

THE WORKS



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Introduction by Mrs Zannetou

A heartfelt welcome to the first edition of the Works for the summer term. I am Mrs Zannetou and I am Curriculum Team Leader of Technology Art and Design, as well as Temporary Assistant Head for Behaviour for learning, Climate and Ethos into the classroom.



Our focus this year has been very much on succeeding together, ensuring we are the best we can be on a daily basis. The first part of this term is always a busy time in school, where courses are coming to an end for our older students and the focus is on exam preparation. After school revision sessions are running across departments and students are also independently revising within the heart space at the end of the school day. As we work together to support our students in the lead up to the exams, please remember the importance of healthy eating, keeping regular sleeping patterns, and some fun planned activities in ensuring a balanced approach to exam preparation.

Whilst our older students are focused on exams, there are lots of exciting activities, house competitions and trips planned for our younger students to look forward to this term. There is lots to celebrate and enjoy reading in this issue, from events in the last week of last term to the trips that took place over the Easter break.

News

Equestrian Success

Congratulations to Natasha Green for representing the school and coming 4th at the NSEA One Day Event at Epworth Equestrian Centre on Sunday 22nd April. This means she has qualified for the finals in July. Good Luck!



Year 10 Boys Progress Challenge

On Monday 23rd April, students who are part of the Y10 Boys' Progress Challenge were visited by motivational speaker, Marc Woods. Marc had his left leg amputated because of cancer when he was just seventeen years old. He was a county swimmer before the diagnosis and the day after he had his stitches out, he went swimming again. Within a year, he was swimming quicker with one leg than he did when he had two. His dream was simply to be the best he could be and, just 18 months after he finished chemotherapy, he was selected to represent Great Britain. He subsequently competed at European and World Championships and the Paralympic Games. Over 17 years of competition, Marc won 12 Paralympic Medals from 5 games - 4 of these gold. Marc gave a strong message to the students about taking personal responsibility and how to stay motivated when the going gets tough. All students engaged really well and particularly enjoyed the Q&A at the end where they were allowed to try one of Marc's gold medals!

Higher Education Convention

On Wednesday 18th April we took our entire Year 12 to explore their future progression options and consider what different universities have to offer. It was a glorious day and fitting replacement for our aborted Careers event in Birmingham which was a victim of the weather. Students could speak with representatives from all the major universities and have their questions answered about the universities themselves or potential courses. Current university students often follow the event up with further communication and information, as our students work towards an application. We have had great feedback from the students upon return, so it's good to have Year 12 enthused about their future.



Oxbridge Evening



We recently held our Oxbridge evening and it's always pleasing to welcome a visiting speaker. This year Ellie, student liaison officer based at Peterhouse, Cambridge University joined us. Her talk was informative and illuminating and she was able to answer questions for those in attendance. It was interesting to note that both Oxford and Cambridge are attempting to make themselves as accessible as possible for students from all backgrounds. It will be good to see some Minster Sixth Formers apply in the Autumn and match the bumper Oxbridge intake from our school last year!

Iceland Visit

During the last week of the Easter holidays 32 students and 4 staff made the journey to Iceland. This was our biannual trip for Year 12 and 13 geography students.

We stayed in a place called fisherman's village which was a secluded spot just outside Reykjavik and gave us a real insight into what the real Iceland was like. We had an action packed itinerary whilst we were there, trying to see as much of Iceland as it has to offer in a short time.

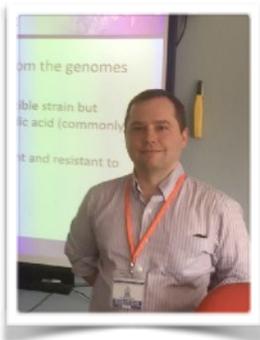
Highlights included seeing the Stokkur Geyser erupting on a number of occasions, walking behind the beautiful seljalandsfoss waterfall, and a glacier walk looking at how the glacier is the fastest eroding in Europe.

The trip finished with a great stop at the blue lagoon where we spent the morning swimming in the geothermal pool.

The trip was a real highlight of the year and I know that the students really appreciated seeing Geography in action, with many of them stating that it would really help with their geography studies.



