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# WORKS

Wisdom - Optimism - Resilience - Kindness - Service

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THE MINSTER SCHOOL  
SOUTHWELL

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord."  
**Colossians 3.23.**



# INTRODUCTION

It's great to see more and more new opportunities opening up for the students as restrictions have eased, and I'm excited for all that summer term will bring. Alongside all the hard work preparing for end of year, GCSE and A-level exams there will be a huge variety of extra-curricular opportunities and clubs bringing students together, nurturing well-being and resilience and developing talent and experience. Our school verse from the Bible, that you always find underneath our WORKS values, talks about recognizing that our hard work is not simply about the pursuit of individual success, that our achievements are not the whole of who we are. It reminds us that we are firstly made for relationship with God. Our motto 'succeeding together' firmly brings us back to that; our achievements, our talents, our experiences make sense and find their full meaning in community with God and with each other. In the Gospels I read that Jesus said 'I have come so that you will have life and have it to the full!' (John 10:10), his desire was for others to find that full meaning and purpose for their lives in knowing him.



In our Easter Services this year we have reflected on being given a fresh start and a chance to live life in its fullness; thinking back to Les Mis and all the characters who desperately needed a new beginning, and to be given a second chance. It's the season to rejoice in new life as flowers grow, butterflies emerge and trees unfurl their leaves again. And for Christians the wonder of the Easter story is the promise of new life – a fresh start – in Jesus. We remember that invitation to new life as we enjoy the chocolate eggs, bunnies and daffodils.

'He, Jesus, included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new.' (1 Corinthians 5)

**Rev'd Cathy Porter**  
School Chaplain

# UPCOMING KEY DATES

**Easter Holidays** - Monday 4th April through Monday 18th April

**Start of Term** - Tuesday 19th April

**Year 10 Work Experience** - Wednesday 27th through Friday 29th April

**Year 8 Parents' Evening** - Thursday 28th April

**Lunchtime Concert (Southwell Minster)** - Friday 29th April

**Year 11 English Visit to DNA (Lakeside Theatre)** - Thursday 5th May

**MSPTA Live Stand Up Comedy Evening** - Friday 6th May

**Sixth Form Concert** - Wednesday 18th May

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## OXBRIDGE EVENING FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### 14/03/2022

On Monday March 14th we were delighted to hold our Oxbridge evening in school for prospective Oxford or Cambridge university applicants and their parents. This annual event was last held in 2019 so it was great to have representatives from both universities with us in school. In addition, we were joined by Oxford graduate and now out-reach worker and ex-Minster student; Eve McMullen. This event neatly followed our Minster Sixth Form 'masterclasses' enrichment on Friday 11th, where our students considering applying to top universities experienced one-off stretch and challenge pre-university sessions, delivered by our own teaching staff.

Mr Samuels  
Director of Post 16 Studies



# EASTER CONCERT

## 30/03/2022

On Wednesday 30th March around 180 students performed in our Easter Concert, across in Southwell Minster. Featuring a wide variety of ensembles including highlights from Les Mis, Session Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Flute Ensemble, Junior Chamber Choir, Concert Band and others. The concert was a great success and an enjoyable way to round off this terms performances. Well done to all involved!

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# PLATINUM READERS AWARD!

A huge well done to all the students who have achieved their Platinum Awards this term! Well done to Edie, Lucie, Annie, Thom and Monty for reading at least 24 books so far this year!



# PIANO COMPETITION

## 15/03/2022

On Tuesday 15th March 30 students entered our annual Piano Competition and performed to our judging panel of Mr David Wilson, Mrs Lucy Reid and Mrs Liz Turner. Well done to all students and a big congratulations to our group winners who then performed in the evening recital.



# UNPLUGGED CONCERT

24/03/2022

On Thursday 24th March, thirty five students performed to a sold out crowd in our School Recital Hall for our annual Unplugged Concert. The singer/songwriter concert, aimed towards our popular music students, featured a wide range of solo, duo and group performances across a variety of styles and genres. The evening was a great success and a real credit to the hard work and dedication our students put in behind the scenes to rehearse and prepare for performances such as these.

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# NOTTS INDOOR ATHLETICS GRAND FINAL - WINNERS!

