

NEWSLINE



Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College

Spring 2007

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Dr John Trigg, who was awarded the MBE for services to Education in the 2007 New Year's Honours List. Tomlinscote school is very proud of him!

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Principal's Letter



Dear Parents

Following my letter at the end of March, it is very pleasing to be writing again within the context of 'Newslines'. A large number of parents lamented the temporary loss of the Tomlinscote newspaper, occasioned by the departure of the previous editor last July. As I explained when I wrote just before the Easter Break, the *new* Editor, Mrs A Dann, is now in place and this edition owes everything to her. I do hope that you enjoy it. Since I last wrote only a matter of two school weeks ago, I shall be brief with my contribution to this edition.

Although the Easter break produced some of the best April weather for some years, many students in Years 11, 12 and 13 found that time allocated to sunbathing was very limited as they spent much of their time revising for the forthcoming GCSE, AS, and A Level examinations. If you happen to have a son or daughter in this position, please bear in mind that he or she is approaching one of the most stressful periods in their life. That stress is likely to manifest itself somehow, usually in atypical behaviour. For example, some students work harder while others work too hard; some become aggressive while others adopt a 'couldn't care less' attitude. Parental support is a critical factor in achieving success in the examinations, so there is a need for parents to be – and remain – understanding, especially when student work habits (or a lack of them!) simply move the stress to the parent! Even though we shall be monitoring individuals closely during the school day, please do not hesitate to make contact if you believe that there is anything we need to know in order to offer better support. Those Year 11 parents who attended the revision evening on 21 February should take advantage of the advice contained in the materials issued on that evening.

Still associated with the weather, reports suggest that we may be in line for some record breaking temperatures later in the summer term. While not wishing to anticipate a 'worst case scenario', please remember that the extraordinary heat last year produced temperatures in excess of 40 degrees Celsius in some rooms, and led to school closure. A similar situation is likely to generate an identical response. The decision to close Tomlinscote is never taken lightly. Usually circumstances dictate that making a decision the *previous* day - in order to communicate it to parents – is almost impossible, and this sometimes results in students being sent home in the middle of a school day. Whenever this proves necessary, those students who *cannot* go home are offered provision within the Learning Resource Centre. Others, who need to make a telephone call to their parents *before* making a decision on going home, are offered access to school telephones. On those rare occasions when closure proves essential, it will be broadcast on the local radio stations, i.e. **Eagle 96.4FM and County Sound Radio 1566 MW**. Similarly, parents seeking information about the school *re opening* following a closure should tune in to the same stations, which will be broadcasting information regularly from around 6.00am. Please do not rely solely on 'word of mouth' information about closure or re opening coming from students. Some of them may just have a vested interest in being economical with the truth! I hope to avoid the need to close, but it may prove unavoidable in extreme circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

A Ryles
Principal

Editor's Note

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed to this edition. Please continue to send articles and pictures. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next issue of Newslines is Friday 25th May. Items can be e-mailed to newsline@tomlinscote.surrey.sch.uk.





New York – New York!



In March, 20 AS and A2 Business Studies pupils visited New York for 4 days. The visit was planned around a business conference organised at New York University.

The group left the UK very early on the Sunday morning and we were welcomed on arrival by several inches of snow. New York had been hit by a snow storm the previous day but the town was still functioning and ready to welcome us. The YMCA hotel we stayed at was close to Central Park so we were able to walk to most tourists attractions very quickly. Our visit started with a trip to the Empire State Building. In 45 seconds the lifts took us to the 86th floor where the views from the outdoors observatory were breath taking (needless to say it was also rather cold up in the NY sky).

Our Sunday afternoon was also spent walking up and down mid-town Manhattan to landmarks such as Time Square, the Flat Iron Building and the NY Public Library. The reward for a 2-hour walk was a meal at the Empire Diner (a 1950s American diner) where we were served very large portions. The evening ended up at the Chelsea Pier. Some of the pupils challenged Mrs Crean and Mr Lafaury to a game of Bowling whilst other chose to hit golf balls over the Hudson River at the NY driving range.

Monday morning started early with a 7km run in Central Park. Sadly Aston Ward was the only pupil to join me to enjoy the stunning views. The group travelled to down-town Manhattan for our first visit of the day at the Federal Reserve Bank. After going through extensive security checks, we were taken to the world famous Gold Vault where over \$90 billion worth of gold bars are stored. We were actually allowed to get within a few centimetres of the gold but sadly no freebies were given as souvenirs. The tour also included talks on interest and exchange rates and a visit of the currency museum. Our day continued with a guided tour of the Financial district with stops at Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange and JP Morgan Bank. We also spent time at Ground Zero where pupils had the opportunity to reflect on the effect of the 9/11 attacks on the city of New York. We then had lunch near the City Hall before taking a walk on Brooklyn Bridge.

The highlight of the afternoon was a 2 hour boat trip around Manhattan past the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

In the evening, I took a group of pupils to the Madison Square

Garden to watch the NY Rangers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins whilst Mrs Crean spent time with the rest of the group around the Chelsea district.



On Tuesday morning the group attended a business conference at New York University in Greenwich Village. The conference included presentations by key business leaders from Planet Hollywood, The Ritz Carlton Hotel chain and DotGlu internet agency on issues such as Marketing, Human Resources and Internet start-ups. The afternoon included a visit to Macy's department store with a talk on marketing and merchandising followed by some free time to measure the advantages of a strong Pound when shopping in the US.

In the evening, Mrs Crean took some pupils to the Madison Square Garden to watch the NY Knicks loose to the Dallas Mavericks.

Wednesday morning started for some with walk around Central Park then saw us travel to Grand Central Station before walking past the Chrysler Building and the Ford Foundation on our way to the United Nations. The group had a very interesting guided visit around the various UN buildings including the opportunity to sit in the General Assembly Room. Pupils were then given time to go shopping around Bloomingdale and 57th Street before making our way back to the hotel to catch a bus to JFK airport. By then all of us were exhausted and sad to have to leave New York but all agreed to return one day. Our plane landed in London on Thursday morning and nearly all of us were back at school by lunchtime – tired but full of memories.