Cranes, Minions and Mutants



On Wednesday 18th April 2018, a former pupil of The Minster School, Dr Iain Bancarz, gave a talk to the year 13 Biologists about Genome Sequencing. Iain is a computational Biologist and is employed by the Wellcome Sanger Institute in Cambridge who were part of the team that successfully sequenced the human genome

for the first time in 2001. Much of the content of Iain's talk was directly related to a section of the year 13 biology syllabus and he provided a valuable insight into how large groups of scientists working collaboratively together can achieve great things. Iain shared details of current research and how far the genome project had evolved from its initial conception to current research. Feedback from our students was predominantly positive and they found it interesting and informative.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The annual Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremony was held at the Minster School on the 17th April when 90 Bronze, 48 Silver and 12 Gold certificates were presented to the school students by Simon Hodgkinson the former England International Rugby player who gave a powerful, motivational speech. Addresses were given by the Head Teacher, Matthew Parris and Andy Gregory the Chair of the Town Council. The audience heard impressive presentations by four students of their Duke of Edinburgh experiences. Thanks were also given to the 50 volunteers who freely give of their time to ensure the programmes run successfully.



Sports Report

Year 7 Football

The boys have made it to the semi-final of the County Cup. The game is due to be played at home in the coming weeks.

Year 9 Football

The Yr 9 boys are playing East Leake on Monday 30th April in the County Cup Quarter Final and have a good chance of progressing.

Under 11 Football

The boys have qualified for the South Notts Cup final that is due to be played in early May and are also waiting on results to find out whom they will be playing in the County Cup semi-final.

Walk All Over Cancer Challenge

During March 'The Minster Movers' - Claire Walker, Siobhan Gallagher, Lorraine Bailey, Hayley Gault, Trish O'Malley and Julie Naidu have clocked up a combined step count of 2,412,166 which equates to around 1,142 miles. This is equivalent to walking to Sarajevo, Lisbon or Estonia. We have raised a total, to date, of £927 plus £214 Gift Aid. A huge thank you to everyone that has donated to The Minster

Movers Walk all Over Cancer Challenge. Your generosity will make a difference.



Singing Celebration

The Minster School Junior Chamber Choir performed beautifully at the Mansfield Music Festival again this year. Under the direction of Miss Suzy Fell, the choir performed at the Palace Theatre and gained the trophy in the KS3 choir class. Soloists Isabella Dewhurst and Emily Thrower opened 'Going Up a Yonder' with a warm lyrical tone and there was plenty of energy in 'Drunken Sailor'. The adjudicator praised the choir and the students were a real credit to the school.



Prizewinners Concert

The Minster School Jazz Band were invited to perform at the Worksop Music Festival Prizewinners Concert alongside other highly talented students from schools in the area,

including Worksop College. The Jazz Band performed 'The Chicken' and 'Caravan' brilliantly with a very skilled level of ensemble playing. This was our first time entering the Worksop Music Festival and we will certainly consider taking part again next year! Thanks to Ms Bilodeau for preparing and directing the ensemble.



Flute Ensemble Success

Two of our school flute ensembles successfully performed at the Mansfield Music Festival this weekend, achieving

excellent comments from the adjudicator and receiving the trophy for their respective classes. Junior students Gabriel Chamberlain, Ling Ling Law, Emma Onslow, Esme Taylor performed two pieces, 'Summer is icumen in' and a March by Rossini and were commended for their playing and ensemble skills. Senior students Heather Collins, Zoe Bray, Halcyon Matthews & Holly Purveur represented the Senior Flute Ensemble and performed 'Movie Medley', displaying a range of film music styles with excellent musicality. Thank you to flute teacher Mrs Gerrard for preparing and directing our flute ensembles.



Bookmark Competition

We had a fantastic response to our competition, thank you and well done to



everyone. The House competition winner was Clumber, Rufford second and Thoresby and Wellbeck tied for third. In the individual competition our panel of judges selected a winner and runner-up from each participating year group (years 3 - 10). The winning designs have been reproduced and made available in the Library.

Reading

Year 7 - Silver awards (6 books completed) have been achieved by Ernest Andrews, Cicely Blagg, Brooke Forde-Shaw, Annabelle Hatcher, Emilia Severn, and Joshua Wheeldon. Gold awards (12 books completed) have been gained by Toby Plant, Polly Richards, Freya Welsby and Evie-Mae Whitehead

Year 8 - The following students have now completed the Reading Challenge; Sophie Harper-Longden, Jude Harris, Ruby Rands and Hannah Sullivan.

House Celebrations

Last half-term was short yet busy and there was a lot to celebrate, with the launch of our WORKS achievement points. Tutor groups C7 and R11 won our midway spot prizes for collecting the most achievement points in a week, great to see our year 10 and year 11 students winning! The house points for last half term have been calculated from several competitions including the Hard-boiled history competition, design a bookmark competition and the great minster bake off.



