



11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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, as always. 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 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – the last day of term.

Lessons will continue as normal until the end of Period 3 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **College will close to students at 2.25pm/2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.** There are **no** after college activities on this date.

### 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. There is a dedicated section on our website regarding College Uniform. This includes **a video presentation giving clear messages about uniform, make-up, and hair styles which we ask you to watch with your child.**

<https://www.minsthorpe.cc/page/?title=Documents+%26amp%3B+Presentations&pid=144>

If you or your child are unsure, then please contact the relevant Cross Curriculum Team Leader.

We are proud of how smart our students look in their uniform and thank you for your support with this. We would like to be clear about the following expectations:

- **No** extreme hairstyles.
- **No** false eyelashes or eyelash extensions.
- **No** false nails.

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

### Designer Shoes - Update

In our letter in April, we informed you that students would not be allowed to wear expensive Vivienne Westwood shoes. We have taken feedback from a number of parents, and we have changed our stance on this. The governors do not wish parents/carers to spend money on expensive designer shoes, but we will leave it to your discretion what you choose to buy. **Vivienne Westwood shoes are not banned.**

### Borrowing items of uniform

We are always happy to lend clean uniform to students if they occasionally forget items. Unfortunately, we have noted that students are not returning borrowed uniform, and this is costing the College thousands of pounds each year. This is not acceptable. In a bid to address this, from September students who borrow uniform will be required to hand in their mobile phone as a 'deposit'. This will be stored safely and returned to the student at the end of the day, when the uniform item is returned. If a student says that they do not have a phone, they will be 'wanded' to check. If a student cannot or will not leave a mobile phone as a 'deposit', they will work in isolation.

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### BE FAIR EVERYWHERE Expectations

We have had a number of external visitors in College recently. Everyone has commented on the safe, calm, orderly and supportive environment in lessons and around the College. It is important we maintain these high expectations in September. The Cross Curriculum Team Leaders will be posting video messages on the website.

<https://www.minsthorpe.cc/page/?title=BE+FAIR+Everywhere&pid=107>

Please take the time to watch these with your child before the start of the new College year.

### Change to start times from September

We have seen improvements in punctuality this year. Our high expectations will continue in September with our new start time.

**08:15** Students may start queuing at their gates

**08:25** Movement Bell

**08:30** Gate Closes (Students Late)

Students will be sanctioned with a 45-minute detention if they are late.

### Attendance Matters

We have seen improvements in attendance this year. We thank you for your support with getting your child to college every day, no excuses. **Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day** is our mantra!

### Arrangements for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – First Day of the New Term for all students

The following arrangements are in place to allow the new Year 7 cohort 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 7<sup>th</sup> September, all students will follow their normal College timetable of lessons.

### Year 7 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Year 7 students must queue up and enter via the English gate next to the Bus Park at front of college.

Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
8:15 – 8:30	Arrival of Y7 students through their designated entrance gate & into the Main Hall	Year 7	Entrance Gate/Main Hall
8:30-11:30	Main Hall assembly to 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

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### Year 8-11 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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 8.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, please contact the College and arrangements can be made.

Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
12.20-12.50	<i>Optional Snack Break</i> 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 & assemblies for Y9 / 10 / 11	Y8-11	P&A Bases

### Post 16 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Time:	Session:	Year Group:	Venue:
11.45-12.15	Timetable & lanyard collection	Post 16	P16 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](mailto:enquires@minsthorpe.cc). 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:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August Level 3 Results Day from 8.30am
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August GCSE Results Day from 8.30am for Year 11 & from 10.00am for Year 10

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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