

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College



A Specialist Language College

September 2016

Dear Parent / Carer,

A very warm welcome to you. We have the honour of leading Tomlinscote School and Sixth Form College; thank you for your interest in our school. We have provided this prospectus for families who have sons or daughters in Year 6 attending local schools. It is designed to help you and your child with the process of moving to secondary school. We are very proud of the exceptional success of our students – a provision that Ofsted judged to be ‘Outstanding’. The purpose of this letter is to explain to you the opportunities that are available for you and your child to judge how this matches the type of school you are looking for.

Tomlinscote students have a well-deserved reputation for excellence. This is true academically, in their sporting and musical achievements, in their outstanding behaviour and through their respect for each other and adults they work with. In terms of examinations we have two aims: high attainment – the best raw grades; and outstanding progress – whatever the starting point, students will make much more progress than similar students in other schools. While no school is an ‘exam factory’, we recognise the importance of gaining great qualifications and we provide an environment in which learning is the only focus and nothing is allowed to obstruct this. You will see this for yourselves. We also have the advantages of older students studying in our Sixth Form College. Achievement here is equally impressive and our students regularly secure places at prestigious universities, providing excellent role models for younger students. Our prospectus summarises key aspects of our school and we hope it will help you understand the values and standards we uphold. However, the best way to learn about our school is to visit and we hope you will take the opportunity to attend our Information Evening on 27th September, and subsequently return for a morning tour of the school, to see the reality for yourselves.

The excellent examination results and exemplary behaviour led Ofsted to award the school an **‘Outstanding’ judgement, both for teaching and overall**. This is an honour given to a small number of schools and offers you the assurance that learning and care are of the very highest standards. This now sits alongside the school’s status as a ‘High Performing Specialist School’, our main specialism as a Language College and the second specialism of Applied Learning – with the Vocational Centre providing state of the art facilities. We are also an Academy and this gives us even more flexibility to provide the most stimulating learning environment and allows us to build even closer working relationships with local primary and secondary schools.

Visitors recognise that the school is a well-ordered society in which individuals are valued and respected. Students are encouraged to achieve in all aspects of school life and the academic and pastoral systems within the school are geared towards this end. Progress is assessed carefully and reported regularly to help parents monitor the progress of their son or daughter.

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We offer two complementary opportunities to visit the school and learn more about the education we provide:

- An Information Evening will be held for parents and their children in the main hall at Tomlinscote on **Tuesday, 27th September, 2016**. To help with organisation and improve your comfort, we ask families with children attending **Ravenscote, St. Augustine's, Connaught and Crawley Ridge schools to attend the 6.00pm session** with those from **Hammond, The Grove, Mytchett, Frimley C. of E and Lakeside the 7.30pm session**. After each talk, there will be an opportunity to ask questions of staff, students and current parents. If your child attends another school, or this time is inconvenient, you are of course welcome to attend the other session.
- Tours for parents and students will be led by senior members of staff during the period 26th September to 14th October inclusive, (excluding Friday 7th October). Please telephone the school office to book one of these tours.

In the meantime, we look forward to meeting you on 27th September and accompanying you on one of our subsequent tours.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Hylan, Executive Principal

Mr R Major, Head of School