

THE WORKS



Wisdom, Optimism, Resilience, Kindness, Service

BEN CHALONER HEAD TEACHER



Welcome to the last edition of The Works for this academic year. It has been a year like no other (did we say that last year too?!?) but

throughout it I have been strengthened by our students' determination to be successful and thrive at school.

In this issue you will see that we are saying farewell to some members of staff. We wish them well as they depart and thank them for their service to the students of The Minster School. Amongst the leavers are Mr Berry and Mrs Whiles who are retiring and Mr Towndrow who is relocating to the Peak District. These staff have dedicated over 50 years of combined service to the students of The Minster.

You will also notice that Mr Rowson and Mr Partridge are leaving having both secured Deputy Headships elsewhere. They have been loyal and dedicated members of the Senior Leadership Team and I thank them for supporting me over the last three years. I will ensure that you have an update of leadership roles in September.

This issue of Works also contains the successes of students including platinum readers and Dioceses Board of Education Prize winners. Please do have a read and reflect upon so many great achievements. Have a relaxing and well-deserved summer break.

NEWS

HEAD TEAM BEN & LUCY



Hi, we're Ben and Lucy, and we have been elected as Head Boy and Head Girl.



We believe that the Minster School is an accepting place, with a welcoming atmosphere and a wonderful community. Over the next year, we want to ensure that students new to the Minster School feel welcomed and supported, providing them with opportunities to make the most of their time here. We pride ourselves in our balance between academia and extracurricular activities.

Both of us have enjoyed being involved in many of the school's music events, such as productions and concerts, and more. We feel that the Minster School has helped to shape us into well-rounded, happy people, and we will strive to ensure that other students feel the same.

We are both thoroughly looking forward to the coming September, when COVID restrictions will have hopefully eased, allowing us to enhance students' experiences through face-to-face interaction between students and staff, and the mixing of different year groups. We aim to play a major part in bringing the school community together and are looking forward to what the new year will bring.

PLATINUM MINSTER READERS



receiving their Platinum Awards in the school library. Enjoy your summer reading everyone!

A huge well done to Natasha, Lily, Josh, Will, Isabel, Sophia, Olivia and Ciaran for having read at least 24 books this year! They've read a wonderful mix of fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels. Here they are with Mr Chaloner

ALAN WRIGHT CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



The impact of Covid and its variants has made this another challenging year for all. Thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers for your hard work and diligence in keeping the school a Covid safe environment. As Governors we recognise that it has been a difficult year and applaud students and staff for maintaining the quality of learning remotely at home and during the modified tuition arrangements on return to school. Recently students have once again been able to move more freely around school between lessons, reducing some of the stresses of the Covid regimes and giving a feel that things are getting back to normal.

Governors wish all students, staff, parents and carers a great summer break and to come back refreshed for what we all hope will be a restriction free year in September. We wish every success to those students having taken their assessed exams and for those leaving school every success in the future.

DIVERSITY FORTNIGHT

Diversity Fortnight was a focused time set aside to think about our responses to diversity. We had a number of outside speakers sharing from their own perspective about racial, sexual, gender, religion and disability diversities. We have had time in tutor groups to discuss people's responses and also to look at discrimination people experience and the role we can all play in speaking out against racism, discrimination, homophobia, bullying and hate.

"... my tutor group have been responding really well to the diversity-focused resources we've had for discussion. Had lots of surprisingly mature contributions ... and heard from lots of students who are usually very quiet."

This is such an important discussion to have as a community, despite it feeling very difficult at times, and so it is one that will continue beyond the fortnight. As a church school our ethos is inspired by faith in God the Creator who made all humanity in his image; giving us all worth, value and dignity and cherishing our diversity.



Although many of our usual fundraising avenues have been restricted while we navigate an academic year like no other, we've evolved our efforts and we're delighted to report:

Spending commitments

- * Last autumn, our Co-op fundraising helped towards the cost of the GCSE Pod three year subscription.
- * This year, our Junior parents have fundraised for some playground equipment, which will be installed in summer.
- * We're also contributing towards outdoor gazebos for the senior school, which the school will order soon.

