

THE WORKS



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Introduction by Mr Burns



Welcome to the latest edition of 'The Works'. I am Mr Burns, Head of Junior School.

You may not all be aware that the Minster School has pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. For over 1000 years, the Minster School has provided the highest quality education to the choristers of Southwell Minster Cathedral. We are very proud that this tradition continues. Our Junior School offers a primary education, with significant additional music learning, designed to help boys and girls develop their musical talents and aspirations.

Auditions for Junior School will be held again in the spring. If you know of any talented junior musicians or potential choristers, then we'd love to hear from them. Please contact Mrs Hallam (Admissions) to book a tour of the Junior School and find out more about the application process.

The exam season is now well under way and I should like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students the very best of luck. Students in Year 6 have recently completed their Key Stage 2 SATs.

The summer term continues to be extremely busy with performances, concerts and enrichment activities. Further news and information about forthcoming events can be found on our new-look website: www.minster.notts.sch.uk

News

Junior School – Residential Visit to



Pupils in Junior School have just returned from a fantastic trip to PGL at Caythorpe Court.

Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 had two nights at the centre, taking part in a wide range of activities including: archery, fencing, climbing, zip-wiring and problem-solving. We were extremely lucky with the weather and a fabulous time was had by all.

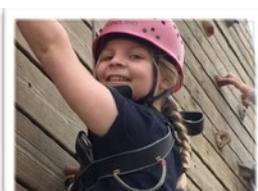
It was great to see the pupils working collaboratively, in order to develop their team building skills.

We were very proud of all of our students for having a go at all of the activities, as well as trying hard to keep their rooms tidy!

A big thanks to Miss Fern and Miss Wainwright who supported Junior School with this visit.



Rosie, Noor and Henrietta, hanging around!



Lydia on the climbing wall

Good Luck all exam students...

GCSE exams are now well underway and year 11 students have done an excellent job working hard and settling into the exam routines. Most are sitting 25 plus papers in the space of just a few weeks - a real challenge.

After the half term break A-Level exams begin in earnest and AS level exams have also begun for many students in recent weeks.

I wish all students sitting their exams the very best of luck, hoping they receive recognition for their efforts on the results days in August.

Mr Parris

Junior Mathematics Challenge 2018

The UK Junior Mathematics Challenge, a national annual event organised by the University of Leeds Mathematics Satellite, took place on Thursday 26th April, with one hundred and twenty year 7 and 8 Minster School students taking the one hour challenge. Students who score sufficiently well in the Challenge are awarded either a gold, silver, or bronze certificate, and students who score very highly are entered for a further round called the Junior Maths Kangaroo. This year, five of our students gained a gold certificate, all from year 8: James Carter (also Best in School), Tom Kessler, Nathan Lee, Lewis Gillooley-Rogers, and Oliver Salmon. The five Gold awards have also got through to the quirkily named Junior Maths Kangaroo round which will take place on Tuesday 12th June in school. Silver certificates were awarded to seven year 7 students, and eleven year 8 students. Bronze certificates were awarded to fourteen year 7 students and twenty-three year 8 students. The Best in Year 7 was achieved by Jasper Swain. Our congratulations go to all of these students, many of whom will be our future mathematical stars. For further information on UKMT Maths Challenges, you will find the information on this website: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/>

Sports Report

Year 11 Football Squad

The County Cup Final will be held on Tuesday 5th June at The Poplars Sports Ground Burton Joyce (5pm KO). Good luck to the squad - Adam Gell; Tiernan Shevlin; Ben Napier; Oliver Gratton; Louis Annable; Ewan Hill; Billy Roberts; Liam Pritchett; Toby Stanley; Henry Eastgate; George Caudwell; Matty Smith; Josh Brothwood-Eurge

Years 7 & 8 Tennis



The Tennis season has begun! Our year 7 and 8 boys and girls tennis teams have been in action this week. The boys team played

against Belvoir High School last Wednesday - stand out performances from Charlie Barker and Isaac Selby-Smith in the doubles and Jack Hallsworth in the singles. There will be another match against Belvoir High school this week. The girls team played against the Nottingham Girls High School stand out performance from Charlotte Freeman and Emily Whitchurch.

