



12th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Updates from the Principals

We write to you at the end of a busy and eventful year. Year 11 celebrated in style at their Prom last Thursday and Years 7 – 10 enjoyed a Sports Day to remember on Friday. Rewards Trips and Year 8 Graduation will be taking place over the next two weeks, as the days fly by to the end of term.

Arrangements for Thursday 21st July 2022 – the last day of term

Lessons will continue as normal until the end of Period 2 on Thursday 21st July. At the start of Period 3 students will go to their P&A Bases to read and collect their end of year reports from their P&A mentor. **College will close to students at 1.10pm on Thursday 21st July.**

If you wish your child to stay on site until their normal finish time on Thursday 21st July, please contact the College and arrangements can be made.

Response to the Parents' Evening Survey

We would like to thank the parents/carers who took the time to respond to the survey about Parents' Evening. We had 311 responses. 183 preferred face-to-face evenings, whilst 128 preferred virtual evenings. In response to this, we will have a mixture of face-to-face and virtual evenings over the course of a student's time at the College. We will include full details with specific dates for 2022/23 in September.

Uniform Expectations

You have received a leaflet with full details of our uniform expectations. Please read this carefully before buying your child's uniform for September. We will be posting **a video on the College website giving clear messages about uniform, make-up and hair styles which we ask you to watch with your child.** If you or your child are unsure, then please contact the relevant CCTL.

Our governors are acutely aware of the current cost-of-living crisis and have adopted a College uniform which has a minimum number of branded items. Our pre-loved uniform event last month proved very popular. We will be holding a second event during the summer holidays. In the meantime, **please bring further donations of pre-loved uniform to the College reception.**

Please contact the College, if you need further support in purchasing uniform for your child. We are always happy to help.

BE FAIR EVERYWHERE Expectations

We are continuing the special assemblies with each year group to introduce our Behaviour Curriculum for September, which explains our clear behaviour expectations to maintain a safe, calm, orderly and supportive environment in lessons and around the site. Cross Curriculum team Leaders (CCTLs) will be posting **a video on the College website outlining BE FAIR EVERYWHERE expectations which we ask you to watch with your child before they return to College in September.**

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Please be aware that from September if a student needs to leave a lesson to go to the toilet, they will be required to hand their mobile phone to their teacher, who will store it safely until they return to the lesson.

Attendance Matters

The response to our letters regarding the importance of regular attendance at College has been positive and we thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends every day. In line with new DfE guidance, our governors have reviewed our Attendance Policy which can be found on the College website. From September 2022, term time holidays will not be authorised. We point out that if a public exam is missed due to a holiday, students will not receive a grade for the paper they miss and you will be charged for the cost of the exam.

Punctuality Push

We are pleased that the vast majority of students arrive to College on time and have quickly adopted the more rigorous routines at the start of the day, ready for a positive start in September. Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Arrangements for Wednesday 7th September 2022 – First Day of the New Term for all students

The following arrangements are in place to allow the new Year 7 to be the only students onsite in the morning and to allow all students to have the information they need for a successful start to the new academic year. From Thursday 8th September all students will follow their normal College timetable of lessons.

Year 7 – Wednesday 7th September 2022

Year 7 students must queue up and enter via the gate next to the Post 16 Block.

Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
8:30 – 8:45	Arrival of Y7 students through their designated entrance gate & to the main hall	Year 7	Entrance Gate/Main Hall
8:45-11:30	P&A time	Year 7	P&A Bases
10:40-11:10	Year 7 assembly	Year 7	Main Hall
11:30 – 12:00	Snack Break	Year 7	Y7 dining area
12:00 – 14:25	P&A time	Year 7	P&A Bases

Year 8-11 – Wednesday 7th September 2022

Year 8 – 11 students must queue up and enter via their usual gates. They must **not** congregate on Minsthorpe Lane. If you wish your child to start at the normal start time of 8.45am on Wednesday 7th September, please contact the College and arrangements can be made.

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Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
12.20-12.50	<i>Optional</i> Snack Break If students wish to come onto site at 12.20pm to eat lunch, they may. Students need to order lunch in the normal way.	Y8-11	Designated eating & social areas
12.40- 12.50	Arrival of Y8, Y9, Y10 & Y11 students at their designated gates	Y8-11	Designated gate
12.50-14.30	P&A time	Y8-11	P&A Bases

Post 16 – Wednesday 7th September 2022

Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
11.45-12.15	Timetable & lanyard collection	Post 16	Post 16 Block
12.15-12.45	P16 briefing	Post 16	Main Hall

Final Words

We appreciate that this letter includes lots of information. If you have any questions, please contact the College via School Gateway or email enquires@minsthorpe.cc. You can also refer to the 'parents' section of the new-look website where all essential information, including this letter and the aforementioned videos, will be posted.

The Hub will be open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 3.30pm on Friday throughout the summer. Other key dates for the Summer Holiday include:

- 24th July – 1st August Year 10/11 Water Sports Holiday
- 8th – 12th August Year 6 Summer School
- Thursday 18th August Level 3 Results Day
- Thursday 25th August GCSE Results Day

We would like to thank you for the vital role you play in supporting our College vision and values every day throughout the year.

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We wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

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