Mr J-C Lafaury

Swedish Language Assistant makes an impact

Scandinavian studies have been given a new impetus since Tomlinscote welcomed Kristina Gustafsson (centre), our Swedish teaching assistant.

Kristina joined Tomlinscote in February after we had successfully put in a bid to the British Council for a Comenius Language Assistant. Only 150 of these assistants are available to British schools each year, so the bid was highly competitive and we were very fortunate to get her.

Kristina will be working with the teaching teams in MFL, English and Business Studies until the end of May. She has already proved popular with Year 8 students who are studying Nordic literature and poetry. Year 12 students have been given the opportunity to take an introductory course in Swedish.

Kristina's main role is to enhance and develop existing projects and schemes of work by joining classes in different subject areas and teaching and discussing



aspects of Swedish culture and language. She is also taking part in the teaching of citizenship by discussing subjects including Swedish political systems and institutions, multiculturalism and the European Union.

The school hopes to hold a Swedish day in May before Kristina goes home to become a teacher.

Mrs J.Reddy

Chess Megafinal

The Surrey Megafinal of the UK Chess Challenge was held at Therfield School in Ashted on (Saturday 29th April). Four Tomlinscote students had qualified from a competition played in the Chess Club over the preceding few weeks. They were Raheel Ahmed, Kevin Patrick, Mark Bell and Darren Chavis. At least one of these names is a pseudonym. Darren sent us this report from the scene of the tournament...

"As we entered the Hall, we had to find our name cards among the list of players. This told us which board we would sit at, who our opponent was, and who had white and black. After making each move we had to press the button on our chess clock - this stopped our clock ticking and set our opponent's going. We had to move any piece we touched, and we were not allowed to take back any moves. We had real fun at the Megafinal, and we all think chess is well worth a go."

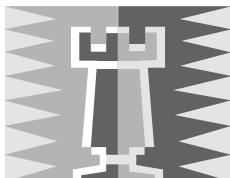


Despite the novelty of using chess clocks for the first time, the Tomlinscote contingent acquitted themselves creditably against strong opposition, scoring 2.5/6, 1.5/6, 3/6 and 1.5/6 respectively in their different age-group tournaments.

Particular thanks to Darren, who not only wrote the above report, but also arranged the photographs, and wrote down all the moves of his games, so that he could analyse them later on. A sure path to improvement!

We hope to send competitors to the Surrey Megafinal again.

Dr Rawle



Chess Club



Chess Club runs on Tuesdays, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
Speak to Dr Rawle for more details.

Work Experience in Germany!

From 21st to 25th March 2007 five Year 11 vocational students travelled to Köngen, near Stuttgart, to stay with German families and spend a day in a work placement in the Stuttgart area. Some of the students had only been studying German for 18 months, so it took considerable courage to sign up for this work experience. Placements were, as far as possible, linked to the students' career plans and included a veterinary practice, a nursery and kindergarten and a beauty salon.

Our thanks go to Frau Isolde Mayer of the Burgschule, without whose hard work the visit and the work placements would not have been possible. Our thanks also to Herr Kuehne and the staff of the Burgschule, Koengen, for the warm welcome we received from staff and students

I was very proud of our students and hope this work experience in Germany will become an annual event for Tomlin-scote vocational groups.

*Mrs D M Brown
Director of the Language College*

Having never been to Germany before I was nervous but excited. Meeting our exchange partners was a little frightening at first, but there was nothing to be afraid of. They all seemed so excited to see us when they met us at Stuttgart airport. My host family really made me feel welcome.

It was quite strange having the driver driving on the left and on the other side of the road. When arriving at my host family's house I was shown to my bedroom and around the house. The first evening we seemed a little quiet. Katy Miller and her exchange partner, Hatun, together with James Barton and his partner, Phillip, came over and we watched Harry Potter.

The following morning we were up early for school. The table was set up really nicely for breakfast. I met everyone at the school and we were in our uniform. The weather was cold and it was snowing lightly. We had a look around the school. It was so different and so clean, and the first time I have seen solar panels. After school (which finished around 12 noon) I walked home with my partner, Ann-Kathrin, and her friend.

In the afternoon, I went with Ann-Kathrin's mum to the German Nursery. Ann-Kathrin had afternoon lessons that day. We picked up Katy as Katy was also having work experience in the Nursery. First impression, I was amazed at how different the nursery was. It was much bigger than the nurseries I have seen here and both the teachers and children take off their shoes and change into others. The children seemed so interested in Katy and me. We played a matching game with them. They said what the picture was in German. Katy and I were learning how to say it in German. Then we said it in English and the children repeated it. I thought having a work experience in a nursery was wonderful and it was so very interesting to see how things are done in another country.

The following morning we went to the school again. It had snowed all night. We attended some more English lessons where I had made some new friends and we exchanged email addresses. In the afternoon, we ate lunch at school then headed to the train station as we were going to visit Ludwigsburg and Surrey Heath's twin town, Bietigheim-Bissingen. I really enjoyed our visit.

The next day we got a lie-in till 9. We got to the train station at 10 where Ann-Kathrin and I met everyone. On the journey to the station Ann-Kathrin's mum was

telling me how the children at the nursery wondered where the "English people" were and they were proud of all the English words they knew. After we met everyone at the station we headed to the zoo. In the afternoon we went shopping in Stuttgart. The exchange partners had planned for us to all go bowling that evening, but it ended up being a little late for that so everyone came to Ann-Kathrin's house where we watched Johnny English.

On Sunday morning I was up at 4.45 am as the taxi was picking me up at 5.10 am. I thanked and said goodbye to my host family then headed off to the airport. I had really enjoyed my time in Germany. It was sad to leave, but I will definitely go back again. It was such a good experience and I made many new friends.



Germany was amazing. We had so much fun. Our exchange partners were really nice so were the families. The school was so different – it was smaller, there was no rubbish.

On Thursday afternoon we went to a work placement. I went to a beauty salon. I watched treatments being done and I got a free manicure, which was nice. It was really good.

We went on a train to Ludwigsburg and went around the town and went to the castle. Also we went to Surrey Heath's twin town, Bietigheim-Bissingen.

