



January 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

York University Residential Visit, Weds 8th to Thurs 9th April 2026

I am writing to inform you of a planned residential visit to York University on the above dates inclusive. This opportunity will enhance your child's academic and personal skills by allowing them to experience life as a university student and to take part in a range of activities and subject taster sessions. We understand that your place has already been confirmed by York University but as a student of Minsthorpe Community College we also require you to complete this form for our records.

Payment Details

York University are fully funding the cost of the Residential Visit. There is no cost to parents/carers. Please give consent for your son/daughter to attend the visit via School Gateway App by Monday 23rd March 2026.

Arrangements for the Visit

Please note that **Minsthorpe Community College staff will not be in attendance**, during the residential visit. This is to offer students the whole university student experience, which may include them living away from home. Students will be supervised at all times, by university staff and Student Ambassadors, who have been fully DBS checked and are experienced in leading these visits.

Students will depart college by coach, at **8.30am on Wednesday April 8th**, and are due to return to college at **4pm on Thursday 9th April** (**this is during the second week of the Easter break**), **these times could change, we will let you know of any changes**. On return, you should make arrangements for the collection of your child from college or give them permission to walk home at this time.

Students will require clothing appropriate for daytime activities around the campus, including a waterproof coat and sensible footwear. In the evenings, students will also be taking part in some activities, including a possible visit to York itself, so students may want to take additional, appropriate clothing for this.

All food will be provided, throughout the visit. If your child has any dietary or other special requirements, please inform College via School Gateway App or enquiries@minsthorpe.cc FAO Mr Dowey.

Bedding and towels will be provided by the University, but students will be required to provide their own toiletries. Students will not require any money, but may take a small amount of money, for their visit into York. There are also vending machines and cafes on site.

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Students may take their mobile phones with them but remain the responsibility of the student. All students will stay overnight in the student village, in a lockable room, so students should ensure all belongings are locked away.

A full list of items that students should take with them and items that are not allowed, will be supplied to you, by the University and should be adhered to.

Yours sincerely

T Dowey

Mr T Dowey
Careers Lead

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Assistant Principal (Curriculum and Progression)

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