

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College



'Inspired To Learn'





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Ofsted quote:

“All groups of students make outstanding progress overall”

Welcome to our school.

On behalf of students, staff and governors, thank you for your interest in our school. Tomlinscote is a highly successful school that also has the benefit of an excellent Sixth Form College that is an integral part of our community. Your family is welcome to our Open Evening and we very much hope you will take the opportunity to reserve a tour of the school during one of our normal working days. We are confident you will be impressed by the learning you witness. Ofsted were; they judged the school to be ‘Outstanding’. The key elements of our success are:

- Brilliant young people who continue to excel when they eventually leave us
- Stimulating and skilful teaching
- Excellent examination results
- Exemplary standards of behaviour, uniform, courtesy and respect
- The high expectations that staff and students have of each other
- Personalised support for those who find learning a joy, and those who find it harder
- Specialist focus on Languages and Applied Learning
- A vast range of extra-curricular activities
- A well-deserved reputation for excellence

We are very proud of the success of our students and that Ofsted judged us an ‘Outstanding’ school. We continue to build on these strengths to become even more successful.

This prospectus gives an outline of the many strengths of our school and the most recent examination results are summarised in the pouch at the end. Further details, for example about our curriculum, can be found at the school web site, www.tomlinscoteschool.com. Our ethos is one of high expectations and excellence. We expect every student to ‘be the best they can’ and we care for every child. We will keep them safe while helping them aspire and achieve.

Our students have an electronic device, currently an iPad, to help learning in lessons and at home. They also have the advantage of the facilities in our wonderful Vocational Centre and through our specialism in Modern Languages, where we work with partner primary schools to teach German and French with options for Spanish and three other languages.

Education is about the future. Your child will form tomorrow’s society and we see education as helping them prepare for this. We believe our school is the best environment for this. You are more than welcome to visit the school and experience the reality for yourselves. We look forward to meeting you.

Mr Rob Major
Head of School

Mr Ian Hylan
Executive Principal



From older students ...

“I have made so many new friends”

“I have learnt a lot that I will use in later life”

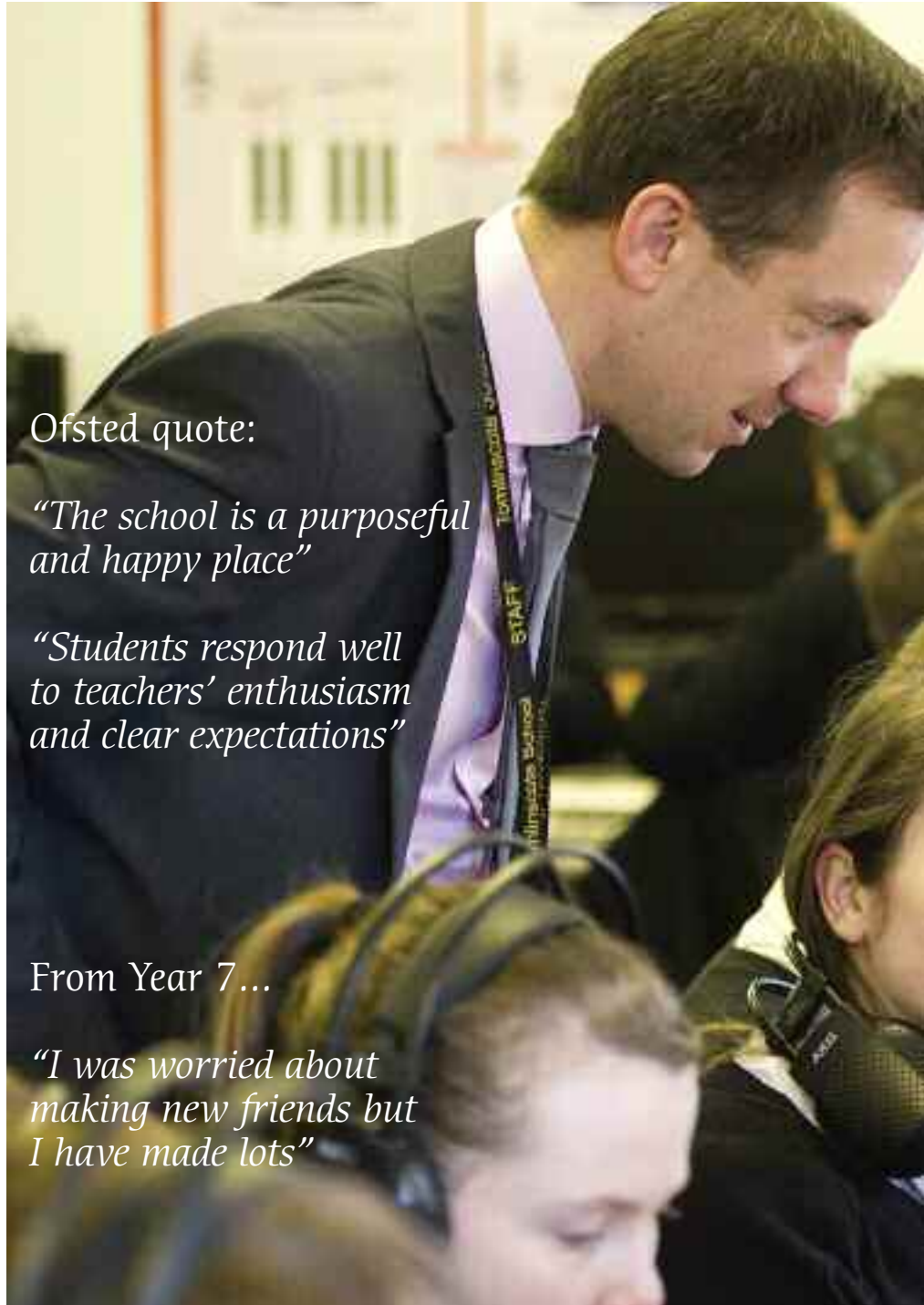


From Year 7...