The tutor groups who celebrated having the most achievement points are C7, R3, T3 and W7.

Our students received individual achievement point certificates and badges, as well as one student from each tutor group being nominated by their tutor for our WORKS tutor award. Students were nominated for many reasons, such as optimism and resilience when taking part in the inter house quizzes and service through helping younger students within their tutor groups and in the wider school community.

The running house points are below:



Congratulations to all the Houses - there has been a real increase in the number of WORKS achievement points and house points awarded last half term. The House Cup is still firmly being held by Clumber due to their determination and participation in all the house competitions. The summer term competitions will include art and photography, chess, book mastermind and sporting events. Come on Thoresby, Rufford and Welbeck let's see if we can catch Clumber.

Music 100% Attendance

The music department would like to congratulate all students who are achieving 100% attendance in their extra-curricular music ensembles and rehearsals and thank them for their continued commitment. We give a special congratulations to Holly Purveur, for receiving a music reward for 100% attendance in her extra-curricular music ensembles during spring term two. Well done!



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Walk

The weekend Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March finally saw our Bronze DofE teams do some walking in the local Nottinghamshire countryside. In total 110 students completed a 9km walk to Kelham Hall, practicing their new-found map and compass reading and navigation skills. This was their first training walk as the severe wintery weather



at the beginning of March meant the initial classroom training sessions and walks from the school did not take place. On arriving at Kelham Hall the teams had a chance to practice putting their tents and using their stoves to cook their lunch. The next time the teams will be out is on their Practice Expeditions in early May camping out overnight for the first time!!

Year 11 Music Showcase

Congratulations to Year 11 Music Technology students who presented their showcase to an audience of friends and family on Wednesday 25th of April. They entertained us with a varied repertoire of songs and their witty transitions. They took charge of the whole show, from promotion & marketing to setup, sound and performance. Well done!



Dates for your diary

INSET Day:

Friday 4th May, 2018

The school will be closed to students

May Day Bank Holiday:

Monday 7th May, 2018

The school will be closed

MFL Speaking Exams

Monday 30th April - Thursday 3rd May

MSPTA Meeting

Hearty Goodfellow, 7.30pm

Monday 30th April

Showcase Examinations

Thursday 3rd May

Head Team Voting Day

Thursday 3rd May

Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Practice Expedition

Friday 4th May - Sunday 6th May

Junior School PGL Parent/Carer Meeting

A2, 2.20pm - 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th May

Compassion Experience Bus Visit to School

Friday 11th May

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Practice Expedition

Friday 11th May & Saturday 12th May

Key information

New Books

Books on the shortlist for both the Carnegie Medal and the Young Adult Fiction prize are now in stock. Any student wishing to read any or all of the books on these shortlists should come and speak to Library staff.

Music Theory Extra-Curricular Sessions

There is an opportunity for students who are interested in achieving their Grade 5 ABRSM Music Theory. Mr Turner runs a Music Theory session every Monday after school from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Music Theory is a requirement to enable students to take grade 6 and higher ABRSM practical, however the sessions are open to all students. There are a limited number of spaces available, if you are interested in taking Music Theory further information will be distributed via SchoolComms. Should you have any further questions about these sessions please contact r.hudd-smith@minster.notts.sch.uk

School Parking

We have been contacted by members of the public to express their concern about parking during pick up time at the end of the school day. A reminder that parents should use the long stay car park to the rear of the leisure centre. Some may pick up from the designated bay at the front of the school but this is a very busy area at the end of the day.

Please do not use the main leisure centre car park or the mother and child parking in front of the leisure centre which is reserved for patrons of the leisure centre.

Also a reminder that parents should not come into the main school car park for pick up or drop off at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you for your consideration of others.

Are You Looking For Space To Hire?

We have varied spaces that we hire out at very competitive rates during evenings and weekends. The spaces include:

Sports hall
Gym
Main Hall
Theatre Rooms
Astro Turf
Class Rooms
And Meeting Rooms

If you'd like more information or would like to enquire if we've a space available, please contact Mr Derek Corke:
d.corke@minster.notts.sch.uk

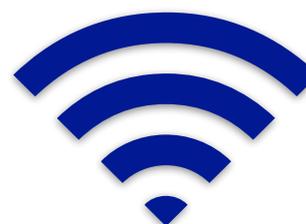
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