We went shopping in Stuttgart; I bought a jacket.

On the last night we all went to Victoria's partner's house and all watched a film together. I didn't go to sleep that night as I had to be ready to be picked up at 5.15 am to go to the airport. It was sad leaving Germany because the German partners were so kind. I can't wait till they come to England in July, but I would do anything to go back.

Gemma Wood 11K

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Careers Day

After weeks of planning, Careers Day finally arrived on 27th February! We had over 50 exhibitors, including the Forces, Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley Newsgroup, 96.4, Fluor, Thomsons, Kynoch Vets, Southern Electric, several universities and many more. Every exhibitor has confirmed they would like to return next year and all commented upon the calibre of our students!



Evaluation forms showed how impressed the companies were with the questions our students asked and the genuine interest shown in the many and diverse occupations on offer.



The day was also an ideal platform to show off our new hall, which looked splendid. The evening was exceptionally busy so next year we will be utilising both halls. We have already had additional companies confirming they would like to attend our next event!



Our student helpers, sixth formers and Year 11s, were superb and worked tirelessly to ensure all our visitors were well looked after. We had many compliments from our guests about the quality of the school lunch!! Because of this many more guests took advantage of the lunch on offer and so thanks must go to Terry and staff in the kitchen for magicing up extra at very short notice!! All guests agreed times had changed since they were at school- mushy cabbage and grey potatoes are definitely a thing of the past!

Mrs S Sutton

Investor in Careers

Tomlinscote has been awarded stage 2 of the process and we are having our final assessment after Easter. We are proud to be the first school to have passed stage 2 in the new process. Investor in Careers is recognition of the commitment the school have in ensuring our students have the best possible Careers advice and guidance throughout the curriculum. Thanks must go to Surrey Connexions/Careers for their support and advice.

The Sixth Form had a visit from the staff at Siemens UK to talk about the internship they offer after A 'Levels. A fantastic opportunity for those students who wish to gain a degree in Business Studies but are not keen on going to university. Siemens offer a four-year package where the students will be paid and work on site. They will attend the college in London on a block release and all expenses are paid!

Siemens are moving to the old Marconi site in the summer and we are looking forward to forging a good relationship with them.

Mrs S Sutton



Work Experience

286 students from Year 10 have just completed their work experience. Once again, the reports we are receiving from their Employers are fantastic. We visited as many students as we could and those who we could not get to received a phone call. It has been wonderful to hear the phrase “a credit to their parents and the school” time and time again. I have had many Employers confirming they would like to employ their student in the future. It had also been an education for a lot of the students who have all agreed just how tired they were! Some students have now decided that they definitely do not want to follow certain occupations and for others it has confirmed the route they want to follow. For all, it has been a worthwhile experience!!

Mrs S Sutton



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At Cross Farm Infant school Headteacher Mrs Sian Allan was delighted with the three students who spent the week at her school. She said they had been really great and that the children were sorry to see them go.



THEATRE



Priory Players Youth Theatre brings drama to Tomlinscote

In February Tomlinscote played host to the Priory Players Youth Theatre when they came in to the newly opened New Hall to stage two productions about teenage life.

The venture was the result of talks between Yvonne Taylor, Head of English, and Philip Gough, who runs the theatre group. Mr Gough was approached by former Student President, Ben Case, who performs, writes and directs with the youth theatre. He thought it would be a good idea to make theatre more accessible to teenagers as well as to give the actors the opportunity to perform in front of their peers.

Yvonne Taylor thought it would be much better for a local group to perform with actors who are the students' contemporaries. The plays were both about teenagers and dealt with issues they could relate to.

Both plays looked at topical issues facing many teenagers. The first was about a naïve teenager who runs away from her Frimley home and the second production told the story of a young man who falls in love whilst starring in a school production of *Grease*, and all the problems associated with being in love for the first time.

Afterwards the children asked the actors questions about the plays and what it was like to write and perform them. The whole event was a great success and students were clearly enthralled and engaged throughout.

We are looking forward to The Priory Players returning to the school in June to work with Year 7 students during Activities Week.

Mrs J.Reddy

THEATRE TRIP

The Taming of the Shrew – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford
Wednesday 2nd May – leaving school at 7.00pm

The English Department has arranged a trip to see Shakespeare's comedy *The Taming of the Shrew* and there are a few places left if anyone is interested in coming along.

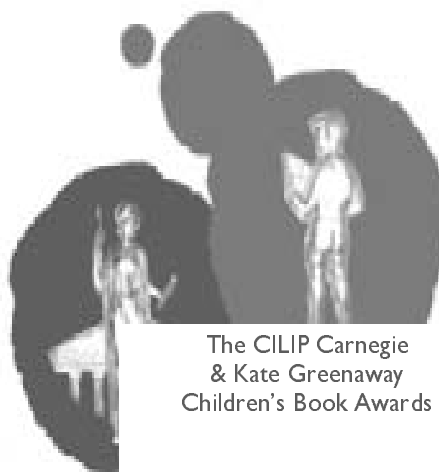
The play, performed by Propeller (the extraordinary all male Shakespeare ensemble) is a provocative, hilarious yet cruel play dealing with the complexities of marriage. This remarkable company has come to Guildford after sell-out performances in Australia, Hong Kong, New York and at the Old Vic in London. Their performances are characterised by an unabashedly playful style and are complemented by music performed live by the actors on stage. It should be a memorable evening!

Tickets are £11.50, which includes coach travel to and from the theatre.
Please see Mrs. Reddy in the English Office if you'd like tickets.

Carnegie Medal Shadowing Project

The Carnegie Medal is awarded each year for an outstanding book for young people.

Every year some Tomlinscote students in Years 7 and 8 form the Carnegie Club to shadow the Carnegie Medal shortlist. This year the shortlist will be announced on 20th April and after Easter we will be reading the books, discussing them, writing reviews and posting them on the Carnegie website and in the LRC. We will judge our favourite books on the shortlist. *Will our favourite book be the medal winner?*



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Children's Book Awards

KES

In November 2006 the Drama department staged their production of *Kes*. After the success of *West Side Story* last year, we decided to stage a production which greatly contrasted from a musical and one which demanded different skills from its young performers.

