

# THE WORKS



Wisdom | Optimism | Resilience | Kindness | Service

## Introduction by Mr Wall



Welcome to the latest edition of the 'The Works'. I am Mr Wall, Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning and School Ethos.

Each week in school we have a theme for the week. These themes are based around our School ethos and linked to our 5 key values, Wisdom, Optimism, Resilience, Kindness and Service. These themes are explored with students in tutor time and in Acts of Worship. The current theme of the week is Patience "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6: 9; which links to our value of Wisdom.

For many students and teachers alike the virtue of patience is key to learning. We can't always grasp concepts straight away and often need to play the long game in order to develop our understanding. This is particularly important for our students who are currently sitting their final exams. However patience applies just as much to our younger students. As we move towards the end of term, students get tired, friendships can get frayed and having patience with each other becomes even more important.

In future weeks we will be going on to explore the themes of Cheerfulness, Generosity and Dignity as we approach the end of term.

## News

### Maggie's Cabaret

In September 2017, a group of student in Y10 formed a peer support group. All of the students in this group had one thing in common - they had all lost a parent. Four of these students lost a parent within the last year.



The support group has been running ever since and has become a great success, meeting every Tuesday after school. A couple of months ago, the students began to consider how they could give back to the charities who had provided much needed support and refuge for their families during times of real adversity. And so, the idea of running a Cabaret evening was born! After much discussion, the group decided to raise money for Maggie's Centre (based in Nottingham). Maggie's Centre provided support for one particular student in the group and has become a special place for him and his family. The students set about planning, promoting and organising the event with very little adult input. Maggie's Cabaret took place yesterday evening and provided a fantastic evening of entertainment with some excellent performances from talented young people from the Minster School Music Department.

The event was incredibly well supported and raised in excess of £1200 for Maggie's Centre which is fantastic! The students were a credit to the school, to their families and to themselves. They have shown unbelievable courage and strength to cope with such hardship, and pulled together to produce a wonderful evening which enabled them to create something positive from their heart-breaking experiences. We are incredibly proud of them.

## Netherlands Choristers Trip



The Cathedral Choir went on tour to the Netherlands over half term. They sang in some beautiful churches in Utrecht, Deventer and Haarlem, as well as (amongst other things) visiting the Spielklok museum in Utrecht, going on a boat trip, enjoying the rides at Walibi theme park, playing with the exhibits at the Nemo science museum in Amsterdam, and eating their way through a variety of fabulous food. Every concert they gave was rewarded with a standing ovation from the audience, and the tour was a resounding success.



Congratulations to Lisa Holland who at the last meeting on Monday 4th June was voted in as

Chair. As part of on going fund raising the MSPTA have produced a questionnaire to find out what activities and fundraising events you would support. A school comms message with a link to the survey will be sent out and we would like to encourage as many returns as possible, to help plan future fundraising events. Our next meeting is in the Hearty Goodfellow on Monday 2nd July and you are very welcome to join us. Thank you in advance.



Last half term the music department saw many students achieve 100% attendance in their extra-curricular music ensembles and rehearsals. The music department would like to congratulate all students who achieved 100% attendance and thank them for their continued commitment. We give a special congratulations to Fern Brownbill, for receiving a music reward for 100% attendance in her extra-curricular music ensembles during summer term one. Well done and let the hard work continue.

## Sports Report

### Year 11 Football South Notts Cup Winners!

The Yr 11 lads won the South Notts Cup last night for the 2nd time in 5 seasons (against Carlton Le Willows).

The lads played amazing in a tightly fought contest. Minster went 3-0 up in a short space of time and goalkeeper Adam Gell made some incredible saves to maintain a 3-1 lead at half time. The lads managed the 2nd half brilliantly and despite injuries to key players they managed to keep CLW out and extend their lead by a further 2 goals to come out eventual winners 5-1 (with Ewan Hill getting a hat trick). The boys were a credit to the school and it's been a pleasure to have coached them for the last 5 years. It was great to finish on a high with a super set of lads!

### Years 7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Football team and the Under 15's Girls Football team who both made it through to the semi-finals of the County Cup this year.

