of thousands of local customers.

YBS runs local business fayres throughout the year, including in Camberley town centre, the Maltings in Farnham and Guildford town centre. The next Camberley fayre takes place on Saturday 7th November, and applications are still open! There's still time to get involved, you can even use the upcoming half-term holiday to develop your business idea and and get ready.

We have worked with YBS for the last few years, with them recently coming in to speak to the Year 7's during assembly, and we are delighted some of these students have already put in their applications for an upcoming event.

If you are interested and would like more information,
check out their website: Young Business Showcase I The #1 event for young entrepreneurs
For details of their upcoming local events: Event Archive - Young Business Showcase

It would be fantastic to see even more Tomlinscote students taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity, and to develop your own skills and resilience along the way!

WEEKLY MATHS PUZZLE

The Rules:

- Each week a maths puzzle will be in the school newsletter
- Students will have exactly one week to solve the problem
- Every Friday – during tutor time, students who have completed the puzzle will be able to go to Mr Hopcraft in A13 where students with a correct answer will receive 15 house points.

Which cards do you need to turn over to know whether this statement is true?

Every card with a consonant on one side has an even number on the other.

B	3	E	8

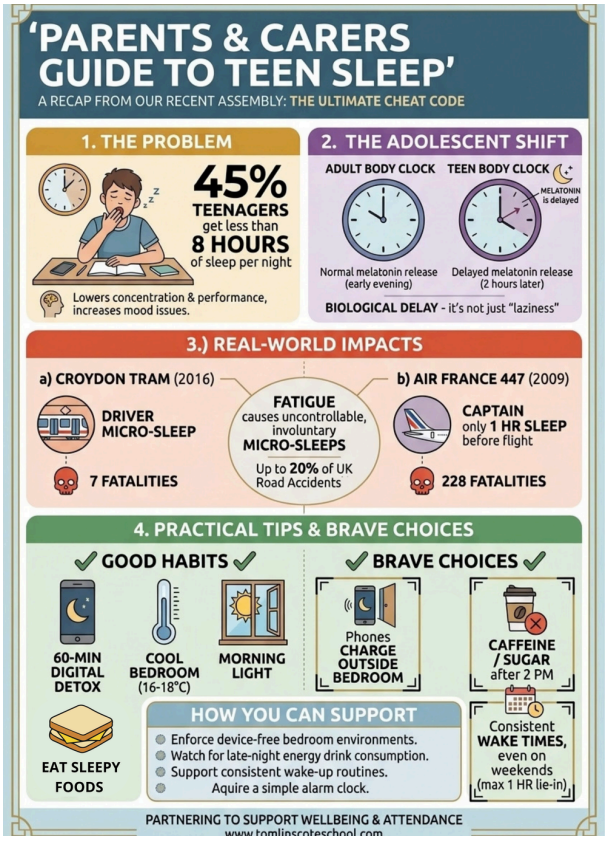
SLEEP HYGIENE

We notice as a school that some of our young people occasionally struggle with the amount and quality of sleep they receive.

This week students have been given some guidance in their assemblies. We hope this has prompted some food for thought, encouraged some interesting conversations at home, and provided some practical tips on improving their sleep hygiene.

To access further information and guidance on promoting good sleep hygiene, please have a look at the following links:

- **The Sleep Charity Website**
- **Anna Freud: Children and Young People's Wellbeing - Selfcare and Sleep**
- **NHS Every Mind Matters: How To Fall Asleep Faster and Sleep Better**



OPEN EVENING POEM

As part of our Open Evening, those in attendence will have heard our Poet Laureate, Tilly, perform a beautiful poem she had written especially to welcome new and prospective students to Tomlinscote.

We are incredibly proud to share her poem with you on the next page.

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We're Glad You Walked In

I sat right where you're sat, just a few short years ago,
My jumper slightly oversized and everything to know.
The corridors seemed endless, and the ceilings stretched so high,
But it didn't take me long to find my wings and learn to fly.

Enhance your wonder, your brilliance, your kindness, and your mind,
Those parts of you that you love most, and leave the rest behind.
Take that spark and hold it tight,
We'll fan it till you're shining bright.

For here in these walls what I found rivalled gold,
Not just friendships but myself; new, brave, bold.
Each lesson a question, each challenge a guide,
With a team of believers right here by my side.

So take a deep breath as you walk through the door,
There is so much to see, and even more to explore.
Your own brilliant chapter is poised to begin,
Your future is waiting. We're glad you walked in.

by Tilly B