



24th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Exciting Leadership News at Minsthorpe!

As many of you know, Mrs Merritt will be retiring at the end of this College year after many years of dedicated service. While we will miss her greatly, her retirement has opened up a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our Leadership Team.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that from Easter; we will be welcoming three new Vice Principals to help drive our College forward. A huge congratulations to Mr Yates, Mrs McGowan, and Mr Ball on their successful appointments!

This is a wonderfully exciting moment for Minsthorpe Community College as we continue our journey of improvement and expansion. The future feels very bright indeed.

Attendance Matters – Update from the Principals

We want to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you for the fantastic support you give in helping your child attend College every day. Our attendance this year is already higher than at the same point last year—an achievement worth celebrating!

Let's keep building on this success together throughout the rest of the year.

Easter Holiday Dates 2026

A quick reminder of the upcoming Easter break:

Friday 27th March 2026: Normal last day of Spring Term.

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April: College closed for the Easter holiday

Monday 13th April 2026: Students return to College

We hope all our students enjoy a restful break when it arrives.

Celebrating Great Attendance

Our mantra, **Every Student. Every Lesson. Every Day** remains at the heart of everything we do. With so many enriching opportunities on offer, daily attendance ensures students get the full benefit of College life and build lasting habits for success.

Last half term, we were delighted to congratulate an impressive 513 students for achieving 100% attendance. What an incredible effort! Let's see if we can beat that number this half term.

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We're also looking forward to Friday 27th March, when all students who are in College will be entered into a draw for some special Easter treats. It promises to be an egg-cellent day, so make sure they're in every lesson, every day until we break up!

Here to Support Your Child

We are a caring and supportive community, committed to helping every student succeed. If you ever need help with your child's attendance, or anything that may be affecting it, please don't hesitate to contact our Attendance Team.

If we can't resolve something directly, we will work with you to find the right support.

You can reach us via email on enquiries@minsthorpe.cc or through School Gateway.

Together, we can support your child best when they are in College.

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Yours sincerely

Mr M. Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R. A. Merritt
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