Kes is a gritty and thought provoking play requiring the actors to adopt a Barnsley accent and in many scenes working as a chorus yet still involving individual characterisation. Based on the novel by Barry Hines, it tells the story of Billy, an apparently backward child who is beaten up by his brother Judd, neglected by his mother and bullied at school. It is only when he finds and looks after a kestrel that he discovers the freedom to be himself.

A huge willow sculpture of a kestrel hung over the stage and the audience were seated on either side of the performance area. This gave the young actors a different theatrical experience from previous years. Each night members of the audience left in tears moved by powerful performances from such a young cast. With a company of over sixty, the students all rose to the challenge. Students involved ranged from Years 8 to 13.



The Cast



The Crew

As part of our preparations for the production a visiting falconer came to school to give a flying display.

On a cold October morning we were treated to a fabulous display not only with a kestrel but also with owls and hawks. Having a hawk fly closely over your head or its wings touch your shoulder is quite an experience, and one which I am sure the students will never forget.



Harry Wood and Oli Coles experience how small a gap a hawk can fly through. The hawk even managed to squeeze through a smaller gap when the boys stood closer still.

Ms H..Rushby

Tomlinscote Theatre Week

Rehearsals and preparations are well under way now for Tomlinscote's first Theatre Week which will be held at the Camberley Theatre in July. (See our full page advertisement for details).

For the first time, Tomlinscote will be taking over the whole theatre for the best part of a week.



Students will be staging two separate productions – the first, driven by the English department, is the interpretation and modern adaptation of two of Shakespeare's comedies, *Twelfth Night* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. Following on from the hugely successful performance of *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Taming of the Shrew* last year (also at Camberley Theatre) we are hoping for large and enthusiastic audiences on both nights. We think everyone will enjoy the modern versions of the plays.



Much Ado is set in the late 1940s as soldiers return from World War II and *Twelfth Night* is a lively, upbeat adaptation set on the beach in Ibiza, complete with a modern soundtrack. Both plays form part of the English curriculum and so will be essential viewing for students in all year groups.



The second production is an exciting new venture for Tomlinscote's Sixth Form students who are mounting their first production. *Blood Brothers* is the funny yet ultimately tragic tale of twin boys who are separated at birth. The story looks at their separation, reunion and how the difference in their upbringing impacts on their lives.



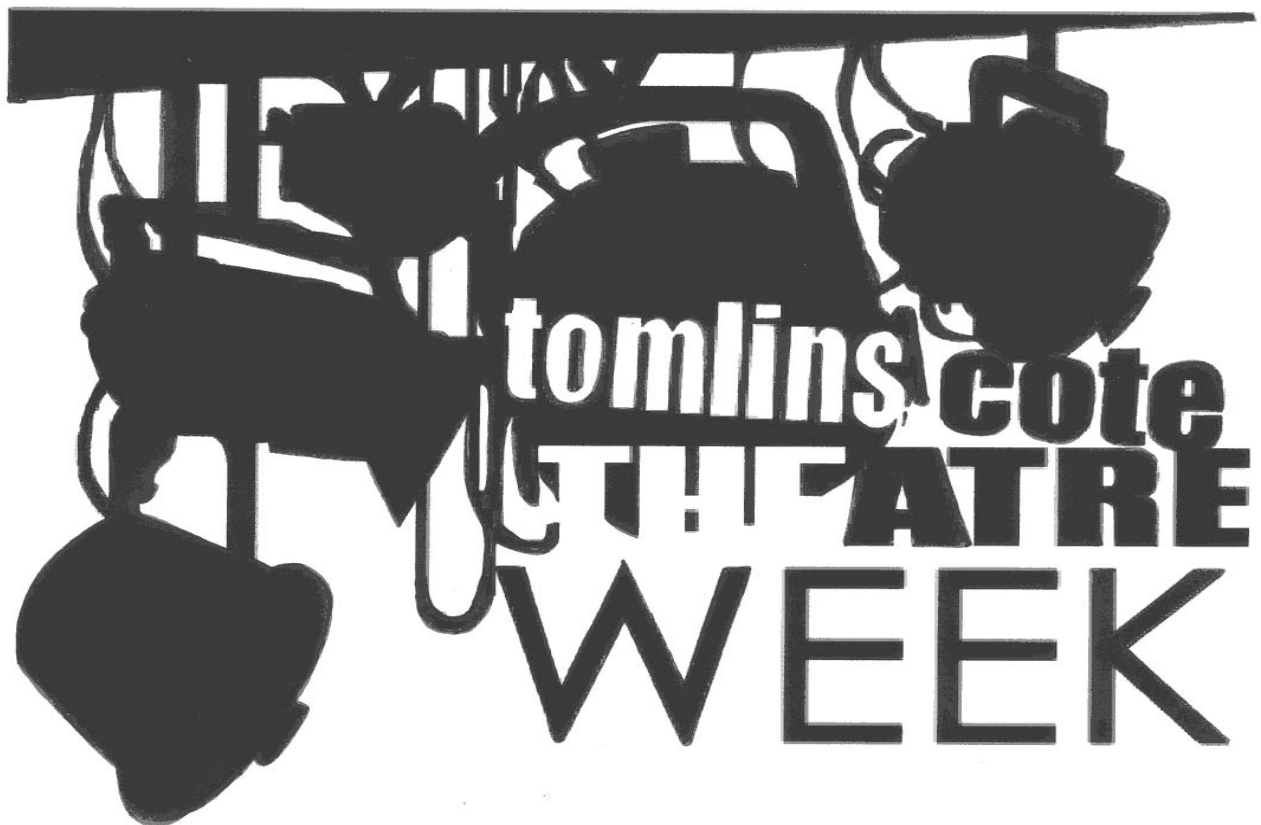
Dancers and singers of all ages take to the stage for the second part of the evening when 'Songs from the Shows' are performed. Directed and choreographed by Sixth Form students, this is an evening not to be missed.



Tickets will be on sale from June and we hope you will be able to support both productions – we are sure you will be guaranteed a memorable evening whichever play (or plays) you come and see.