How you can help

- * Co-op Community Funding – please pick our school as your preferred charity and scan your membership card when you shop. Over £1.4k raised so far with a second large donation due in November.
- * 50:50 Club – £10 to join per term; parents win 50% of the prize pot while the rest goes towards helping our pupils. £1000 raised in this term, so a £500 prize pot and £500 for our school.
- * Easy Fundraising – your online shopping could see our school receive a donation. Over £570 raised to date.
- * Amazon Smile – it doesn't cost anything; just choose us as your preferred charity when you shop on Amazon. Over £100 raised in the six months since we joined.

To support these initiatives, all information can be found here www.minster.notts.sch.uk/MSPTA A big thank you to everyone who has helped us so far.

Save the date:

Friday 19 November – The Winter Fair

Held in the main school hall, join us for unique gifts, bar, raffle with great prizes and the chance to catch up with other carers and teachers at this fun event, all while raising money for our school. Stalls cost just £15 – if you're interested in showcasing your product, please email MSPTA@minster.notts.sch.uk

DIOCESAN CHURCH SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to our Minster School students who have been awarded a Diocesan Church School Award for living out their Christian values and putting their faith into action in the school context. Due to Covid restrictions, Ben Chaloner and Michael Wilson, a member of the Diocesan Board of Education presented the students with their certificates in an informal ceremony in school. Betsey and Josh have just left the school to begin their lives after The Minster, we wish them every success for the future.

Building a God-Loving Community & Environment Award

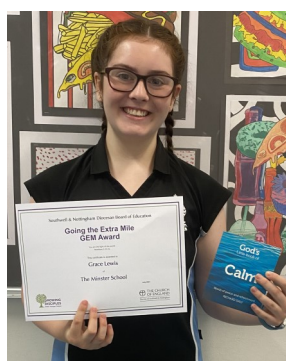
Betsey & Josh

Going The Extra Mile Award

Anastasia; Lydia; Will & Grace

Good Samaritan Award

Ruby; Amelia; Esme; Marco; Arabella & Grace



Grace pictured above



Pictured above with Ben Chaloner and Michael Wilson (DBE), top row: Will; Amelia & Marco

Bottom row: Ruby & Lydia

Pictured below are Esme; Arabella; Grace & Anastasia



DR TIMOTHY RENNIE MBE AWARD IN QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2021

Dr Timothy RENNIE, a former student of The Minster School, lately Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia has been honoured with an MBE in the 2021 Queens birthday awards for services to the community and education in Namibia.

Tim Rennie attended the Southwell Minster School from 1988 - 1996, firstly as a chorister and then in secondary school and sixth-form. Born in Pakistan his home became Burton Joyce. After sixth-form, Tim returned to Pakistan to studying towards pharmacy at the University of London. After teaching chemistry and maths at a Edwardes College School, Peshawar, before qualifying as a pharmacist Tim went on to study for a PhD investigating tuberculosis (TB) and continued as a lecturer in the School of Pharmacy and, latterly, commissioning TB services in northeast London.

In 2010 Tim relocated to Namibia to join a team to help set up Namibia's first pharmacy and medical Schools at the University of Namibia. Previously under the apartheid regime of South Africa, Namibia won independence in 1990. Once he established the Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy, Tim and his team went on to develop a Pharmacy Technicians diploma, a training for newly graduated pharmacy students, and a Clinical Pharmacy Master's degree. He also supervised a number of PhD students – the first ever in pharmacy – through to successful completion. Through the development of training, he led the first Department and later School of Pharmacy. By the end of his 10 years in Namibia, Tim was appointed Associate Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences that included the Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Dentistry.

It was a great surprise and pleasure to hear that Tim had been awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday Honours. In the Minster School he had joined a group of friends who valued learning, and competed to succeed; they pulled each other along. It was this early learning experience that put him in the right direction towards his academic successes.

What a wonderful journey to success Tim has had, and an impressive example to our students. We are very proud of his achievements and wish him continued success.

MFL NEWS



Well done to Sofia in Y11 who has secured a place on the Languages Summer Preparation Programme at Lucy Cavendish College. By attending the programme, students will develop their subject-specific skills and knowledge, improve general

study skills in preparation for starting post-16 study, strengthen their understanding of how to make a competitive application to top Universities like Cambridge. Well done Sofia, we hope you enjoy it!

