



June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### Uniform Expectations – September 2025

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. Please find enclosed **a leaflet with full details of our uniform expectations**. Please read this carefully with your child before buying their uniform for September.

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** overly long nails.

Heads of Year 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. The College maintains the right to make decisions about the suitability of clothing, hairstyles and makeup. **If you or your child are unsure, then please contact the relevant Head of Year.**

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 will be holding **a 'Uniform Event' during the Summer Holidays**, where pre-loved uniform will be available to families. Please keep your eye on social media for the date and time.

Please bring further donations of pre-loved uniform to the College reception. Thank you to parents/carers for your kind donations to date.

Students keep the same colour tie for their five years at Minsthorpe. If you need a replacement, you can buy a College tie (£6) and a blazer badge (£1) from The Hub on any Wednesday during the Summer Holidays. We will accept cash or card payments.

We are always happy to support families who are struggling with the cost of uniform and ask that you contact your child's Head of Year in these circumstances.

### Attendance Matters

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for encouraging your child to attend well. Attendance is our top priority, and we are delighted to see an ongoing improvement in our overall attendance. We are seeking your support in maintaining this improvement until the end of the Summer Term.

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We enjoy recognising the many successes of our students and we know that students appreciate the Recognition Letters from their teachers and the treats and certificates on Recognition Days. Everyone loves a blue lolly!

Sports Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July will be our Recognition Day this term. As always, the students and staff will enjoy being together taking part in friendly competition across a range of activities. In addition, there will be a sweet treat for the students during the afternoon. We can't wait to recognise our fantastic students for demonstrating our College values of Motivation, Commitment and Care.

### **Key Dates for the Summer Term**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – College will be closed to students for a Staff INSET Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – College will close to students at 2:30pm

Normal lessons will continue until the end of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Year 10 students will be sitting their first round of mock examinations in the next few weeks. Students in Years 7 – 9 will complete a number of Key Pieces of Work this half term and another Knowledge Assessment on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Good attendance is essential at this time. **Every student. Every lesson. Every day.**

### **Final word of thanks**

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or the enclosed information, please contact us in the normal way via the School Gateway app or [enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:enquiries@minsthorpe.cc)

We thank you for your ongoing support and the part you play in strengthening our learning community.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore  
Principal

Mrs R Merritt  
Principal

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