29/03/2022

What an achievement for some of our year 7 students who managed to achieve qualification to the Notts Indoor Athletics Grand Final. On its own this was outstanding and both the boys and girls team demonstrated amazing optimism and resilience during the finals. In addition, the girls team managed to go on and win the competition, to highlight the magnitude of this achievement, it is the first time a Newark/Sherwood school has ever won the competition! Truly amazing and what a credit to the Minster School.



# ABRSM EXAMINATIONS

16/03/2022

A huge congratulations to all students who took their practical music examinations this term. With a 100% pass rate we are thrilled with you all, and hope you are proud of your results!

# NEW S.T.E.A.M. CLUB PROJECT

## 21/04/2022

Scalextric4Schools, originally a partnership between Hornby, the parent brand for Scalextric and PTC, the Product Development Company. The project was very successful some time ago but unfortunately ended.

Now a motivated group of Design & Technology teachers are bringing it back though an online forum. This is being used in primary and secondary schools across the UK within lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

The Minster School D&T Department would like to offer this opportunity to our pupils through our extra-curricular S.T.E.A.M. club.

We are therefore asking that if anyone has any old Scalextric parts, in whatever condition, that they would be happy to donate to the project they would be very gratefully received.

If this is you, then simply send them with your child to Mr Ward in D68 with a note attached so that we can send our thanks.

We feel that this is an exciting opportunity for our pupils to be in at the beginning of a potentially very beneficial and rewarding national S.T.E.A.M. project.

Thanks again

Mr Ward





# MFL Y8 LANGUAGE LEGENDS



**ADWIN - ALEX P. - AMY B. - BEN B.**



**COREY - EVAN A. - GEORGE Y. - ISABEL G.**



**ISABEL L. - JAMES B. - JAMES C. - JACK H.**

**LEWIS S. - LIAM W. - LILY S. - LOIS S.**

**MCKENZIE - NATASHA M. - OLIVER W.**



**OSCAR J. - SAMANTHA M. - SAM G. - SAPHIA**

**SAM G. - TED H. - TEIRA - WILL H.**

## **GREAT WORK!**



## MARCH HUMS HEROES



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

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

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



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

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



**KS5** Politician of the month is... **AARON**

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

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

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





MSPTA & THE MINSTER SCHOOL PRESENTS

# LIVE STAND UP COMEDY

## FRIDAY 6th MAY



**JONNY AWSUM**

Ultimate feel-good comic with lots of fun, silly songs that go down a storm & leave a huge grin on everyone's face... Former Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist.



**STEVE N. ALLEN**

From BBC2's Bafta nominated The Mash Report, his material ranges from observational look at life to up-to-date topical comedy... Very likeable & funny!



**SPIKY MIKE**

YOUR COMPARE FOR THE EVENING  
FROM FUNHOUSE COMEDY



**The Minster School Theatre**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**Show from 7pm 'til 9pm**

**Tickets £10**

**Book via Eventbrite**

**[www.southwellminsterschool.  
eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.southwellminsterschool.eventbrite.co.uk)**





## Are you considering a career in teaching?

Each year the **Minster Learning Alliance**, in collaboration with Nottingham Trent University, offers a number of places on the School Direct programme, a teacher training route which allows schools to recruit and train outstanding teachers.

Bursaries are available from the Department of Education. These are allocated to subject areas where they think there may be a shortage of teachers.

### Subject

### Bursaries

Chemistry, Computing, Maths, Physics	£24,000
Geography, Languages, Design & Technology	£15,000
Biology	£10,000

Visit **Inspire the next generation | Get Into Teaching** for the latest information about bursaries and funding.

If you are passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people and think you have the skills and attributes to make a great teacher, visit **The Minster School - Initial Teacher Training** for further details about the programme, our schools and how to apply.

We are currently recruiting for **2022-23** and have primary and secondary places available at -

Awsworth Primary School  
Bleasby C of E Primary School  
Huthwaite All Saints C of E Infant School  
King Edward Primary School and Nursery  
Selston C of E Infant and Nursery School  
St Mary's C of E Primary, Edwinstowe  
Winthorpe Primary School  
Carlton le Willows Academy  
The Elizabethan Academy  
Magnus C of E Academy  
The Minster School  
National C of E Academy  
Quarrydale Academy

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