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MINSTER HUB

The Minster Hub offers weekday provision for vulnerable children and those of key workers. Visit the hub website at <http://www.minster.notts.sch.uk/minsterhub> 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

ONLINE SAFETY

As we continue to spend more time online we want to make sure our students stay safe and parents/carers have a significant role in helping us.

Please continue to engage your children in conversation on how to behave online and report content if needed.

Along with this newsletter we are re-publishing our guidance. Please take time to revisit this.

LIVE TUTORIALS

Our live tutorials were launched just before half term and will continue until the summer, with each student having the opportunity to participate in a live session with their tutor each fortnight. Tutorials will be arranged by email, so please remind your child to check their email regularly for notifications. Live tutorials are an opportunity for our students to check in with their tutors and to see some of their fellow students in a short session which will focus on the wellbeing of our students.

So far our tutorials have been a real success, and tutors have really enjoyed catching up with their students and seeing what they have been doing while working at home.

PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 10 AND 12

We are very aware that students in year 10 and 12 will be thinking about qualifications and how they will achieve the grades they aspire to, given the current situation.

We do not yet know how qualifications will work nationally next year and there is still uncertainty about how schools will return fully. Exam boards have already stated that whatever happens we will need to consider the significant disruption to learners. Steps will be taken on a national level to ensure the results next year are as fair as possible to everyone – including those who have not been able to access education whilst schools have been closed.

When we know more about how schools will return to a more normal provision, we will be then be in a position to share with you the steps to make sure all learners are fully supported in achieving their potential. At this point we will be able to review assessment and mock exam arrangements to ensure students are fully prepared for the examinations they sit next school year.

The absolute best that everyone, in all year groups, can do now is: engage as fully as possible with the work being set by teachers, ask for support and help if needed and keep in touch with staff at the school where any difficulties or barriers to the work being completed exist.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

As a school we are continuously reviewing our home learning provision to ensure that what we are setting is both relevant and engaging. The feedback we have received for years 7, 8 and 9 indicates that some students have found the 3 week timeline for the mini projects to be too long, in addition some students would like a little more structure to the week whilst others appreciate having freedom to arrange their own days. We have reviewed the model of provision provided for our year 7, 8 and 9 students which can be found in the Key Stage 3 Provision document. Please take time to read this as these changes will come into place on Monday 8th June.

We hope that these changes will help students to maintain their focus and enthusiasm for learning over the course of the coming half term. We appreciate that for some students it has been extremely difficult, and we would encourage all students to continue to contact their teachers and engage with the live tutor sessions for additional support.

For our older students, some parents have expressed an interest in the use of Zoom or similar live streaming services for all lessons. We have been using these on a limited basis, mainly with Year 12. Although they can provide the opportunity to engage face to face with students we have encountered several issues and received several concerns from parents and students about their use more widely. These include reliability of internet connection, being a rural school, this is not always up to the pressure put on it by multiple users live streaming at the same time, as well as lack of devices in a household. Therefore, for year 10 and year 12 student provision to be inclusive, we will continue using a mix of approaches with some on site face to face provision planned from 15th June in line with the government guidance. You will be receiving detailed information regarding this provision shortly.

Learning Idea of the Week

<https://openlibrary.org/> is a great website, where you make an account to 'borrow' books and then you can read them for free. This is a recommendation from Charlotte one of the members of our new library group. If you'd like to join the library group email library@minster.notts.sch.uk

This week's theme for the week was: 'Teamwork'.

"Two are better than one... because if either of them falls down, the other can help them up." Eccl: 4:9-10

Next week's theme will be: 'Forgiveness'.

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the teams we belong to.
Thank you for the communities and the groups that we belong to. We pray that we will always do our part, however big or small. Not just for ourselves, but for others.
Amen

This week's Act of Worship presented by Mr Price is on our Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC93x_gqRfLiZ3j14QU1K3jg

News

RACE FOR LIFE AT HOME



The Race for Life is an annual event that we run at school, usually only for year 9 students, however this year we would like to make this a whole school community event.

