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Mr Chaloner
Head Teacher

Welcome to this edition of the WORKS newsletter and my first edition writing the welcome as Head Teacher. I am truly excited to be taking on this role at The Minster School following in the footsteps of Head Teachers dating back to 1313. With a heritage of success, I am adamant that as a school we build on this reputation and stand at the forefront of excellence in education.

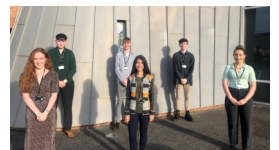
In some ways it has been a strange time to take over the leadership of the school. We are operating in a very different way. I have not been able to address all the students as I would have liked to due to us not having year group gatherings in the hall. Similarly, I have not been able to get all the staff together at one time in the same place.

There is no doubt that the pandemic is making our ways of working very different. However, I have been meeting students every Tuesday for a hot chocolate in order to get an understanding of their views of life at The Minster School. Our students are so thoughtful and astute in their understanding of life at Minster and it is helping me to formulate our future plans.

NEWS

HEAD TEAM HOPES AND PLANS FOR 2021

As a Head Team we wanted to take this opportunity as we approach the Christmas period to provide an insight into some of the things we've been working on and share our hopes and plans for the coming new year.



We have found over the course of our time in the Sixth Form the growing importance surrounding not only mental health awareness, but also cultural sensitivity and how we can become more outward looking in an ever-divided world. Currently, alongside the Year 13 Prefects, we are aiming to provide targeted wellbeing sessions for the wider school community. We hope to remove the stigma from discussing issues like making friends and dealing with stress, to promoting open discussion about mental health amongst our peers and knowing where to find support. We recognise each year group has to overcome its own hurdles, and as a Head Team we want to ensure that all students have the confidence to face these issues head-on.

Regarding diversity, we want to raise awareness in order to ensure that we all value every individual that makes our school community such a great place to study. We also want to celebrate the voices of our local area and those in our wider society which too often get overlooked.

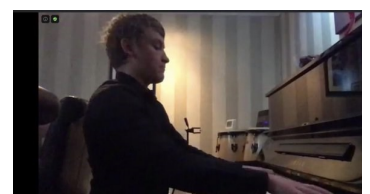
We are looking forward to having a local musician as one of many guest speakers that will enable us to encourage new acts of worship that reflect both our school's Christian values and the diversity our community represents. No matter what race, gender, sexuality or religion – we want to continue to make The Minster School welcoming and inclusive.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. Amen

ALEX'S CAPTIVATING PERFORMANCE

Alex played brilliantly for the Royal College of Music Performers Platform. The feedback he received was excellent and he should be as fantastically proud of himself as we are of him.



NOVEMBER HUMS HEROES

KS3 Geographer of the month is... **EVAN**

KS4 Geographer of the month is... **GRACE**

KS5 Geographer of the month is... **OLIVIA**

 **KS3** Historian of the month is... **HUGO**

 **KS4** Historian of the month is... **ALESHA**

KS3 Historian of the month is... **EMILIA**

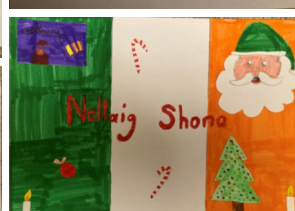
KS3 RS Student of the month is... **RUBY**

KS4 RS Student of the month is... **THEO**

KS5 RS Student of the month is... **AIMEE**

MFL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to the following students who entered the MFL Christmas Card Competition ☺



Jaya K Y9
 Ruby B Y7
 Ruby O Y9
 Bethany S Y7
 Oscar L Y7
 Livia S Y7
 Anna K Y7
 Emma M Y7
 Isabel G Y7
 Harvey S Y7

Winning house:

1st Wellbeck
 2nd Rufford
 3rd Clumber
 4th Thoresby

LEARNING GALLERY

FESTIVE LIBRARY



Christmas has arrived in the Library. What's under the tree? Some brand new library books and a selection of Christmas bookmarks!

YEAR 7 ART



Year 7 have been busy with their Durer inspired Rhinos - ace mark making & pattern work - Haven't they done a great job .

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY



Check out this 'festive flow of lava' by a Year 9 Geographer, one of the entries for the KS3 Geography Festive Bauble Competition

YEAR 12 FOOD



Superb panna cottas created by our amazing Year 12 'Masterchefs'!

YEAR 11 ART



A beautiful pencil crayon drawing by Tilly. Part of exploring different techniques and artist research, this is her copy of a piece by amazing self taught British artist Brian Scott

SPORTS



Fantastic dance lessons, orienteering , golf and badminton. Richard Strange from Norwood Golf Club has been helping students to develop their golf skills which they thoroughly enjoyed!



KS3 GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



KEY DATES:

Monday 7th December:

Year 11 Mock Exams continue
(through to 16th December)
House Week

Week commencing 14th December:

Virtual Christmas end of term Services

Thursday 17th December:

Autumn A Level Results Day
Virtual Christmas Concert 7pm

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



The school will close at 12.50pm on:
Friday 18th December.

Contract school buses will leave shortly after the end of the school day following their usual routes.

Students using service buses (such as 26 and 28) should check timetables in advance to arrange their transport home on this day.

Students return to school on:
Tuesday 5th January 2021.

KEY EVENTS and UPDATES

THE MINSTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION SERVICE 2020

The Minster School Foundation Service provides an annual opportunity for the school to re-affirm its commitment to its historic Foundation as part of Southwell Minster. This year, with the coronavirus pandemic continuing, we have taken the opportunity to show this service online.

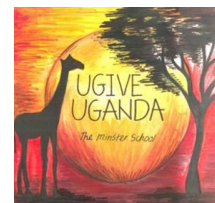
Students across school have been watching the service in Religious Studies lessons and their tutor times. We would now like to invite you to be part of our Foundation service too.

The service can be accessed online via www.minster.notts.sch.uk/foundationsservice and lasts for approximately 25 minutes.

We do hope that you can take the time to view the service and celebrate the historic partnership between school and cathedral with us.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ FOR UGIVE UGANDA

In a particularly difficult year of changes, restrictions and isolation, the school charity group Ugive Uganda is determined not to let go of the longstanding tradition of our Christmas Quiz.



We are at this time thinking of our partner school in Nyakagyeme and how they are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic: schools in Uganda have been closed since March, disrupting the education of 15 million children.

We want to support them in any way that we can, so we will be holding a fun Christmas Quiz on **Thursday 10th December at 7pm** to fundraise. The quiz will, of course, be held in the safest manner possible, likely on Zoom or Teams.

Tickets are **£3 per person or £10 for a larger team**. If you would like to join us please contact Mr Wall (a.wall@minster.notts.sch.uk) or a member of the group.

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