Mrs J.Reddy





9th – 12th July 2007

Camberley Theatre

Tickets £6.00

(£8.00 for two if you come to both shows)

**Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th July
7.30pm**

Tomlinscote students interpret and present two of Shakespeare's popular comedies – *Twelfth Night* and *Much Ado About Nothing* – in a creative and modern style. A great opportunity to see Shakespeare in an accessible and entertaining setting.

***Much Ado* is set in the late 1940s as soldiers return to England at the end of WWII.**

***Twelfth Night* is a lively, upbeat adaptation set on the beach in Ibiza, complete with a modern soundtrack.**

**Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th July
7.30pm**

In an exciting new venture, Tomlinscote Sixth Form is mounting its first production:

***Blood Brothers* tells the funny yet tragic tale of twin boys separated at birth. The story explores their separation and reunion and how their upbringing affects their lives.**

Dancers and singers of all ages take to the stage for the second part of the evening when 'Songs from the Shows' are performed.

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SKI TRIP 2007

On 9th February 2007, about 150 of us went skiing! Well, we still had the 24 hour coach journey (with the DJ-ing skills of our driver 'Roy the boy') *and* the 2 hour ferry crossing *and* the countless numbers of " Are we there yet?" *and* the broken chair at the back of the coach that squashed Rob's legs due to Mr Burton' s awkward sleeping positions *and* the custard episode at 3am in the morning, thanks to Miss Lauren Davidson (you don't want to know!) *and the* well you get the picture!

Anyways, we finally arrived in Austria on Saturday afternoon. Passing through the various towns and ski resorts on the way, there were many 'oohs' and 'ahhhs' as we passed various luxury 5 star hotels that disappeared into the distance, as we homed in on our destination. Finally we arrived, 2 hours later, and with a coach load of irritable kids, (and teachers) that couldn't wait to finally set foot on land!

As soon as we arrived we were bundled straight into the dining room for dinner. Served first was some typical European soup, (i.e. salted water, with as many croutons as you could find, poured in on top). Next came the typical Austrian dish for which they are famous... spaghetti bolognese! As soon as dinner was finished, we were bundled back into the coach, (we've come to hate that word!) and driven to the ski resort where we collected our boots, skis and poles. This was where the teachers showed their worth on the trip, and masterminded the delicate operation of fitting 150 pairs of boots, skis, poles and kids onto 3 coaches and back to the hotel without leaving anything behind! (We think!)

Next morning we woke up, ate breakfast, consisting of bread, cheese and ham, made lunch, which was also bread, cheese and ham, (I don't think Austrians like complicating matters) we went back onto the coach, (yes AGAIN!) and went to the ski resort! Finally we were here! After a complicated selection process (sense the sarcasm) we were in our groups and off we went, up the mountain and down we came! (On our bums in Mr Honeysetts case!)

The same sort of thing happened for the next few days. The only real event that stood out was Mr Lawes mistaking the black route for a red route, and hurtling down it at full speed, whilst the rest of our group sat back and laughed! (For those who don't know, black was the hardest type of run available at the ski resort). Each evening consisted of different activities organised by our ski reps, including swimming in an outdoor pool (we had to break the ice before we were allowed in!), ice skating (well, I wouldn't really call Mr Burton's efforts ice skating, more like falling with style! Nope change that to falling *without* style!), and snow games. (Skiing with wooden skis, hitting nails into a log of wood, throwing a toboggan as far as we could, the usual things you associate with snow!)

The penultimate day saw Mrs Major and our very own Miss Slater getting lost in the mountains, and having to get a lift back to the ski resort in the land rover and then pretending they were in control all the way! (Word got around about that pretty quickly!!) The evening also brought the Karaoke session, and saw the reformation of the Spice Girls/Boys thanks to the 6th Form. They stole the limelight for the whole evening (well no-one else wanted to sing!) with a brief intermission for one performance by the teachers! (I hear the hotel has finally managed to replace the shattered windows from that performance!)

The week was almost over, and all that was now between us, and a much needed sleep was a 24 hour coach journey *and* a 2 hour ferry crossing *and* countless " Are we home yet?" *and* the broken chair again, this time occupied by Mr Lawes *and* luckily for us at the back of the coach, Miss Lauren Davidson had failed to provide a second helping of custard for the way back, so we were all saved from that nightmare! Finally we arrived back at school late on Saturday evening. We went home straight to our beds waking Monday morning, already counting down the days until Ski Trip 2008! .

Last but not least, a big thank you is needed to all the teachers for giving up their half term to take us skiing. To Dr Trigg for organising it all, and to Mrs Schorah for her continued efforts to remind me (and others) to bring in our consent forms and passports! Bring on Mulbach next year!!!

Oli Coles 12Q

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Young Enterprise

Two groups of Y10 Business Studies students attended the Young Enterprise North Surrey Finals on the 27th March. The event was organised at Collingwood College where Happy Days and Futuristic Flair, the two firms started by 26 Tomlinscote students, had the opportunity to present their products and business plans to a panel of business leaders from HSBC and Proctor & Gamble. The pupils competed with many other local schools (independent and comprehensive) for 6 main prizes. Most of the other students present on the day were Sixth Formers.

The pupils had to stand up in front of a large audience to introduce their businesses and discuss their financial results before going through a tough question and answer session with the judges. Both Happy Days and Futuristic Flair were praised for the professional format of their business plan. Futuristic Flair were awarded a Special Achievement Award for showing great entrepreneurial skills. The group had survived the theft of their share capital at the start of the project but managed to turn their business around, eventually making a profit of nearly £700.

Both teams have made a profit and will be paying their shareholders a dividend of 5% and 10%.



Happy Days: Declan Embley, David Pike, David Wear, Aaron Mcevoy, Sandy Yau, Ashima Dewulf, Iesha Howell, Catherine Leung, Hannah Wood, Andy McCarthy, Becky Paisley.



Futuristic Flair: Katie Westwood, George Foster, Charlotte Bryant, Emily Mackie, Kathryn Woolley, Jack Williamson, Sonia Sahota, Katie Thorn, Becky Thorpe.