Many of us have been touched by cancer either directly or indirectly, so it is really important to us at The Minster School that we still do our bit for Cancer Research in making sure people get the support they need during these unprecedented times. We would like our students and their families to take this opportunity to take part and make it a great event.

Next week the PE department will be launching this event to students through Show My Homework.

If you'd like to join in or make a donation please follow this link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sarahs-race-for-life-at-home-31>

WE MIGHT BE APART, BUT WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!



FANTASTIC TALENT

Out of 17,000 national submissions, two of our very talented year 13 students have been selected for the Royal Academy Young Artist Show by their expert judges! Chloe's stunning painting is a powerful depiction of her Mum and Nanny and explores her Jamaican ancestry. Whilst Jacob's is a beautifully composed photograph, that captivates and intrigues the viewer with its simplicity.



Congratulations to all the talented students who also submitted work which can be seen here, with work from a range of year groups. minsterschoolart

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

WHAT IS A COMPUTER?
Storage: The ability of power supply to store data.
CPU: The processor of the computer.
RAM: Random Access Memory.
Motherboard: The main circuit board of the computer.
Power supply: Provides power to the computer.
Keyboard: Used to input data into the computer.
Mouse: Used to control the cursor on the screen.
Monitor: Displays the output of the computer.

THE MAGIC FINGER
By the bestselling author of MATILDA
Illustrated by Tony Ross

TRAGIC TSUNAMI SWEEPS THE INDIAN OCEAN AT CHRISTMAS
In the early hours of Boxing Day, an undersea volcanic eruption occurred close to Sumatra, Indonesia, resulting in a tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean. The quake was caused by the movement of tectonic plates. The tsunami struck the east coast of Africa, India, and Australia. The waves were up to 30 metres high and caused widespread destruction. The tsunami was the deadliest natural disaster in the world since 1954. It killed over 230,000 people and left millions homeless. The tsunami was caused by a fault line between the Indian and Australian plates. The plates were moving towards each other and the Indian plate was subducting under the Australian plate. This caused the plates to build up pressure and eventually they snapped, causing the tsunami.

My description of the cabin scene
At the edge of a coniferous wood, a log cabin lay beside a clear blue lake. The small log cabin had modestly in a half-strewn clearing. Beside it lay long rustic tables and benches a place for a picnic or a quiet spot to enjoy a refreshing drink. Attached to the back of the cabin is a log store, half full of winter fuel, and fence posts stacked against the doorway. A lantern hanging from the moss-filled gutter advertising the beverage available. The rotting gable end adds to the character of the chalet, but the roof is well cared for. One lonely window for housing a lamp which is an odd company. The aspect from the cabin is spectacular.
A pair of iron railings lead the way down from the cabin to the crystal-clear lake's edge. The water slopes peacefully as the sun glimmers on the tranquil surface. Thick, luscious evergreens surround the lake, cradling it like a baby in a prism. The trees are different shapes and sizes and various shades of green, creating a heavenly vision as their image reflects on the silent basin.
Proud mountains form a dramatic backdrop. The tree covered incline ascends as clouds rest on the flat top of the peak. Rolling clouds gather in the distance behind the strong, towering mountains while in contrast a deep, rich, blue underlines the freezing cold lake.
The whole image creates a feeling of calm and tranquillity. A place to go to relax and enjoy a pleasant autumn scene.

pentecost
Pentecost is a Christian celebration celebrated fifty days after Easter. It is also called Whitsunday (white Sunday).
Pentecost is a very busy festival and church services will often take place at a Sunday. The Holy Spirit came down in tongues of fire.
Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fifty. Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.
Symbols of Pentecost are: tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, the breath of God and a dove.

Y8 English Short Story - 500 Words
Dustbins and Dirty
Across the country, the town is given to be the most disgusting one the dirtiest and most unclean. We had heard that the town was the dirtiest in the country and we were not wrong. The town was a mess. The streets were full of trash and the air was thick with the smell of rot. The town was a mess. The streets were full of trash and the air was thick with the smell of rot. The town was a mess. The streets were full of trash and the air was thick with the smell of rot.

Great Work!
Certificate of achievement for a student's work.