

THE WORKS



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Introduction by Mr Rowson



Hello and welcome to this edition of 'The Works'. I am Mr Rowson, the Progress and Achievement Leader for Key Stage Four, as well as Assistant Head with responsibility for data.

As I am sure you are well aware, we are now on the verge of the exam season and our older students are currently busying themselves with revision, with the majority attending after school sessions every day which is great to see. This year we have 7539 exams in total and Year 11 sat their first exam on Monday 14th May.

This is also a busy season for reporting. Therefore, you will have either received or shortly be receiving your child's written report and up to date assessment points.

However, it's not all about reports and exams... On Tuesday 3rd July from 9am, we are holding the Year 11 Leavers Event. This is the last time Year 11 will be together and will be an emotional occasion for many. There will be a farewell presentation looking back at their time at the Minster School with an opportunity for students to say goodbye to staff, take photos and sign shirts. This will be followed in the evening by the eagerly anticipated Year 11 prom at Colwick Hall. This is always a fantastic event where students get to celebrate their time at the Minster School. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students the best of luck for their upcoming exams. Do your best!

News

Head Team

Elections

On May 3rd we held an important school election for our student Head team. This group of six is drawn from current Year 12

students who serve in their roles as the main student leaders for the next academic year. There is a wide electorate for the students to impress with ideas about how they can contribute to improvements and new developments in the school. Voters included all staff, House Captains, Deputies and form reps from the lower school and current Year 12 students. Candidates were required to briefly present their ideas at two hustings sessions and provide pen portraits. All the candidates were very impressive and represented our values of Succeeding Together particularly well.

Our new Head team are:

New Head Girl: Selina Rees; New Head Boy: Harry Sitton-Kent
 New Deputy: Josh Sinkaiye; New Deputy: Ollie Thurlow
 New Deputy: Bethany Carter; New Deputy: Daisy Sturgeon-Lowe



Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue

We recently had some presentations by the Fire and Rescue Service. Jack Hibbert, who is a regular visitor to The Minster, delivered sessions on Fire Safety to our Year 8 students and Road Safety to our Year 10 and 11. He was joined by local fire fighters. Deliberately thought-provoking, the sessions went down well with our students and some important safety messages were delivered in a lively and interesting way.

Toilet Twinning

The Minster School's Ugive Uganda group recently raised over £1000 through our sponsored £15 challenge. This has enabled us to twin every toilet block (32 in all) in the school with a toilet in rural Uganda. In many places in Uganda families and communities do not have adequate access to toilet facilities. Working with the charity Toilet Twinning the money will go into building toilet blocks as well as funding education projects aimed at improving hygiene and disease prevention.

For more information about toilet twinning visit the website at www.toilettwinning.org



Compassion Experience



On Friday 11th May we were privileged as a school to host the Compassion Experience. Compassion is a Christian charity that supports the education and welfare of young people around the world.

A number of students from Years 7-10 had the opportunity of visiting the experience in their Geography and RE lessons. In addition to this a number of 6th formers visited it in their study periods and the Junior school also took part. The Compassion Experience is an interactive experience which takes you through the life of Shamim and Sameson. In each room you hear the real-life story of the child as they grow up in Uganda and Ethiopia respectively and face the trials of living in extreme poverty, battling diseases such as malaria and hear how support from Compassion changed their lives.

The experience was incredibly thought provoking and moving and after visiting it the students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issues they had explored.

"It was an amazing experience and made us realise how lucky we are" Year 9 student.

'Love Art' Competition Winner!

In celebration of its imminent ten-year anniversary, The Saatchi Gallery Magazine: Art & Music announced 'Love Art' earlier this year, a competition open to any artist with a genuine creative passion aged 11-29. With six thousand pounds-worth of art-related prizes provided by competition partners Cass Art and Christie's Education, LOVE ART welcomed worldwide entries in any visual medium. The Art Department are thrilled to let you know that Sam Maxwell one of our Year 13 photography students has won his age group category for this prestigious competition. It is such a great achievement for Sam to be recognised by a renowned gallery. As this was an international competition Sam was up against a strong field of other artists and photographers, Sam's winning piece was created as part of his A Level coursework. His work will go on to be exhibited at the Saatchi gallery this summer.





The Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge

Recently year 10 students participated in the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge which involved creating a company with a start-up capital of just £10. Each team was challenged to design, manufacture, market and sell a product or service in school and the local community in order to make as much profit as possible within the time scale of four weeks.

Our team, 'Generation Thread' decided to manufacture and sell a series of hand-made, hand-painted bags for every occasion which was inspired by our wish to reduce the amount of plastic waste entering the ocean. We sold bags at a local dance school and to staff and students around school. By the end of the month, we had made a net profit of £232.50, which was split between our chosen charities: Teenage Cancer Trust, Mind and Framework.

Over the weeks there were a number of national competitions that we had the chance to take part in, including a sales pitch, logo design, pop-up shop and marketing. As a team, we entered each weekly competition and then the national competition for best overall team.

