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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

добрий день (Dobryi den'). Over the course of the last half term it has been our privilege to be able to welcome a number of Ukrainian students into our school. It is hard to imagine how difficult it has been for them but they have come to school each day smiling, positive and with a real determination to join our school community. Working with them has reminded me of how fortunate we are and how grateful we should be for what we have, in school, in our homes and in our day to day interactions with friends and family alike. It brings to mind the quote from Jesus found in Luke 12:48 "Much is required from the person to whom much is given". These are the moments when our school virtues of Kindness and Service truly take on a new meaning and it has been wonderful to see how supported and welcomed our new students have been by their classmates. **Дякую** (Dyakuyu)

Andy Wall
Deputy Head Teacher

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 27th June - Year 8 Twycross Zoo Visit (Clumber/Rufford)

Tuesday 28th June - Year 8 Twycross Zoo Visit (Thoresby/Welbeck)

Wednesday 29th June - Year 10 History visit to Leeds Thackray Museum

Thursday 30th June - Year 6 Transition Afternoon "Getting to know you" Sports Event

Friday 1st July - Year 10 History Visit to York

Friday 1st July - House Charity Mufti Day

CURRENT VACANCIES

Further details can be found on our school TES page or by scanning the QR below:

Finance Assistant

Cover Supervisor

Cleaner

SEN Administrator & PA to the SENCO



EASTER CONCERT

30th March 2022

Over 100 students performed to an audience of parent/carers and members of the wider community on the 30th of March in our Easter Concert, which was also live streamed to a number of guests, in the impressive setting of the Southwell Minster.

Ensembles such as Full Choir, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Band and the Session Orchestra delighted audience members with a wide variety of repertoire. There was also an opportunity for students to present highlights from our recent production of Les Miserables. Let's not forget the Junior School students who sang beautifully, dedicating their performance of Goin' Up a Yonder to Mr Burns.

We took this opportunity to say goodbye to an exceptionally talented cohort, as our Year 13 students have given so much to our department. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of them and wish them the best in the future.



Photo credit - Shawn Rabon

YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE PROJECT DONATES TO LOCAL CHARITIES

In the spring term our Year 10 students took part in the 'Young Enterprise 10X Challenge', a project in which they worked in teams and were given £10 each with the goal of making maximum profit in a 4 week period by selling a product or service. The students voted to donate the money to local charities Reach Learning Disability & The Children's Bereavement Centre and Representatives from each charity recently visited school to meet some of our most successful teams.



KS3 MINSTER DEBATE CLUB

Although in it's infancy, having only launched literally just before Spring Bank Half Term, the Debate Club is proving to be a great success. This is only possible because of the students who come along on a Wednesday afternoon and have a great time discussing a range of current topical issues, putting their own unique spin on viewpoints and offering thought provoking and frequently insightful perspectives.

To date we've considered the role of guns in society, student led school curriculums and a whole host of other current topics, even dead ducks, noodles and female footballers who are ruthless!

Huge thanks to all the students currently involved and I am really looking forward to developing the club and ultimately forming our very own team of Minster Marvels!

CATHEDRAL CHOIR COMMISSION

15th May 2022

A newly-commissioned anthem for the Cathedral Choir, setting the poem Heaven by George Herbert as well as the word 'leaves' in 15 languages, and composed by the renowned composer Roxanna Panufnik, was premiered at Evensong on Saturday 15 May, to a packed Quire of nearly 100 people. We were delighted that the composer could join us for the event, and as well as performing it in our Music Foundation Summer Concert on 22 July, there are plans to record it next year.

Jonathan Allsopp

Assistant Director of Music

YEAR 7 DISCO

10th June 2022

On Friday the school's Ugive Uganda group organised an end of year Disco for Year 7. The event was extremely well attended with over 180 students signing up. Those who came enjoyed dancing and socialising whilst singing along to some of their favourite tracks thanks to Mr Kinnison, who was the DJ on the night. The event not only gave Year 7 students a chance to celebrate coming towards the end of their first year at the Minster school but also raised over £900 for our Ugive Uganda charity which supports our link schools in Uganda.



JESS GILLAM MASTERCLASS

10th June 2022

On Friday 10th June, fifteen Minster School students were invited to attend a woodwind masterclass with Jess Gillam, in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Music Hub. Jess was the first saxophonist to reach the finals of BBC Young Musician and the youngest ever soloist to perform at the Last Night of the Proms. She is a presenter on TV and Radio and became the youngest ever presenter for BBC Radio 3.

Six of our students performed a piece of music that they are currently working on on their chosen instrument (saxophone, clarinet & oboe). Jess then critiqued this and gave fantastic guidance on how to improve and develop their playing.

Held in the State Chamber at Southwell Minster, the masterclass was incredibly valuable, both to the players and audience members, and was a fantastic experience.





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