




28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

**Year 9 Odd Arts Workshop : Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

On the morning of Friday the 2nd of May, Year 9 students (who attend mainstream Drama lessons) will be involved in a workshop delivered by Odd Arts .

They specialise in delivering theatre-based programmes that challenge and change attitudes and behaviours and enable people to understand the world and themselves differently.

All of their work is restorative, anti-racist, trauma informed, strengths based, non-violent-communication led and considerate of the environment.

Students at Minsthorpe Community College will be involved with the hard hitting play 'Here and Now' which explores many complex societal problems relating to hateful extremism, specifically focussing on the far right and International terrorism. Workshop participants use the play to try out solutions and early intervention techniques.

For further information about the workshop please use the link below:

<https://oddarts.co.uk/here-and-now-radicalisation>

The content of the workshop will be challenging but staff will be on hand to offer support as and when needed.

The workshop will support student work in Drama over the Summer term where students are exploring verbatim/documentary theatre followed by devising their own plays based on topical events or issues.

We are delighted to be able to give the majority of our Year 9 students this enrichment opportunity which will enhance their learning in Learning for Life and in Drama. A key aim of Minsthorpe Community College curriculum is to build students' character, and we are committed to providing a curriculum which goes beyond the acquisition of knowledge and ensures students develop as well-rounded, responsible individuals ready to contribute to society.

If you have any concerns about your child's involvement, please contact:

[enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:enquiries@minsthorpe.cc)

Yours sincerely

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