The Minster School Friday 22nd May





#### WISDOM OPTIMISM RESILIENCE KINDNESS SERVICE



#### MINSTER HUB

The Minster Hub offers weekday provision for vulnerable children and those of key workers. It is available to children from across the family of schools in and around Southwell. Visit the hub website at <a href="http://www.minster.notts.sch.uk/minsterhub">http://www.minster.notts.sch.uk/minsterhub</a> for more details and to make a booking. For us to provide the most effective service please aim to book by 8pm Friday for the following week.

### Key Updates

#### **WELL BEING**

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the PE department have focused upon this within their challenges.

We all have a variety of coping mechanisms for different situations, but sometimes we do need help and it is important that we ask for support more so now as we find ourselves living in a different world to nine weeks ago.

There is a range of support available for students and all key information and contacts for each year group can be found here.

A supporting document has been put together by our pastoral support team for further advice which is attached to this news briefing.

#### MINSTER HUB

The Minster Hub has been operating for 10 weeks and is currently averaging around 80 children each day, meaning that by the end of the half-term week we will have provided around 3,500 places for children, enabling their key worker parents and carers to attend their place of work.

The Minster Hub will continue to provide care and education for the children of key workers until **Friday 29th May**. On Monday 1st June, the nine local primary schools who have been basing their provision at the Minster School will be returning to their own schools.

It has been a great pleasure to work closely as a family of schools, to provide this important service to our community, and wonderful to see the brilliant staff teams working so well together on a daily basis.

Minster School students will continue to be based on-site as we offer weekday provision for vulnerable children and those of key workers through our booking system.

#### **TUTORIALS**

We are pleased to announce that regular tutorials are now planned for all students in Years 7 -10, beginning with Year 7 tutorials which have been taking place this week. The tutorials will be an opportunity for students to interact with their teachers and peers to support students' wellbeing and motivation. Invitations to tutorials will be sent out by email, please remind your child to check their school email regularly for more information.

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#### TEACHING AND LEARNING

Over half term we will not be setting curriculum-based work for any year group, but instead as we did at Easter, we have put together a series of 'Why don't you.....' activities (sent with this newsletter) for all of the family to get involved in. Don't forget to share these via <a href="mailto:HomeActivities@minster.notts.sch.uk">HomeActivities@minster.notts.sch.uk</a>

After half term we will continue with the current teaching and learning model for years 7 to 9. For years 10 and 12 we will continue to set 50-minute lessons, hopefully with some face to face sessions in school supporting this learning when this is possible.

# Learning Idea of the Week

#### JOIN THE NEW LIBRARY READING GROUP ON MICROSOFT TEAMS!

Ms Clover and Miss Williams miss seeing our students, so have set up a Teams page where students can tell them about what they have been reading and take part in book activities! All students are welcome. If you would like to get involved email <a href="mailto:library@minster.notts.sch.uk">library@minster.notts.sch.uk</a>.

This week's theme for the week is Service.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve Mark 10:45

After half term, the first weekly theme is Teamwork

Dear Lord
Open my eyes to see the needs of the people around me.
I will do my best to serve others as you did.
Amen

Our act of worship presented by Mr Wall is on our Youtube channel. https://youtu.be/Uvnuez8VFlw

### News



## GENEROSITY COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Generosity competition as part of the Thought for the Week. It was great to hear and see what generous things you were all doing.

## Generosity competition winner Alicia Year 7

Alicia did a litter pick with her family and carried out a leaflet drop around her village with emergency contacts on so that anyone self-isolating could get help. Alicia baked a surprise birthday cake for her neighbour and delivered it over the gate as well as helping her sister and brother with some of their homework.

#### HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Two new and exciting house competitions are being launched this half term for students, via

Show My Homework. The first is being launched by the library and is to recreate your own version of your favourite book with e-voucher prizes. The second competition is a life in lockdown photography competition, with professionally printed prizes, as well as an exhibition when we get back to school!

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# Learning Gallery

#### WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO SHARE .....

Any hopeful stories and examples of great activity at home: Learning; Well-being and Community spirit. Please only share if you are happy for us to celebrate with the wider school community through this newsletter and Twitter (only first names will be used) - send to HomeActivities@minster.notts.sch.uk