### Athletics Championships 2018

Mae Smith was the stand out competitor at the recent county championships. She won both the junior girls discus and shot putt events. All the more impressive as she is a year 8 pupil competing in the junior girls events which comprise of year 8's and 9's. Jess Parkin Crawshaw inter girls 3000m and Annabel Peach Inter girls javelin were also excellent winners. Nia Myers, Dylan Sanderson and Ben Smith all finished runners up, so along with the gold medallists, are selected to compete for the County in the Midlands competition at Birmingham's Alexander stadium on Saturday 16th June, from which competitors for the National champs later on this term will be selected. Several other Minster pupils took part with various degrees of success in what is a very high standard event.

## National Police Aid Convoys Clothing Bank

On behalf of the National Police Aid Convoys based in Mansfield, we would like to thank you for your continued support with our clothing bank. The total for 2017 was 310 kg with a ratio of 0.20 kg per child.

National Police Aid Convoys send containers of aid to remote areas of the world that are in need, such as Zambia, Zanzibar, Somalia, Ghana and Syria. They use collection banks to collect unwanted clean items such as clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains or paired shoes that still have wear in them.

Our clothing bank is situated next to the building in the visitor's car park. The next time you are having a clear out, please remember that the items could still be of good use to somebody in need of aid and bring them along to our clothing bank.



### Year 7 Science Trip to Magna Science Park

The Year 7 science groups have enjoyed two lovely trips to Magna Science Park in Rotherham. 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. 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. The students were a credit to the school and their behaviour was exemplary

"I enjoyed getting the chance to learn with my friends and use different equipment. The fire tornado was especially cool and it was interesting to see how it formed and worked" (Sophie Year 7)

"I liked making the hot air balloon because it helped me understand how the balloon works, it was also quite amusing if the balloon set on fire!" (Will year 7)

### Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Year 10 Geography students have recently completed their second of two compulsory fieldtrips. For this the students visited Burbage Brook near Longshore Estate in the Peak District and focussed on the Physical Geography of the area. The aim of the trip was measure and assess how the

river affects its landscape and how its features change down course. Both days were blessed with



fine weather and the skills they learnt will help the students prepare for their exam next summer. Thanks go to Mrs Timms, Mrs Lawrenson, Mr Wall, Mrs Beacock and Mrs Miller who accompanied the trip.

## ME Awareness

Tutor Group R2, raised money for the awareness of the illness that is called ME. ME awareness week was the week of 7th to the 13th of May. ME is a condition which is a long-term (chronic), fluctuating, neurological condition that causes symptoms that affects many body systems, more commonly the nervous and immune systems. This means that sufferers get extremely tired when doing activities that most people do every day, such as walking or going to the shops. Sometimes it means that people who suffer from ME cannot work. Unfortunately, doctors still don't have any known cures for this.

As a tutor group we all pulled together to raise awareness of ME within school. We held two cake sales to help raise money for a charity which supports people with ME. Whilst handing out the cakes and collecting money students from the tutor were encouraging people to also get involved at home. In total we raised around £40. We hope that by us doing this that you at home can get involved and hopefully be able to give something to those who suffer, and maybe one day, with funding hopefully be able to find a cure and get rid of this misunderstood illness. For more information please see here: <http://www.meassociation.org.uk/>

## Confirmations at the Cathedral

The Youth

Confirmation service took place this year at the Minster on the major festival of Pentecost (20th May). Bishop Paul welcomed fifteen young people from across the

diocese, including five from the Minster School, and prayed for God to confirm them, in what was a very moving and powerful evening. All we're taking a step of faith into affirming their walk with Christ by the confirmation of their baptismal vows. The young people offered testimonies of their faith journeys so far, leading them to stand up in faith and share their stories. They had met with the Bishop earlier that evening, and at the service were well supported by family and friends. There are several opportunities every year for confirmation, with the Youth Confirmation being the service we aim for through our preparation meetings in school. If you think you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about confirmation or who wants to explore this step you can contact Fr Matthew at any time of the year to register your interest.



