

# REVIEW OF THE TOMLINSCOTE WEEK



12th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely sad week at Tomlinscote School with the devastating news that James Garrard, one of our Year 11 students, died on Monday 5th June 2017.

We held a special assembly with each year group and had time to quietly reflect whilst being all together. Students have supported one another by listening and talking to each other as well as providing the odd hug when needed! We also had a counsellor on site to provide any additional support. We have been thoroughly impressed with the students and we have seen how such a sad event can pull a community together even more, in particular with Year 11 who are in the middle of their GCSE examinations.

The students have created a flower memorial near the Conference Room. This is a lovely touch and very thoughtful indeed. A more permanent memorial will occur in the near future.

The parents and brother of James visited the school on Saturday and met with Mr Hylan. They were overwhelmed by the flowers and messages left by students. They have asked that the school pass on their thanks to all who have sent messages of support. They are grateful that friends have respected their privacy and ask that this continues in the coming days.

In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers go to James' family and friends at this very difficult time.

Mr Major and Mr Hylan

## KEY DATES 2017

12th June  
Year 12 return to lessons

13th June  
Sports Day

16th June  
Year 8 Relationships Day

Wb. 19th June  
Year 7 International Trips

Wb. 19th June  
Year 10 Work Experience Week

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