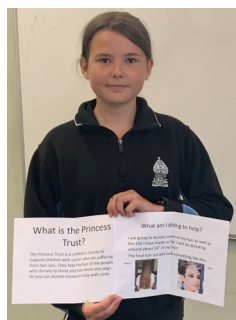


Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge

Bonnes vacances, Felices vacaciones
and Schöne feiertage!"
from the MFL department.



HEATHER CUTS HAIR FOR PRINCESS TRUST



Heather in year 7 is planning to donate £50 (money that she has saved) and get her hair cut to donate it to the "Princess Trust" which is a children charity to support children with cancer who are suffering from hair loss.

YEAR 8 FRENCH CLUB

Bonjour! We had the pleasure this term to host a wonderful French club for Y8 every Monday. The students enjoyed learning about French food, music and regions, and trying to pronounce some French tongue twisters! They are now also able to order food in a restaurant and ask for information.




YEAR 12 CELBRATES BASTILLE DAY

To celebrate Bastille Day, year 12 French class travelled to Bleasby Primary School to talk about French culture. Y12 taught children from reception to Year 6 how to greet each other in French, and about food and customs.





PE SUPERSTARS




Minster PE Superstars 2020-2021

These students have demonstrated outstanding optimism and resilience throughout the year!









Minster PE 2020-2021

Our students have been fantastic!





First Row: Issi, Jack, Will, Millie, Seb, Hannah, Max

Second Row: Matilda, Polly, Ethan, Eric, Will, Lewis, Anna

Third Row: Jaya, Noah, Charlotte, Joe, Olivia, Scarlett, Ella

Fourth Row: Jacob and James

Thank you to our students for being **AMAZING** this year!

Have a fantastic summer and we'll see you in September!!







ZOE HURDLES HER WAY TO A PERSONAL BEST



Zoe had a great competition, firstly qualifying for the final and then finishing 5th overall with a PB of 11.71. Zoe has also qualified for the English National Track and Field Championships in both the 75m hurdles and the Triple Jump to be held in Manchester on the 7th & 8th August.

HAMISH DEBUTS FOR ROTHERHAM UNITED FIRST TEAM

Harrogate Town 1 Rotherham United 3



Hamish in year 11 ran out for his first team debut match with Rotherham United on 21st July, playing a great game for the winning side. Te post match report said:

"Douglas almost added gloss to the scoreline with a crackerjack of a strike which smashed the home woodwork"

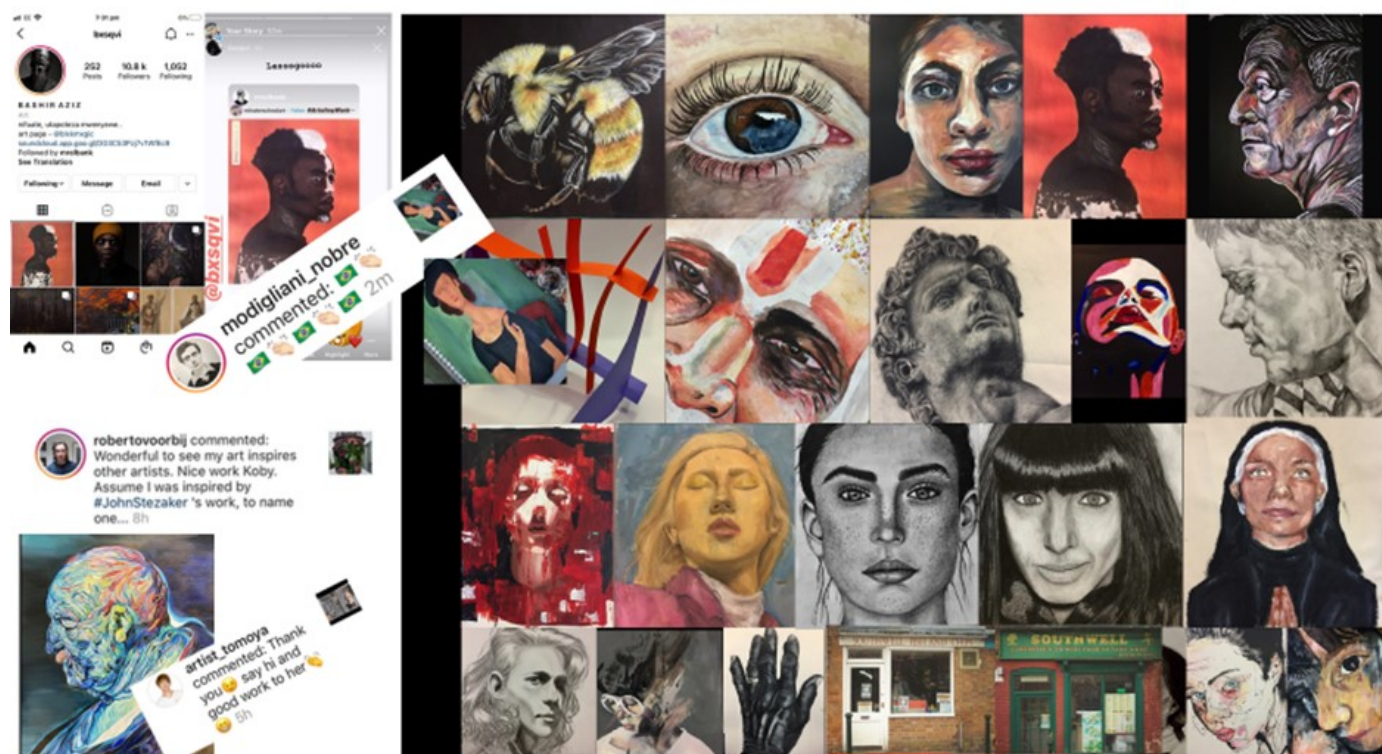
Hamish commented:

"It was great being called up into the 1st team for my debut, all the players and managers were so friendly, I'll keep working hard during training and hopefully one day I'll get another opportunity"

Well done Hamish we look forward to you scoring many goals in your future matches.



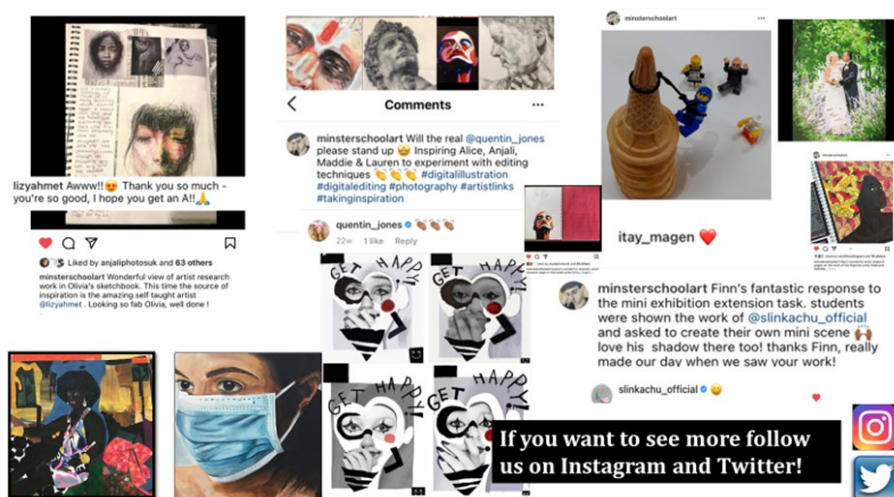
ART



This past academic year has unquestionably been like no other. Yet despite everything that has been thrown at our students there have been so many incredible reasons for celebration. Producing consistently exceptional work being just one of them! Sharing all the outstanding artwork produced via the school Instagram account and Twitter has enabled us to share it to a vastly wider audience and has also meant we could tag in students' sources of inspiration.

The international, often world renowned artists who have inspired Minster students have, to our surprise, repeatedly encouraged, celebrated and even personally contacted our students to congratulate them! We know of course how extraordinarily talented and hard working our students are, but there is no higher accolade than seeing the artist you are copying and taking inspiration from, take the time to compliment your efforts. It is such a confidence boost!