We feel privileged to have won not only the national marketing competition but also the national award for Best Group in the 15-19 year old category. We travelled to London for the national awards ceremony which took place at the Bank of England. One thing that we have particularly enjoyed about the competition was the chance to see our bags being used in our local community.

Sports Report

Year 7 & 8 Girls Hockey Team

The year 7 and 8 girls hockey team competed well in the midlands U13 hockey competition at Cannock Hockey Club. They came up against some strong opposition and were the only state school to make it to the midlands stage. They showed good character to win their 4th place playoff match against Bromsgrove.



A really high achievement for the girls who gained valuable experience to hopefully make it even further in the future.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 Boys qualified for County Cup football final last night. They beat Toot Hill 2 - 1 (AET) with goals from Ben Napier and Ewan Hill. This means the lads have qualified for both the South Notts and County finals. Dates of both are yet to be confirmed.

Jazz Band Recording

Jazz Band students have been busy recording some of their pieces. They have worked exceptionally hard this year and this recording will be a lasting memory of their excellent performance. We are sad to say goodbye to Year 13 students and will be holding auditions in September for those interested to join.

Chaplaincy News



Prayer Week in school this year is between 14th May-18th May (between Ascension and Pentecost). Prayer Week is our contribution to the now global wave of prayer called "Thy Kingdom Come", and is an initiative for a renewal and refreshing of

faith. In school this takes the form of teaching about prayer and for students to learn about and try-out some different kinds of prayer using special "Prayer Spaces" designed and build by members of our school Chaplaincy Team. The Prayer Spaces take their inspiration from personal stories of people from all over the world. Themes will include Homelessness, Self-Reliance, and Freedom/Justice. Year 7 students will have the opportunity to visit the Prayer Spaces throughout the week as part of their RE lessons. Follow-up sessions will be lead again by our chaplains back in the classroom the following week. Students are also invited if they wish to make prayer requests in tutor time during Prayer Week, which will then be prayed in school at Staff Prayers meeting every morning throughout the week.

Choir Schools Association Centenary

The Minster School is one of just over 40 choir schools in England, most associated with one of the country's major cathedrals. Each of these schools offers a unique musical education alongside provision for choristers. The Minster School is one of the oldest such schools and is very unusual in also being a state comprehensive school as opposed to the majority of choir schools which are private.

This year the Choir Schools association (CSA), of which Minster School is a member, celebrated its centenary with choral evensong in St Pauls Cathedral, sung by the combined choirs of Westminster, St Pauls and Salisbury. Mr Parris was honoured to be in attendance at this very special occasion and is pleased to continue with the long choral traditions and close links with Southwell Minster Cathedral. We wish the boy choristers every success on their forthcoming tour to the Netherlands which departs next week.



Reading

Year 7 - Silver awards (6 books completed) have been achieved by; Travis Antoine, Philippa Burnford, Daniel Burrows, Sophie Clark, Phoebe Croft, Arthur Gilroy-Davis, Luca Kemish, Toby Lee, Vienna McClean, Oliver Musgrove, Joshua Smith, Jasmine Tamine, Esme Warsop and Ted Winterbottom. Gold awards (12 books completed) have been achieved by; Cleo Copley, Martha Johnson, Evelyn Parkin, and Attila Kocsis. Finally, a special mention must go to both Jacob Plummer and Samara Woolley who have now been presented with Platinum awards (24 books completed). Well done to all!

Student Library Assistants

We have had a fantastic response to our request for volunteers willing to help shelf tidy during lunch times. As a result, we are delighted to now have in place a large team of friendly helpers, each one doing a really good job of keeping their section of stock in top order. Thank you team!



Key information

School Calendar 2018-2019

We wish to share our term dates for the forthcoming academic year with Parents/Carers. A more detailed calendar for each Year Group will be shared with Parents/Carers in September.

Thursday 6th September 2018: First day of school for students (all year groups).

Thursday 25th October 2018: last day of Autumn Half Term 1

Friday 26th October 2018: Professional Learning Day (students not in school)

Saturday 27th October 2018 - Sunday 4th November 2018:
Autumn Half Term

Monday 5th November 2018 - First day of Autumn Half Term 2

Friday 9th November 2018 - (Provisional date)
Professional Learning Day (students not in school)

Friday 30th November 2018 - Professional Learning Day
(students not in school)

Friday 21st December 2018 - last day of Autumn Term
school will close at 12.55pm

Monday 7th January 2019 - First day of Spring Half Term

Monday 4th February 2019 - Professional Learning Day
(students not in school)

Friday 15th February 2019 - Last day of Spring Half Term 1

Monday 25th February 2019 - First day of Spring Half Term 2

Friday 5th April 2019 - Last day of Spring Half Term 2

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - First day of Summer Term

Friday 25th May 2019 - Last day of Summer Half Term 1

Monday 3rd June 2019 - First day of Summer Half Term 2

Wednesday 24th July 2019 - Last day of Summer Term
school will close at 12.55pm

Dates for your diary

Start of the Examination Period
Monday 14th May

MSPTA AGM
The Minster School
Monday 14th May, 7.30pm

Year 12 Fine Art Examination
Wednesday 16th May-Friday 18th May

Joint Concert Rehearsals
Concert Band & The New Sherwood
Collective
Sunday 20th May, 1.00pm-3.45pm