"I felt that the whole Tomlinscote community welcomed me with open arms"

"Tomlinscote is the capital of learning!"





Ofsted quote:

"The school is a purposeful and happy place"

"Students respond well to teachers' enthusiasm and clear expectations"

From Year 7...

"I was worried about making new friends but I have made lots"





Tomlinscote School THE HIGHEST STANDARDS



Children learn well when they are challenged by high expectations, are supported by clear boundaries and have their success recognised. These are fundamental aspects of the education we provide and they lead to:

- Purposeful learning – there is much ‘Outstanding teaching’,
- Great examination results – amongst the best in the region,
- Outstanding progress – for gifted students and those who have struggled in the past,
- Positive relationships – Mutual respect, excellent behaviour and strict adherence to the rules of our community are absolute requirements.
- Sport and extra-curricular – School based and international experiences lead to new challenges and long term memories.

Our high expectations mean that students can focus on learning and staff on teaching. Parents and staff regularly commend the school for this clarity of purpose. Our approach is summarised in our Code of Conduct, drawn up by students, staff and parents. It is based on Respect for:

Ourselves
Others
Our learning
Our school

Staff, students and their families understand and support this successful approach. For staff it means planning learning that is interesting, innovative and inspirational; for students it means engaging full in learning, being smart and wearing the uniform with pride; for families it means supporting our clear rules, for example mobile phones must not be brought into school. The support of families is critical; it is important to students to see their family and school working closely together. By joining our school, families are making a commitment to support this approach.





Tomlinscote School A STIMULATING CURRICULUM



Our curriculum is designed to help your child develop qualities such as cooperation, resilience, determination, compassion, respect and curiosity. Learning takes place both inside and outside classrooms. It builds on the knowledge gained in primary schools through a range of subjects and whole school events.

We have a very broad curriculum where in addition to the core subjects, students can follow separate sciences; they will all study German or French; many will take Spanish, Mandarin, Latin or Japanese. The outstanding Vocational Centre offers a diverse range of courses for older students while iPads support independent learning and support students' differing learning styles.

Our Sixth Form College offers even more choice and supports subjects such as Computing and Media Production in the main school. We know our students well and provide a careful balance of support and challenge as they develop. We find that families appreciate the continuity that having sixth form teaching in the school brings.

A wide range of responsibilities, clubs, sports and visits contribute outside lesson time. These range from our Student Leadership Team, our Young Chamber group to a comprehensive range of visits and exchanges abroad. Students are nurtured to develop their talents in music, drama and sport while having opportunities to contribute through charity work, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme or through one of our peer mentoring schemes.



From older students ...

"I didn't know many people when I started but I have lots of friends now"

"It has helped me find a direction for my future"



Ofsted quote:.

“The school’s contribution to pupils’ understanding of other cultures is outstanding”







Tomlinscote School YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PROUD OF



During a student's time at Tomlinscote, much is expected of them. We will challenge your child and expect more than they have given so far. We will ask them to think and form their own opinions and they will meet new situations that will take them out of their 'comfort zone'. This is our responsibility. We also know they will enjoy these challenges and that they will have fun!

We all need to be able to learn independently; but many young people have to be shown how to do this. We will help your child grow so they work with you and their teachers to reach the highest standards they can. As an example, staff will set homework that takes learning forward between lessons. We need you to actively help your son or daughter to excel with this and staff will plan the next lesson to build upon this home learning. These are high expectations but that is how the best results are earned.

Your son or daughter will belong to a tutor group. The form tutor is the first point of contact and they will meet their group twice a day, monitoring academic and social progress and providing guidance, encouragement and support. We use the planner for routine communication so please look at this regularly. Good communication prevents small questions becoming large problems. A Head of Year will lead the team of tutors, providing support and monitoring overall progress.

Advanced skills are developed through a range of additional opportunities – for example a Co-operative Learning day and our Young Chamber group. Our Able, Gifted and Talented programme includes extra languages, SATRO and Business competitions, and extension activities in school and in partnership with Wellington College. Students with additional educational needs are supported so they also make excellent progress. There are also a range of leadership opportunities including appointment as Subject Prefects, Mentors as well as representative roles on the Student Council and the supporting Year Team Councils.

Ofsted quote:

“The array of links with other communities internationally is impressive”

“Students feel safe in school”





Tomlinscote School INTERNATIONALISM



As a Language College, Tomlinscote is committed to the study of modern languages. This is an enjoyable and essential part of a great education and a well-educated person. Your child will already be enjoying languages at their primary school and we build on this with a wide range of activities the Language College brings including exchange visits to our many partners in Europe and beyond.

Internationalism means more than learning a language. All subjects are active in seeking opportunities to enhance inter-cultural understanding and we aim to give our students the best possible employment prospects in the global workplace. Recently science students have visited CERN in Switzerland, music students have visited Germany, Business Studies students have travelled to New York, History run trips to Berlin and Poland, Ski trips have gone to Europe and the USA, adventure trips have canoed in France and expeditions have visited Uganda and Vietnam.

The school also benefits from a range of international partnerships. These include the Goethe-Institut, the embassies of various governments, schools and international companies. Links include residential and study exchanges, helping students embrace international perspectives. This has led to prestigious awards and has been a significant help in securing places at Oxbridge and with prestige companies.



From older students ...

"I am incredibly grateful for my time at Tomlinscote"



From older students ...

"Teaching is outstanding"





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