Mr J-C Lafaury

School Bank

Our 'in house' bank is still very successful. The Year 11 students who are the Nat. West. Cashiers are doing a sterling (!) job. A reminder that it is open every Friday, during morning tutorial and lunchtime.

Although we were unable, as a school, to attend the Surrey Skill festival, Congratulations must go to Jo Isaac and Amy Shilstone who visited in the evening and both won prizes on the 'retail challenge' run by Surrey University. The University has advised me that this was the first time two students from the same school have won!

LRC News



World Book Day is the biggest annual event supporting books and reading in the UK and Ireland which this year celebrated its 10th Anniversary. To join in the celebrations we asked students to imagine being stranded on a desert island and then write down what their choice of book would be if they could only take one book with them. We had a wide variety of choices and it appears that the most popular book among our students to

take on a desert island is Jake's Tower by Elizabeth Laird. There is now a fantastic Desert Island Book display for all to see in the LRC.

We also invited students to participate in a World Book Day Draw by completing a form about the book they had taken out of the LRC in the weeks leading up to WBD. The two winners drawn out of a hat were Naomi Cobbold and Fatima Almajdoubi. Well Done both of you!



Nature in Action!

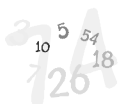
Environmental Club Bird Boxes

There are few if any places in Britain that have been untouched by development. As agriculture has intensified and towns and cities have expanded natural habitats have been destroyed. During recent times land use has changed so fast that it has been impossible for many birds to adapt quickly enough. Because of this the population of some bird species has dramatically declined. In reality there would be less need for people to put up artificial nest boxes for birds if in the past we had managed our environment sensitively with more thought for wildlife. However because of a lack of suitable nest sites, boxes are essential if we are to secure populations of owls, woodpeckers and many of our smaller birds in this country.

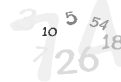
It is with this in mind that Mrs Johnson-Walker in conjunction with the Environmental Club and the LRC has organised the siting of nesting boxes in the grounds of Tomlinscote. Two of the boxes have cameras which transmit live images from inside the boxes back to screens located in

the LRC. This is a really exciting project which has caused much interest amongst students and staff (even during the weeks when the boxes were empty!) Sited at the end of February, we soon saw both boxes being investigated by Blue Tits, the two boxes face different directions, maybe for this reason one box was eventually chosen in the middle of March as a nesting place for one pair of Blue Tits. "LOCATION LOCATION!" The LRC started to attract large crowds at lunch time to watch the screens as the female started to build the nest and line it with feathers and other soft materials, the male passing her bits from the outside! Eventually towards the end of the Spring term the male started to feed the female, an indication that she was preparing to lay her eggs. This project has proved so successful and popular that the Environmental Club are now looking for funding to extend the project and are even considering siting another camera inside a local Badger Set!





Weekly Maths Challenge



A new weekly Maths competition started last term. Each week a mathematical problem is set and a small prize is awarded to the first correct solution drawn out from the entries box. The problems vary in content and different mathematical skills may be tested each week. Some are more challenging than others but all are guaranteed to get you thinking!

Copies of the problem are available in the Maths classrooms and the challenge is also displayed during the week on the corridor TV screens.

At the end of term, all the winners go into a grand draw for a larger prize. The Christmas term grand draw winner was Robert Halbert and some of the Spring term winners have been, Chiard Giovanni(two wins), Jason Clarke(two wins), Jake Pidgeley and Eleanor Maume. Congratulations to all of you!

Entries need to be dropped into the folder in the Maths corridor.

GOOD LUCK !

Miss F. Swift

Examples of previous challenges

Maths Challenge problem w/c 26th Feb
Walking up a steep hill, I pass 10 equally spaced street lamps. I take 5 seconds to walk from the first lamp to the second lamp, 6 seconds from the second lamp to the third, and so on with each time increasing by 1 second as I slow down. How long do I take to walk from the first lamp to the last?



Maths Challenge problem w/c 19th March
Granny has taken up deep-sea fishing! Last week, she caught a fish so big that she had to cut it into three pieces (head, body and tail) in order to weigh it. The tail weighed 9Kg and the head weighed the same as the tail plus one third of the body. The body weighed as much as the head and tail together. How much did the whole fish weigh?

Interested in Journalism?

Are you interested in writing articles or assisting as a sub-editor on Newsline?
The Editor is looking for students across years 7-13 who would be interested in helping with the production of Newsline. If you think this might be you, please write a short article (no more than 600 words) on a subject that interests you and you think may appeal to others who read Newsline. Make sure you add your name and form clearly and hand it in to your form Tutor. Your article need not be typed but must be clear and legible. The best articles may be printed in the next issue of Newsline.

MEALS IN SCHOOL SCHEME

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

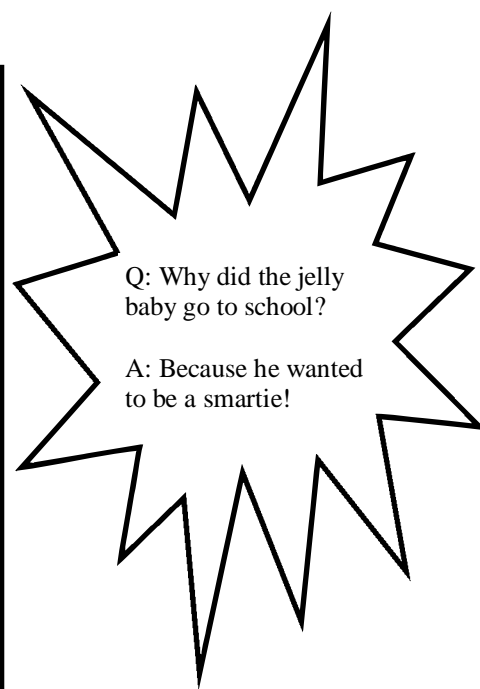
If you are in receipt of:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided that your income is less than £14,1555 and you are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit

You may qualify for free school meals for your son or daughter.

Please request an Application Form from the school office. This should be completed and returned **with evidence of any necessary supporting paperwork from Social Service.**

Applications have to be made termly.



Q: Why did the jelly baby go to school?

A: Because he wanted to be a smartie!



