

REVIEW OF THE TOMLINSCOTE WEEK



30th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It was quite a quiet week last week in Tomlinscote with most of Year 7 in France or Germany and the whole of Year 10 undertaking Work Experience for the first time. We will share some photos next week. Year 11 have finally completed their GCSE examinations and 180 students successfully completed their ECDL IT qualification - 85% of them with either a Distinction or Distinction* grade. A number of Year 8 students experienced a Chinese or Japanese Intensive Language course and Year 9 continue to study their new GCSE courses.

Those that did remain at Tomlinscote endured high temperatures at the start of the week. We would like to highlight that measures were put into place in order to reduce the effects of rising temperatures, which included windows being opened and blinds pulled down in the classrooms at the weekend in preparation, some classes moved out of particularly hot rooms, students reminded about access to water from the Bee Hive and activities curtailed on the field. With the temperature cooling so much on the Thursday, we did not change our uniform on this occasion. However, if high temperatures occur for a sustained period we will look at the option of wearing their PE kit in the future.

KEY DATES

2017

26th June
Year 11 Book Return Day

3rd/4th July
6F Taster Days

4th July
Year 7 Parents' Evening
4.00-6.30pm

5th July
Year 6 Induction Day

6th July
Year 11 Prom

20th July
Summer Concert



This amazing clock was created by the technology department to celebrate the **50th anniversary of our exchange partner school, The Robert-Bosch Gymnasium in Wendlingen, Germany, and our 15 year partnership.** Whilst we sadly can't take part in their celebrations in person, Mr Hylan will present the clock to Mr Koenig when the exchange group are in Frimley next week. The clock was inspired by Caitlin Holt, developed and manufactured by Mrs Lines.



A visit from our French partner school

On Tuesday 20th June, 78 Year 7 students from our French partner school in Lille spent a day at Tomlinscote as part of a residential trip to Britain.

Over the course of the day, under the guidance and care of our Year 7 students, our French visitors had the opportunity to be taken on a tour of the school, discover the games of Bench Ball and Mat Ball, partake in Art, Drama, Music & Technology workshops, interview each other and make new friends.

By all accounts, as demonstrated by the following pictures, students had a great time taking part in the various activities and trying to communicate in their foreign languages.



"It was really fun and interesting; I made two new friends. The best bit was playing Mat Ball with them!" – Finn

I would like to congratulate and thank our Year 7 Tomlinscote students for their involvement, support and proactive behaviour. The day simply could not have happened without them! Mr Daniel



Year 10 Work Experience

Well it was a hot week, so many of our Year 10 students were delighted to be out of school enjoying their work experience placements in lovely cool air conditioned work premises. As well as keeping cool, students have gained a valuable insight into the world of work (realising it's pretty tiring working full days!) and learning key employability skills such as showing initiative, communication, problem solving skills and the importance of a positive attitude. Many employers ask students to work on a project and deliver a presentation at the end of their work experience week. Although this can be daunting, it offers an excellent learning experience for students. Once again the feedback from employers has been very good, with many employers keen to invite students back for part time work in the future.

We are extremely grateful to all the employers who have supported our students during their work experience week. We are very lucky to have lots of local companies who take the time to engage with our students. Students spent their work experience placements with a range of varied placements including vets, solicitors, pharmacies, gaming companies, IT companies, finance companies, retail, engineering companies, science labs, hospitality companies and many of the local nurseries and primary schools, to name a few.

Some quotes from the students' work experience diaries include:

"I'm feeling really sad that this is my last day, I've had a great time"

"I think work experience is a really good idea as you get a taste of the work environment and it will also look good on your CV"

"It's been great working in a tech company...shame I have to go back to school!"

"I got to use the laser cutter and made an electronic dice which was pretty cool"

And a few quotes from the employer feedback reports:

"He was quite nervous at the start of the week but he has grown in confidence and he was a great help in the workshop"

"M has shown real initiative this week especially during our busy periods, she's been a great help"

"He has taken very well to the development tasks, in particular his IT trouble shooting skills; we would welcome him back in the future"

"She has a natural talent as a stylist and a good eye for details, she was polite, well-mannered and an asset to your school, she was a delight to work with and we wish her all the best in the future"

"J has been a pleasure to work with. He always arrived on time, appropriately dressed with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, he got stuck in without hesitation, fantastic job, one of our best work experience students to date!"

We encourage all Year 10s to reflect on their work experience and consider what they have learnt and how this can feed into future career choices. Once in Year 11, all students will have a one to one careers guidance interview when they can explore their options further.



Year 12 and 13 Beauty students enjoy Pennyhill Park experience



The Year 12 and 13 Beauty students enjoyed an amazing day with Exclusive Hotels at Pennyhill Park, Bagshot. They spent the day observing treatments, learning about what is expected in industry and potential job opportunities.

Year 9 and 10 Art and Photography Trip to Barcelona 2017



Twenty five Year 9 and 10 students spent a very warm and busy four days in Barcelona on the Art and Photography trip.

There were a wide variety of activities for them to enjoy, including exploring the Born and Gothic areas of Barcelona, discovering the wide varieties of street art on show. They also visited the MACBA which is the Contemporary Art Gallery and the Picasso Museum.

Monday was Gaudi day and included a visit to Parc Guell and the wonderful Cathedral of the Sagrada Familia.

There was even time for a bit of shopping and to taking in views of Barcelona from the top of Las Arenas shopping center as well as spending an afternoon on the beach, followed by an evening meal in a Tapas restaurant.



Student Success

Athletics success for Tomlinscote students

Congratulations to the Tomlinscote students who competed for Surrey in the Inter-County Athletics Meeting recently. This was a match between Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Kent. Historically these are some of the strongest counties in the country.

Orla Manchester - 2nd Discus, 3rd Hammer

Max Heyden - 3rd 1500m

Tolu Ayo-Ojo - 2nd Pole Vault, 2nd Triple Jump

Freya Smith - 4th 80m Hurdles

Golf success for Alex Jakins (Year 9)

Alex has qualified for the Abraham Trophy which is a National England Golf competition for the most improved U18 girl golfer. We wish Alex good luck for the competition in August.

Accelerated Reader success

This week's Star of the Week is **James Collen (7G)** for successfully passing 10 quizzes since the Easter holidays. Well done James!

Mr Major and Mr Hylan

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