In this past week alone, artists from Japan, Nigeria, Brazil and Israel have taken the time show their appreciation of our students' efforts and talent. Their work has been selected to be featured on the feeds of Saatchi Gallery, Alexander McQueen and The Royal Academy. Most recently we were one of only two institutes to be selected by esteemed curator Stephen Ellcock and Artist Books publisher chose Commune as winners of their competition.



A quote from Stephen to finish: "Congratulations! I am constantly amazed and delighted by the quality and range of work your students produce. You are doing an amazing job and it is wonderful to see, even more so in these times when art education in schools seems to be under such threat. Once again, congratulations!"

MUSIC BURSARY FOR DANIELLE



Flautist Danielle (Year 12) is this year's recipient of the Southwell Choral Society Music Bursary and Peggy Oldham Award. The purpose of the award is to support the musical development of young people in the Southwell area. The award may

be used to finance tuition, travel and the purchase of books or equipment. Danielle says, "It means a lot because I am doing my DipABRSM diploma in July which is an expensive exam and I wanted to help my parents. Once I have done the exam I am going to put the rest towards a professional flute! I am really excited, I want to get one with open holes so I can do more modern techniques. I am so grateful to the society; and also, to Mrs Wallis-Windle for telling me about the bursary!" She will receive £1000 to support her musical development, and will also be invited to perform at one of the Southwell Choral Society's events in the upcoming months. Congratulations Danielle!

STEPHEN WINS PRESTIGIOUS ORA APPRENTICESHIP



Earlier this year, Stephen, Year 8 entered the ORA Singers Composer Competition for young people aged 11-18, run by prestigious choir the ORA Singers. Stephen won an 'ORA Apprenticeship', giving him a place on a series of workshops led by composer Rory Wainwright Johnson, to enable him to develop his composing skills. At 13, Stephen was the youngest of the 20 ORA Apprentices.

Stephen says, 'It has been great to be able to work and learn alongside such a talented group of people, and to develop my composing skills. It was a really good experience.'



THE MINSTER MINIS HANDBELL TEAM

In June 2021 the school arranged to lease a two octave set of English handbells from the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. The bells are antique Whitechapel bells and have been used to play in competitions at the turn of the century and were rung by a winning team in one of the Belle Vue Competitions in Manchester.

The handbells team is called The Minster Minis and has eight members at present. We have had great fun playing music to animated songs like the Skeleton Dance and The Lion Sleeps tonight from the Jungle Book. We have practiced rhythm songs; one called Funky Veg, proving very popular. We have been doing body percussion too

MSPTA 50:50 PRIZE DRAW

Thank you to everyone who supported the MSPTA's 50:50 draw. With your help, we've raised £500 for our school, which we'll be putting towards outdoor furniture and covers for our pupils. This also means that there's £500 in the prize pot. The draw took place at the MSPTA meeting on Tuesday 6th July and we're delighted to announce the following winners:

- 1st place prize £250: Jo Y - 7
- 2nd place prize £125: Sue J - 39
- 3rd place prize: £125: Charles K - 22

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINSTER STAFF



Clare Mazurkiewicz – Assistant Head Achievement

Dear students, parents and carers, my name is Mrs Mazurkiewicz (Maz-ur-ka-vitch) and I am very excited to be joining the senior team at The Minster School in September. I am moving to The Minster school from The Trinity Catholic School where I have been the Head of Maths and also held a role on the senior team. I love being in the classroom and working with young people. I hope you have a lovely summer holiday and I am really looking forward to getting to know you all



Eleanor Fox - Teacher of English

Hello Minster students, parents and teachers! I'm Miss Fox and am really looking forward to joining you in September as a new English teacher. After spending the last four years down in Exeter doing my degree in English and Art History and teacher training, I am moving back up to the East Midlands. I'm looking forward to being closer to family and excited about becoming part of the Minster community! Please come and say hello once I start in September.



Simon Patterson – Teacher of Maths

Hi, my name is Simon Patterson, I am a Maths Teacher and new to the school for this Sept 2021. I am a career changer, who loves Teaching Maths. Algebra is definitely my favourite topic to Teach. I have a teenage daughter who keeps me up to date with the latest trends (or tries to, but no Tik Tok account for me). I am really looking forward to the new school year in September.



