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THE MINSTER SCHOOL
SOUTHWELL

INTRODUCTION



There have been two events this week that have made me reflect on what is important to us as a school. Firstly sitting in the Minster and listening to our students perform in the Christmas Concert this week was an amazing experience. Partly because yet again I was filled with a sense of awe at the incredible talent we have in our school but also because it wasn't until I was sat there listening that I realised how much I had missed it. Secondly, today we watched our End of Term Service and took a moment to reflect on Christmas in the past, the present and the future. It was a poignant way to end the term, to reflect on what is important to us about Christmas and our hopes for the future. With these in mind I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas as well as a hopeful New Year.

Andy Wall
Deputy Headteacher

UPCOMING KEY DATES

Students' Return to School - Wednesday 5th January 2022

Year 11 Parents' Evening (Virtual) - Tuesday 11th January 2022

Year 8 Languages Day - Friday 14th January 2022

Year 12/13 Cadbury World Visit - Monday 17th January 2022

Beth Shalom Year 11 History Visit - Tuesday 18th January 2022

Year 11 6th Form Interviews - Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th January 2022

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 26th January 2022

School Production - Tuesday 1st - Saturday 5th February 2022

Year 8 Humanities/STEAM Day - Tuesday 8th to Wednesday 9th February 2022

Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual) - Thursday 10th February 2022

CHRISTMAS 2021

Our Advent reflections, and Christmas service this year have been about community and all it means to us. We've perhaps all been reminded about the importance of being able to spend time with friends, neighbours and family during the last couple of years. We have had the experience of missing it, and all that it gives us. We have recognised in new ways just how important it is for our own and other's wellbeing. And perhaps we have been more thankful for the moments and the people that build that sense of community around us. I am reminded that there at the very heart of the nativity story which Christians celebrate at Christmas is a picture of a new community gathering around Jesus. Even lowly shepherds were included; even people from far off lands with different world views were welcomed in when they saw where the star rested. It is a story that is still inviting us to come in and see for ourselves, and receive that welcome into God's presence, his community. There is room for everyone.



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE LEADERSHIP CORRIDOR

07/12/2021

Two Junior School students, Florence and Ewan, decorated the Christmas tree in the Leadership corridor. This is an annual tradition and the students look forward to doing this every year. Didn't they do a fine job? Thank you both.



FIRST PLATINUM READER OF THE YEAR!

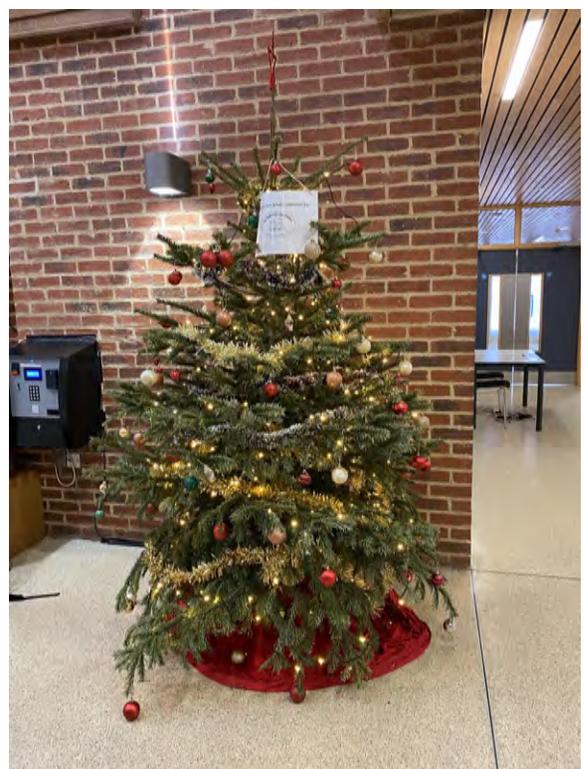
01/12/2021

A student in year 7 has become the first in their year to reach their Platinum Reading Award! They have read 24 books since the start of term, well done!



CHRISTMAS TREE DONATION

Our thanks to Reg Taylor's Garden Centre for their generous Christmas tree donation. This can be seen on display in our Main Reception area.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

It's been a busy term in the D&T department, with KS3, 4 and 5 working incredibly hard this term producing some superb outcomes. We've all been really pleased to see our department in full swing again and the students have amazed us every day with what they have achieved.



HISTORY FILM CLUB

This year we are launching a History Film Club every Monday in B20 from 3:10-4:10. This will be an opportunity for students to watch a variety of historical films and discuss these events and films with other film lovers. If students wish to attend then all they need to do is pick up a permission slip from Mr Vyse in B20 and get this signed.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL TEAM VICTORIOUS!

07/12/2021

Despite conceding 2 early goals, the Yr 10 football team went on to beat a strong Redhill team. The torrential rain made conditions difficult for both teams and this may have been the reason for our slow start. Fortunately, 2 goals in the first half got us back in the game and the boys never looked back. They comfortably went on to win the game 5-2. There was some moments of great play, both individually and as a team, and the lads performed excellently. Well done everyone - we are now into the Quarter Final of the South Notts Cup.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

01/12/2021

Congratulations to all students who competed in the regional cross country competition this week. You all demonstrated excellent resilience and optimism, Mr Greaves and the PE department are super proud of you all. 16 students ranging from year 7-11 qualified for the next round and will compete in the county competition. Furthermore, a number of students finished within the top 3 of their age group, an outstanding achievement!



YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

10/12/2021

Mock interviews took place on Friday 10th December during which 60 professionals kindly volunteered to come into school and interview the year 11 students. The day was a fantastic success with all of the students receiving some incredible feedback from their interviewers. Several interviewers reached out to me to compliment the students on being smart, polite, delightful and a credit to the school. Well done year 11!



SCHOOL VACANCIES

Vacancies for Administrators have closed but if you know anyone who is interested email adminteam@minster.notts.sch.uk

Look out for our vacancies on TES in the holidays - www.minster.notts.sch.uk/vacancies

Midday Supervisor
Cover Supervisor
Academic Mentor for Post 16
Invigilators

WINDSURFING SUCCESS!

29/09/2021

Back in September, Duncan – Year 12 returned from Croatia where he had been competing in the iQFoil European Windsurfing Championships. He came second in the medal race to become the highest placed UK boy Under 19. In August 2020 he competed at the World Championships and came 4th. He is now hoping to be selected for the RYA Performance Pathway. Well done Duncan, we are immensely proud of you.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