Joint School Concert Band



Students from the Minster School Concert Band were joined by the New Sherwood Collective Wind Band on Sunday, for an afternoon of workshops and a fantastic concert. The students worked very hard and should be proud to have tackled such challenging pieces. Well done!

House News

This half term has been a busy one with more house competitions launched, the writing competition judged and the Great Minster Bake Off final.

Sofia Poncipe of Clumber house won the live bake off final and star baker apron with her delicious elder flower and lemon cupcakes. Congratulations went to all our bakers and each were awarded an apron in the celebration assemblies as all the show stoppers were amazing.



Erica Bryant of Rufford house won the creative writing competition, with Sofia Poncipe of Clumber house coming second and Elisha Boyd of Welbeck house coming third. Well done to all who entered.

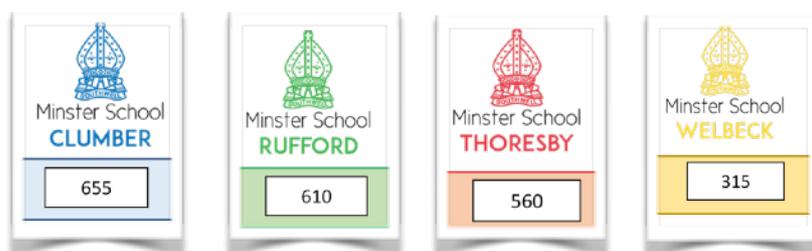
Tutors groups C8 and W4 won our midway Tutor cake spot prizes for collecting the most achievement points over a three-week period.



Within house celebration assemblies the tutor groups who celebrated having the most achievement points are C4, R3, T3 and W4. Another level of awards was introduced this half term into our house celebration assemblies. Students who had completed WORKS cards this half term were entered into the house cup raffle. The winners were Ella Spencer (Clumber), Isobel Meadow-Perkins (Rufford), Charlie Tyler (Thoresby) and Matthew Clark (Welbeck). Congratulations.

Many of our students received bronze and silver certificates for earning WORKS points. Specific congratulations goes to Bethany Peake of Rufford house for earning her Gold 2 award and Eli Myers of Welbeck House for earning the Head Teachers award. Well done.

Each tutor nominated a tutee for our WORKS tutor award, with our students being nominated for many reasons, such as Kindness to each other in supporting each other in tutor group and service through standing as tutor rep. The running house point totals are below.



For the house cup raffle, all the house colour ribbons were tied on the cup, but I wonder if Clumber will be able to cling onto their lead? There was a real increase in the number of WORKS achievement points collected by students in all the other houses this half term. More Rufford students have taken part in house competitions, boosting their house points and Thoresby are also chasing those house points through entering more house competitions. Welbeck collected an impressive 1046 WORKS points, but not enough Welbeck students entered house competitions! Clumber you cannot afford to be complacent this half term.

Creative Writing Competition

The Inter-House Creative Writing competition has been won by Erica Bryant (7R4) with her brilliant short story "Eden". Runners-up were Elisha Boyd (9W1) with her short story "The Graveyard" and Sofia Poncipe (8C7) with her short story "Clowning Around". Congratulations to the winners and a big well done to all entrants.

MSPTA

This year the MSPTA met for its AGM on the 14th May. In total over £18,000 has been raised by a dedicated team of parents this year. Events have included the very successful winter craft fair, which is well supported by the community as well as a perfect opportunity to buy some beautiful Christmas gifts. Refreshments have been provided at a wide range of school events, including at concerts, shows and open evenings, which enhances these occasions.

The events organised this year have focused on raising money to provide more outside provision for students during social time. These are in constant use by our students on a daily basis and have been a real hit with our students, especially the basketball courts and two large cabanas.