Geoff Douglas – Teacher of Science

Hi, my name is Mr Douglas and I am joining the Science Department as a Teacher in September! I specialise in biology and am looking forward to teaching chemistry and physics too. I have a real interest in science and look forward to bringing science to life. I really look forward to getting to know everyone at the Minster School from September.



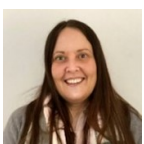
Samantha Baker – Teacher of Business

Hi, my name is Mrs Baker and I will be working 3 days a week in the Business and Economics department. I have been in teaching over 20 years in a variety of schools, doing a variety of roles - pastoral is where my enjoyment and strengths lie. I have 3 daughters who keep me on my toes and I'm also studying for my MA in Education. I enjoy travelling (when allowed), reading and I try to attend the gym at least 4 times a week.



Joshua Dobbs – PE Technician

Hi I'm Mr Dobbs and I'm the new PE Technician. At university I studied Sports Business and Coaching at UCFB Etihad Campus. Which meant most of my lectures were overlooking Manchester City's home pitch. However, as a Manchester United fan this wasn't ideal but as a football fan it was amazing. I am very much looking forward to getting meet and getting to know all students.



Caroline Blick – School Business Manager

Hello, I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new School Business Manager. My name is Caroline Blick and some of you may have already seen me around the school in my previous capacity as a Finance Manager for Minster Trust for Education. I am truly honoured to be part of the team at this prestigious school and my focus is to provide a wide-ranging, strong and consistent level of support for you. I bring over 25 years' experience in private sector Finance, Administration, Audit and Quality Management so I will call on all of these skills to help the school to exceed its aspirations. I hope to meet you all eventually and get to know a little about you too.



Rachel Rees - Exams Assistant

I've been working as part of The Minster School invigilator team for a few years now, supporting students, teachers and the Exams Officer. I love my work and am thrilled to have the opportunity to use my experience of exams as a regular member of the exams admin team. I'm also a primary school teacher, so am used to busy educational environments! Lots of you have seen me around school during busy exam periods and I'm looking forward to working with you all as a regular member of The Minster School staff team!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINEES

Daniel Hubery – Drama



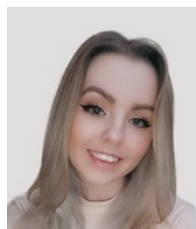
My name is Daniel Hubery and I am joining The Minster School to study the School Direct Teacher Training course in the drama department. I am leaving a career in professional theatre directing in order to embark on this new journey. My biggest passion is Shakespeare. I love meeting new people so feel free to come and say hello - if I don't get there first!

Josh Evely – PE



Hi, my name is Josh and I am going to be joining the Minster School as a trainee teacher for PE. I am really excited to be starting this journey as sport, health and fitness are my passions. I will be motivated to come into work each day knowing I am going to teach PE. To find a job I am passionate for and enjoy, will allow it to not feel like 'work.' This time last year, I arrived back from traveling the world. I was fortunate enough to visit an array of countries in Asia, including China, Cambodia and Vietnam. I finished my travels with 9 months in Australia, down under. I am looking forward to September to start building relationships with the team and pupils.

Imogen Atterson – Art



Hi I'm Imogen and I'll be joining the Minster School as a trainee art teacher. I have always adored art, and I really hope to inspire and guide others in their own journey of creativity. I enjoy painting anything from pet portraits to wall murals in my spare time, and also enjoy reading and playing netball. I'm hopeful that one day I'll be allowed to paint a huge wall mural on the outside of a building!

Gabrielle Ridge – Biology



Hi, I'm Gabi and I will be leaving my role of Cover Supervisor to become a trainee teacher in the Science department as of September. I look forward to starting the next stage of my career here at

TheCharlie McShane – History



Hi, I'm Charlie and I'll be joining The Minster School as a School Direct Trainee in History. I studied Politics at Swansea University, as well as a semester in Hong Kong in my second year. I also completed an MA in Public Policy at Swansea. I've spent the last year working at Magnus Academy as a cover supervisor and an SEN support worker, an experience which convinced me to become a teacher. I love football and I'm a huge Nottingham Forest supporter. I also love hiking in the Peak District. I can't wait to join the team at Minster! Minster!