What's cooking at Tomlinscote?



What has Jamie Oliver really done for School dinners?

Over a year ago celebrity chef Jamie Oliver tackled the subject of school dinners in a Channel 4 documentary.

He reported that students were eating piles of processed junk and recoiled at the sight of fresh vegetables. He felt the terrible diet was leading to a health time bomb, with soaring rates of obesity and hugely increased risks of heart disease and other life-threatening conditions for Britain's children.

So Jamie took over school meals in a local school and tried to persuade the Government to improve standards. With dinner lady Nora Sands he showed that kids could be fed fresh, nutritious meals. And after a huge campaign, newspaper headlines and delivering a 300,000-signature petition, Tony Blair agreed to set new standards for school meals, and committed £280 million for proper ingredients, equipment and training. In April 2007 Nora Sands was reported to be disillusioned with the scheme which she felt lacked the required Government support

Newsline wondered how this has affected the meals served here at Tomlinscote and interviewed Terri Holsburt our Catering Manager to find out more.

N: How many staff are employed in the Kitchen at Tomlinscote.

T: At the moment nine including myself. I start at seven in the morning making and icing cakes, my two cooks start at eight and the rest of my staff start at nine.

N: Do you agree with all the changes inspired by the Jamie Oliver programme?

T: Some I totally agree with, particularly the removal of fizzy drinks. It is absolutely essential that if the school meal is the only proper meal a child gets during the day then it must be healthy and contain all the essential vitamins they need. However my own personal opinion is that the changes may be going too far in some areas; too much has been taken away and the students choices have been reduced.

N: What control do you have over the menu and recipes?

T: My staff and I work for an external Catering company, employed by Surrey County Council to provide the school meals. I get involved in special meetings where we all discuss ideas for the menu. All the secondary schools then work to the same menu, which repeats every three weeks and changes every half term.

N: What do you provide each day for lunch?

T: Every day we offer a main dish and vegetarian alternative, a varying potato or rice dish, two vegetable side dishes, pasta with sauce, salad, jacket potato with various fillings, pizza, pannini, sandwiches, filled baguettes, a desert of the day, fruit and yoghurts. From September some of the cakes and cookies we currently offer will be replaced by healthier alternatives such as fruit muffins and a banana cake that is particularly nice!

N: What is the meal deal?

T: For £1.65 you can buy the main dish of the day, potato, two vegetables and the desert of the day, or fruit or yoghurt if you prefer. It's a really good deal. We manage to keep to this budget because so much of the food we serve here is homemade on site.

N: Do you like working here?

T: Yes, it's a much busier kitchen than my last school. I think that's because so many of the students do choose the meal deal and enjoy the fresh food we prepare, which is great. The curries and roasts are really popular and the pasta lentil bake disappears really quickly!

N: Is there anything you would like to change.

T: Well, we do have plans to open up another service area, ideally a pasta and pannini bar which would be great. Hopefully this would speed up the queues into the dining area and ease the congestion at the main servery area. Now that the new hall has been built and we have the new dining tables in here (the old hall) I look forward to us having a more dedicated dining area.



Terri(left) with one of her cooks Gail Gilbert

Terri is currently looking for new staff (adults) to join the catering team at Tomlinscote. No previous experience is necessary, as you will be trained on the job. If you are interested please contact Terri Holsburt on 01276 25285.

Sport - Tomlinscote Leaders

Surrey Heath Primary Schools Cross Country Relay:

Hares: Mark Hayward, Tom Adams

Stewards: Lorna Twyford, Caroline Day, Katie Thorne

School Sports Partnership Rugby Festival:

Coaches: Patrick watts, Ed Alston, Daniel Saxby, Tom Bristow, Jordan Mann, George Edwards

North West Surrey Swimming Gala:

Chief Time Keeper:, Oliver Coles

Surrey Heath Primary School Sports Association Netball and Football Tournament:

Netball Umpires: Nikita Dwarika, Lydia Carmody

Football Referee: Jonathan Ramsey, Tom Collinson, Daniel Tanner, Chris Winfield,

Tom Boyle, Luke Orchard, Mark Hayward, Sam Berridge

North West Surrey Swimming Gala:

Year 10 Team:

Matt Coles – Back Crawl 1st

Sam Moreton – Front Crawl 1st, Breast Stroke 1st

Emma Dutton – Back Crawl 3rd

Katie Thorne – Breast Stroke

1st Medley Relay

Year 9 :

Matt Lewis – Front Crawl 2nd

Ben Williams – Breast Stroke 3rd

Year 8 Team:

Robbie Lewis - Breast Stroke

Sam Brookes – Front Crawl 1st, Back Crawl 3rd

Oliver James – Back Crawl

Megan Randles – Back Crawl 3rd

Zahra Bourak 0- Front Crawl 3rd

3rd Medley Relay

Year 7:

Robbie Greenwood – Front Crawl 1st

Jason Richardson – Back Crawl 1st (Overall Team Position – 4th)

Badminton England Inter-School League

Round 1:

Year 8/9 Girls:

Charlotte Thomas

Stevie Geoghan

Katherine Gray

Jessica Paine

Year 8/9 Boys:

Aaron Phelam

Robert Jones

Alex Smith

Liam Johnson

Oliver Surey

Year 10/11 Girls:

Lisa Howell

Tal Gurevich

Hannah Williams

Catriona Egan

Sinead Maume

Year 10/11 Boys: Ed Thomas

Mike Daw

George Homewood

Cameron Black

The year 10/11 boys took 1st place in round 1 and with the added help of Joe Bailey they also won Round 2 taking them to Glebelands School for the Regional Round. Once again they came 1st beating off Crofton School, Winston Churchill and Weydon School. The boys will be travelling to the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes for the Southern finals on April 30th. Good luck Boys.

ORIENTEERING



Some of the Orienteering team.

The inter-school Orienteering season has come to an end and Tomlinscote has successfully beaten eight other local schools to win the Charter's Cup.

There have been seven scoring events since September, each one organised and set up by Southern Navigators orienteering club. This year the club have over two hundred registered participants of varying ages.

Each event was held bright and early on a Saturday morning at a different woodland venue across Surrey.