We would like to sincerely thank all members of the MSPTA, in making a difference to our student's experiences. We would like to specifically thank Alison Hardwick, Tracey Cant in their roles as joint chair, Sharon Burnham in her role as secretary and Adam Brown in his role as treasurer. Many thanks also to Zoe Brown for running 50/50, to Adrian for designing publicity posters and to Lynn Preece for social media co-ordination.

After five successful years within their roles, Alison, Tracey and Sharon have decided to step down as joint chair and secretary. The MSPTA are currently seeking new members, but specifically parents who would be interested in joining them in taking up these roles either solely or as a joint role. The committee meet on the first Monday of every month in the Hearty Goodfellow pub in Southwell. Sharon, Alison and Tracey are still very much part of the committee and in order to ensure the MSPTA's continued success, they would like to have a transition period in order to support the incoming Chair and Secretary. If you are interested in taking up one of the aforementioned roles or joining the MSPTA, please join us at our next meeting at the Hearty Goodfellow pub in Southwell on Monday 4th June at 7.30pm. Or for further details please contact Angela Zannetou at a.zannetou@minster.notts.sch.uk

New Head Boy and Head Girl

Our new Head Boy and Head Girl add their names to the ones who have gone before. We know they and our new deputies will be great student leaders.



Mansfield Music Festival - Prizewinner Concert



Well done to Minster School students who performed at the final concert of the Mansfield Music Festival. Included in the performers were Nuala Peberdy, Katie Bonser, Scarlett Clemmow and Eleanor Couch. Eleanor and Scarlett both won John Ogden scholarships for

their talented performances.



Year 7: Silver (6 books) awards have gone to; Daniel Arnold, Arabella Brackenbury, Charlie Brown, Philippa Burnford, Jack

Coleman, Jessica Hopcroft, Matthew Jolley, Tobias Onslow, Tina Proctor, Amber Rowland-Humphreys, Robbie Sharpe, Drew Simpson, Jasper Swain, Joshua Wheeldon and Emily Whitchurch. Platinum (24 books) awards have gone to both Gabriela Buxton and Joshua Plummer.

Year 8: Sam Bloomfield, Charlie Barker (T3), Scott Duncan and Archie Sharp have completed the Year 8 Reading Challenge. Well done to all!

The Year 8 science groups have enjoyed two lovely trips to Magna Science Park.

Groups were treated to specialist workshops where they were challenged to design a hot air balloon by using everyday items including plastic bags, string, sellotape and wire. This encouraged the students to use scientific and teamwork skills to make the hot air balloon rise and remain there for as long as possible. A special mention must go to Sam Ware and Duncan Monaghan who designed 'the best one this year!' according to the workshop leader, and managed to keep their hot air balloon air born for nearly 40 seconds.

Students also visited specialist areas, Earth, Air, Water and Fire that focussed on the various elements of science associated with these zones. This was topped off with a picnic and some time in the adventure playground. We were also graced with some beautiful sunshine which made the day all the more enjoyable!

Dates for your diary

Students return to school Monday 4th June

GCSE Economics Half-Term
Revision Class
Tuesday 29th May, 9.00am-1.00pm
Wednesday 30th May, 9.00am-1.00pm

Start of Year 10 Internal Exams
Monday 4th June-Friday 22nd June

MSPTA Meeting
Hearty Goodfellow
Monday 4th June, 7..30pm

Year 7 Science Visit to the Magna
Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham
Science Classes:
7CR1, 7CR2, 7CR3 and 7CR4
Tuesday 5th June

Rhineland Parent/Carer Information
Evening
Tuesday 5th June, 6pm

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork visit to
Burbage Brook
Wednesday 6th June &
Thursday 7th June

Year 7 Science Visit to the Magna
Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham
Science Classes:
7TW1, 7TW2, 7TW3 and 7TW4
Friday 8th June

Junior School Concert
Monday 11th June, 6..30pm

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