A FOND FAREWELL TO MINSTER STAFF



Phil Rowson - Assistant Head - Congratulations to everyone on reaching the end of what has unquestionably been another challenging school year. Throughout the extenuating and unprecedented circumstances over the last 18 months, I have remained incredibly proud to be part of The Minster School community. Students, staff, parents and the wider community have pulled together and worked exceptionally hard. It is heartening to look back and consider what has been achieved over the last year despite the challenges that have been thrown in our direction along the way. These successes are a precedent to the ethos of the school. Sadly, the end of term also signifies

the end of my time at The Minster School. I have had some wonderful years here and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the wider school community. However, now is the time to move on to pastures new as I commence a new role in September. I wish all of the staff and students the very best of luck for the future and look forward to following your successes from afar. Thank you for being part of my journey!

John Partridge - Assistant Head - A farewell...

As the end of term approaches, so do my final few days at The Minster School. Leaving is a bittersweet feeling. Whilst I am excited about taking on the role of Deputy Head in my new post, I am also looking back on many fantastic years here. Having joined as an Newly Qualified Teacher many years ago, I have been very fortunate to have worked with many wonderful students, staff and families in our school. I have always felt proud to work here, and about the way our school approaches the education of young people. I certainly intend to take much of our shared ethos and values with me into my next role. I wish you all every success in the future and look forward to keeping in touch to see what you all accomplish.

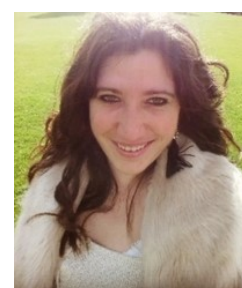


Emma Ward – Performing Arts Administrator

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Minster School, again, for the past 8/9 months. Thank you for all the support and guidance I have received. I most definitely would not be moving on to where I am going had I not been here. Thank you all, and wishing you the best going forward! I shall see you when we can finally have a concert/show in real life!

Danielle Bowler - MFL

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at The Minster this year. It really was fantastic timing as I had found a job in a company in Leicester but it fell through due to Coronavirus as they had to lay off staff so found myself in a difficult situation. It was an honour to accept a position at the school. My classes have been fantastic. I have been so lucky to have been part of such a warm, supportive and friendly department and have also been privileged to work with you all on a daily basis. The atmosphere, encouragement and support have been fantastic. I had actually left teaching before working at The Minster. This year has definitely made me realise that I need a purpose in life and wish to continue making a difference to the lives of young people. I believe that things happen for a reason. I am now back on the right path. Thank you for all being so great and making me smile every day. I couldn't have wished for any more.



James Burrows - Science

What an interesting start to my teaching career! I joined in the middle of "virtual" Minster school and was thrown straight in to teaching online and learning names (but not faces) of copious Year 11's. It was a strange time but made so much easier with the help of all the lovely staff at the school. I will miss the science department of course but everyone has been amazing and I hope that soon school returns to some form of normality! Thank you to The Minster School, staff and students, it has been a real pleasure!

Claire Averill

I have such lovely memories, made some lifelong friends and I'll truly miss Minster School life. Parker and I hope you all have a fabulous summer and I'll look forward to being in the audience for the next school production!

Best wishes also go to Alison Whiles (Music); Richard Berry (English) and Mike Towndrow (Maths).



KEY INFORMATION

HANDBELLS CLUB



The Handbells club is on Wednesdays after school for an hour. The two octave set of bells used by the team are English Whitechapel bells and are over a hundred years old and were used in the Belle Vue competitions in the 19th

Century, in Manchester! New ringers welcome, especially from children who can read music already.

The handbells team will carry on from the second week back in September on a Wednesday from 3pm until 4pm.

Please contact Judy Gees if your child is interested: J.gees@minster.notts.sch.uk

EXAM RESULTS DAYS 2021

Tuesday 10th August—A Level results 8.30-11am

Thursday 12th August—GCSE results 9-11am

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Please check the school website for up to date information on student testing and return to school

NEW SCHOOL TIMINGS

8.47am: All students in school

8.50am: Lessons begin

3.00pm: The end of the school day

SCHOOL RECEPTION

School Reception is open over the summer break 9am-2pm Monday-Friday with the exception of Thursday 5th and Friday 6th August and week commencing 16th August.

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