## Holdenby House with Year 7

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd June year 7 students spent an exciting and informative day at Holdenby House in Northamptonshire. The day afforded students the opportunity to learn about Tudor life in an exciting and interactive way, including through archery, pike drill, cooking, calligraphy and herbs and medicines. Students were fantastic representatives for the school and threw themselves into the activities, supporting their history learning to boot. Thank you to all staff who accompanied the trips, particularly Mr Vyse who organised the days.



## Junior School Concert

Students from our Junior School performed to friends and family, offering the audience an exciting and diverse programme of music, reflecting their ability on a variety of instruments. Con Brio Orchestra opened the concert with Ashokan Farewell, featuring Rosie Wolfe on solo violin. This was followed by Largo, from the Symphony from the New World and The Second Storm, an intense piece with driving rhythms depicting a hurricane.

Three independent groups of chamber music performed pieces which the students prepared by themselves, including Super Mario Bros Theme, The Entertainer and When I Grow Up. Da Capo orchestra performed Tango, In The Forest and Star Wars very confidently, showing how much progress our young musicians have made since September.

A warm thank you to Mrs Fell and Mrs Gerrard who supported during the concert and accompanied some students. A special thank you goes to our Year 6 students: Ruairi, Gabriel, Laurence, Ling Ling, Madeline, Tyrel, Kiara, Samuel, Nuala, Noor, Esme, Henrietta, Luke, Rosie, Lawrence and Isaac who all confidently performed solos in the concert. We wish them the very best as they continue into Year 7.



## Triathlon 2018

After a 2 year break, triathlon has returned to the Minster School, with more than 130 students and staff participating in the event last Tuesday.

Ideal conditions (not too hot or cold and dry) supported many students to achieve excellent times. However, regardless of individual times, each and every student showed great determination and resilience and did their very best - well done to all.

The three challenging legs of the triathlon (swim, cycle and run) were supported by Triathlon UK, the leisure centre, the PE department, a diverse team of staff and the event was led by Mr Towndrow - thank you to him. Well done to all, your efforts were impressive. Looking forward to next year already.



## Dovedale with Year 7

Mr Aldred led two trips for year 7 to Dovedale last week. The weather was perfect and the trips thoroughly enjoyed by students who learned about interlocking spurs, river meanders and erosion on their walk through stunning Derbyshire countryside.



# Key Information

## Request for Old Uniform

Particularly for our year 11s, but for anyone else too.

If you have wearable items of school uniform you no longer need we would be grateful to receive them.

It is often useful to have spare uniform for students who for one reason or another do not have the complete uniform.

Please bring items to reception. We would be very grateful if you would wash them first and check they do not contain personal items in pockets etc.

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## Minster School Foundation Service

### **Southwell Minster, Wednesday 11th July at 7.00pm**

The Minster School Foundation Service provides an annual opportunity for all families, staff and students to review the school year and re-affirm their commitment to the school's ethos, aims and historic Foundation as part of Southwell Minster.

The service will be led by our school Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Askey. It will be an opportunity to give thanks and hear more about what has been happening in school this year; to celebrate all that is happening in the life of our school community, and to look to the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you all on the evening; this invitation is open to all and we hope you will be able to join us. It is particularly important for you to attend if you have a child who entered the Minster School on a Foundation place.

Refreshments will be available following the service and there will be an opportunity to meet students and staff.

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## End of term reminder

Our last day of term this academic year is **Wednesday 25th July** and will be a day of diverse sport-themed activity and celebration. The day will end at **12.50pm** with normal school bus services departing shortly after. School re-opens to students on **Thursday 6th September**.

## Dates for your diary

Year 9 & 10 Rhineland Trip  
W/C Monday 25th June

Year 12 Work Experience Week  
W/C Monday 25th June

Year 9 & 10 Paris Trip  
Departs Tuesday 26th June

Joint Schools Concert  
Thursday 28th June at 6.45pm

Year 13 Leavers Celebrations  
Friday 29th June, 9am-12pm

Year 9 to 10 tutor evening  
Monday 2nd July, 5pm

Year 6 into 7 induction day  
Monday 2nd July

Year 12 English Literature visit to York  
Tuesday 3rd July (afternoon/evening)

6th form induction days (into year 12)  
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July

Schools Will Rock You  
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th  
July (7pm)

School Foundation Service  
Wednesday 11th July, 6.30pm.  
Southwell Minster

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