

June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Important Updates from the Principals

This letter includes key messages regarding expectations for the end of the Summer Term, as well as in preparation for September 2022.

Attendance Matters

We are delighted to see a positive response from students to our recent communication about the importance of attendance and the clear link to achievement and progress. We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends every day, no excuses.

Punctuality Push from Monday 27th June 2022

The first expectation of BE FAIR is 'Be on Time'. This ensures that no learning time is lost. If a student is late to College or to a lesson, this impacts negatively on their learning and also disrupts the learning of others.

From Monday 27th June, we want student punctuality to improve. College starts at 8.45am. We are seeking your support to ensure that your child arrives on time every day. The routine at the start of the day for all students is:

- 8:10am Breakfast Club starts (optional)
- 8:30am Students join their queue
- 8:40am Students start to enter the site
- 8:45am The gates close. This is five minutes earlier than it has closed to date.
- 8:50am Registers are taken in classrooms.

Students arriving after 8:45am are late. They must sign in with staff at The Hub. If a student is late twice (or more) in one week, they will be given a 30-minute detention. (From September, one late mark in a week will result in a 45-minute detention.)

From September, if a student arrives after the register has closed on 10 (or more) days, you will receive a fixed-penalty notice.

Change to Entrance Gates from Monday 27th June

From Monday 27th June, we will move to new entrance gates in readiness for September 2022.

Current Year 7	Entrance next to the English Block
Current Year 8	Entrance down to Science and Technology Block
Current Year 9	Entrance to the right of The Hub
Current Year 10	Entrance to the left of The Hub

Students may start queuing from 8.30am and must not congregate on Minsthorpe Lane.

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Uniform Expectations – September 2022

Please find enclosed a leaflet with full details of our uniform expectations. Please read this carefully before buying your child's uniform for September. Cross Curriculum Team Leaders (CCTLs) will be leading assemblies this half term giving clear messages about uniform, make-up and hair styles. A copy of the presentation is on the website for your reference. 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. In a further attempt to reduce costs, we are holding a 'Uniform Event' on Thursday 30th June 3:30pm – 5:00pm in the Main Hall, where pre-loved uniform will be available to families. College ties (£4.50) and blazer badges (£1) will be on sale. Also, our uniform stockists will be present to allow you to buy the correct uniform items. Please contact the College, if you need further support in purchasing uniform for your child. We are always happy to help.

Please bring further donations of pre-loved uniform to the College reception.

BE FAIR Behaviour Curriculum – September 2022

We are proud that Minsthorpe Community College has a safe, calm, orderly and supportive environment where students can learn. We work hard to make our expectations clear and to reward and sanction fairly to support this positive behaviour culture. Please find enclosed a flyer detailing the Behaviour Curriculum, which we will be introducing in assemblies this half term and promoting further from September. The aim of the Behaviour Curriculum is to support students in meeting our high standards of behaviour and conduct both within lessons and around the College site.

Final Word – Our College Vision

We refer repeatedly to our College vision and values;

Minsthorpe Community College – A place where everyone plays a part in strengthening our learning community through *Motivation, Commitment* and *Care.*

We would like to close this letter by recognising the vital role you, as caring parents/carers, play in terms of attendance, punctuality, uniform and student behaviour, which all impact significantly on your child's learning and progress.

Yours sincerely

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