



July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to share some important information and take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

### Key Date for the Summer Term

As you will know, Mrs Rachael Merritt will be retiring as Joint Principal at the end of this term. Mrs Merritt has dedicated 30 years of service to Minsthorpe, making an outstanding contribution to generations of students, families and staff.

To celebrate her remarkable career, **the College will finish early on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12:20pm.**

Should your child need to remain in College that afternoon, please contact us via the Arbor App or email [enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:enquiries@minsthorpe.cc), and we will make appropriate arrangements.

Please also look out for this year's final edition of the Team Minsthorpe Newsletter, where Mrs Merritt will share her personal farewell message with our community.

### Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for encouraging your child to attend College regularly. Attendance remains our top priority, and we are delighted to see a continued improvement in overall attendance across the College.

We are seeking your support in maintaining this positive momentum right through to the end of the Summer Term. Every day in College matters, and strong attendance ensures students can make the most of every learning opportunity and end the year successfully.

### Celebrating Student Success

We are proud to recognise the many achievements of our students throughout the year, and we know how much students value our Recognition Days.

Sports Day, taking place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, will be the final Recognition Day of the academic year. As always, students and staff will enjoy coming together for a day of friendly competition and participation across a range of sporting and team activities.

There will also be a special treat for students during the day as we celebrate their hard work and achievements. We look forward to recognising our fantastic young people for consistently demonstrating our College values of **Motivation, Commitment and Care.**

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Final word of thanks

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and for the vital role you play in strengthening our learning community.

We are incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved this year and grateful for the partnership we share with our families. We hope you have a wonderful and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Minsthorpe.

Arrangements for the start of term can be found below.

Year Group	Time
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026</b>	
Year 7	8.30am start
Post 16	1pm start
Year 8 to Year 11	Not in College
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b>	
Year 7 to Year 11	8.30am start
Post 16	10.40am start

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Gilmore  
Principal

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