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Sunday 20th May, 3.00pm-6.00pm

Year 13 Fine Art Examination
Monday 21st May-Friday 25th May

Junior School Visit
PGL Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire
Monday 21st May, 9.30am-2.00pm

Costa Rica, Parent/Carer Meeting
Colwick Hall
Monday 21st May, 6.00pm-7.00pm

Year 8 Science Visit, Rotherham
Magna Science Adventure Centre
Classes: 8CR1, 8CR2, 8CR3 and 8CR4
Tuesday 22nd May, 8.50am-4.30pm

Paris Visit, Parent/Carer Meeting
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6th Minster School Triathlon



After a gap of two years, we will once again be running the Minster School Triathlon, on Tuesday 19th June. It will be held in the afternoon, during periods 4 and 5. The event has proved very popular over the years, last time there were over 180 entrants. The race comprises of a 100 metre swim (4 lengths) in the

Leisure Centre swimming pool, followed by a run around to transition, where you will pick up a bike and complete 3 laps (1.9 km) of the lower playing field, finishing with a 2 lap run (1.2 km) around the top playing field. If you do not own a bike or cannot bring your bike into school, then both British Cycling and Triathlon England will be attending and will be able to lend you a bike for the event. You will need to bring a swimming costume (and goggles, if you have them), running shoes and T-shirt, plus socks and shorts, if required. The entry fee of £1, will be going to the House cancer charities.

Entry forms are available from either Mike Towndrow in C49 or from the PE office. Further details will be given out to you in the preceding week, with full details of the course and your start time. There will also be a meeting on the day before the triathlon to answer any of your questions. It is a fantastic event and you will thoroughly enjoy the experience. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 13th June.

Academy update

The school continues to pursue its conversion to become an academy and the date now suggested for the completion of this process is early July. At point of conversion we will continue to be the Minster School and will work in collaboration with our local family of schools to continue improving education for our students.

Since our last update, the multi-academy trust (charity overseeing the group of schools) has now been registered and is called the MInster Trust for Education or MiTrE for short.



Geography

There are a number of trips taking place for Geographers after half term. Your son/daughter should have brought home letters about these. Any questions please let us know.

Year 7

Will be visiting Dovedale Valley. They will be looking at the physical processes responsible for the landforms in the area, but also the impact that human have in tourist destinations.

Year 10

Will be completing their second compulsory fieldwork. This time they are focusing on physical geography. They are travelling to Burbage Brook in the Peak district and carrying out investigations to see if the river meets the theories that we have covered in lessons.

Year 12

Will be completing their compulsory fieldwork, visiting both Birmingham and Wales. This fieldwork will expose them to a range of ideas of human and physical fieldwork that can be completed. From this students will begin to think about their Non Examined Assessment. This is 20% of the A level and requires students to investigate an issue that they are interested in.

Year 7 History Trip

To Holdenby House in June 2018. Holdenby House in Northampton is Elizabethan England's greatest mansion, Royal Palace and prison and therefore has a unique place in English history. The visit will provide the opportunity to study the Tudors in fantastic detail, including various aspects of their daily lives'. Students will have the chance to get actively involved in their history studies through numerous engaging activities during the day which will truly bring the Tudors to life.



The visit will take place on Thursday 21st June for Thoresby/Wellbeck groups and Friday 22nd June for Clumber/Rufford groups. Coaches will depart at 8.15am and will return at approximately 16:15. Students must arrive at school no later than 8.05am ready for a prompt departure.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch at j.vyse@minster.notts.sch.uk

Year 11 Leaving Information

The official date for year 11 study leave is Friday 18th May. Alongside lessons, there are a number of important revision sessions taking place next week prior to the exams that will be beneficial for students to attend. During study leave, students are welcome to revise in school, teachers will also be available to provide subject specific support during timetabled lessons. In addition to this, there will be a maths revision/support session from 2.45pm on Wednesday 23rd. This will follow the Physics exam and is in preparation for the Maths exam on the 24th.

Musical Instruments

It is fantastic to see how many students receive instrumental tuition and the range of musicians we have here at The Minster School. Please can students ensure that they clearly label their instrument to enable it to be easily accessed and to avoid any confusion between instruments belonging to other students. Please be aware that a number of instruments from the Instrumental and Music Teaching Service look identical.

Department storage is only for students to keep their instrument throughout the school day on which they have their lesson or ensemble rehearsal and instruments should remain at home other than this to ensure opportunity for regular practice. Any instruments that are left in the music department will be locked away and will need to be collected by the student who it belongs to. Your help and support in ensuring instruments remain at home, other than on a day when it is required for instrumental lessons or ensemble rehearsal, would be greatly appreciated.

Concert Band Joint Concert

The New Sherwood Collective will be joining Concert Band students for a joint concert on Sunday the 20th of May at 3pm. The students will be given the opportunity to rehearse alongside experienced musicians during the day, learning to perform some fantastic pieces. It should be a great day and all are welcome to attend.

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