In the Junior League the individual trophy winners were Jamie Holland Yr 9 who received the award for 'most improved junior' of the season.

Year 8/9 girls was won by Eleanor Maume(Yr 8) and Louise Lance(Yr 8) came second.

Year 12/13 boys Jason Kulsdom came second and Paul Von Gerard third.

Overall, the squad of twenty five has had a fantastic season, with good weather for most of the events, and many happy memories have been made.

A big thank you to Mrs Dilkes, Miss Fredricks and Mrs Wall. Without their continued support, help and encouragement none of this would have been possible.

Physical Education OSHL Summer Activities

*** Will continue till end of season and new activities offered after half term e.g. rounders etc

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	STAFF	YEAR GROUP
Everyday	Active Break	Break time	Sports Hall	PE Dept	7
Monday	Athletics	3-4	Field	ABD/SRY	All
Tuesday	GCSE	3-4.30	Sports Hall / Field	DJC	10
	Athletics	3-4	Field	ABD/SRY	All
Wednesday	Baseball	3-4.30	Field	JEN	9-10
(Tournaments)	Girls Football ***	3-6	Field	SRY	All
	Cricket	3-4	Field	STS	8
	GCSE	3-4	Sports Hall	SUM	10
Thursday	Active break	Break time	Sports Hall	PE Dept	8
	Table Tennis	3-4	Gymnasium	NG	7-9
	Tennis	3-4	Tennis courts	JCL	All
	Athletics	3-4	Field	ABD/SUM	All
	BTEC	3-4.30	C11/B19	SRY	10
Revision	GCSE	3-5	C13	DJC	11

Tremendous Football Season

Years 7,8, 10 and 11 have all reached the semi-finals in the Aldershot & District FA Cup, with Year 9 still to play their quarter final fixture. The Year 10 team have also reached the Semi finals of the County Cup, winning all their rounds on penalties!

The U13 Girls and U15 Girls played in the recent 'Chelsea FC Football In The Community' tournament held at Kings International. The odds were stacked against the U13 as they were forced to play four back to back games. Despite this they had a great 2-0 win over the Woking High team, but this was followed by narrow 1-0 defeats to Collingwood, Kings and the other Woking side. The U15 lost 2, and drew 2 of their games.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A Presentation evening for those who had completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Award during 2006/7 was held at The Camberley Theatre on Friday 16th March. The awards were presented by the Mayor of Camberley to all those who were able to attend.

Gold

Hayley Eife and Severine Watson.

Silver

Alex Golden and Jason Kulsdom.

Bronze

Thomas Acton, Rachel Ashworth, Annabel Barlow, Tom Boyle, Simon Bressanelli, Laura Clark, Oliver Conner, Jack Cottrel, Lauren Davidson, Rachel Daw, Rebecca Durrant, Catriona Egan, Lianne Fairey, Aimee Fleet, Tal Gurevich, Lisa Howell, Jason Kulsdom, Jaslene Kundi, Ania Kusonowicz, Katherine L'Oste-Brown, Christine Leung, Daniel Milner, James Mockeridge, Andrew Peters, Katia Petros, Louise Reilly, Emma Rogers, Georgine Salmon, Sophie Stimpson, Lisa Whiten and Chantelle Whittle.

CONGRATULATIONS
to the Year 8 Netball team who
won the District Championships!

GOOD LUCK

To all our students sitting external examinations this term. Do your best and remember your teachers and other staff at Tomlinscote are there to help. If you need support or advice, don't be afraid to ask.

School Sports Partnership

The School Sports Partnership is a country wide initiative to increase sports opportunities for more young people through co-ordinated physical education, school sport and out of hours learning activities. Tomlinscote has joined the North West Surrey School Sports Partnership in its second phase along with other secondary, primary and special schools within the Surrey Heath area. Each secondary school has an appointed School Sports Co-ordinator who is responsible for the development of out of hour's school sport, school competition and local community links in their own school and partner primary and special schools. Tomlinscote is linked with St. Augustine's Primary School, Ravenscote Junior School, Lakeside Primary School, Frimley CE Junior School and Carwarden House School. Each primary and special school has an appointed Primary Link teacher who is responsible for the planning and delivery of PE and out of school hours of learning in their own school. Following an extensive audit in each of the schools to identify the participation rates of students both within and beyond the curriculum the partnership members will be constantly working towards targets to increase these participation rates.

This year at Tomlinscote we have provided the opportunity for our students to participate in both swimming and badminton competitions, activities which have not been available for a number of years. We have also had students assist at primary school events acting as leaders, officials and coaches. These opportunities have allowed students to represent Tomlinscote in activities that previously were not available. Well done to all our students who have represented Tomlinscote this year and we will continue to increase opportunities across a range of activities to allow more students to become involved.

Miss S. Musgrave

*In the next issue of Newline...
Athletics, Maths Trip to Hungary, Enviromental
issues, how many eggs hatched!, Tomlinstock,
Activities week and MORE!*

Sophie Wins Bronze



Last season ended well for Sophie Lewis, 8H. In a thrilling final she produced an excellent routine to secure the bronze medal (moving up from 5th place in the qualifiers) at the British Aerobic Gymnastics Championships and then went on to take 13th place at the Austrian Open in Vienna - this was her highest international place yet at Under 15, beating many eastern European/ Russian competitors in a strong field. These performances secured her a place on the GB aerobics squad for the third year. Sophie also represented Wales at her first ever international trampoline competition coming 12th out of 96 from all over the world in the Under 17's category.

Fantastic Year For Samantha



Samantha Ward, Year 13 has had a very successful year. A talented Badminton player, she won a bronze medal at the Youth Olympics in Sydney, Australia in the Doubles. This was followed by becoming England Under 19 Champion in Mixed Doubles, and was Runner Up at the Dutch Under 19 Championships in the Doubles.

Up and Up for Nadia!



Nadia Hansell, 8Q continued this year to add to her list of gymnastic achievements. Currently Nadia trains 27 hours per week at Woking Gym Club and will be competing in the British Gymnastic Championships in June this year.

Don't forget to take Newline home for everyone else to read!

