



October 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

Updates from the Principals

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

We have had a busy start to the academic year here at Minsthorpe Community College. If you don't already, please follow us on social media to see photos of our wonderful students in action!

Half Term Break

Minsthorpe Community College closes to students at 2:30pm on Friday 25th October and reopens as normal on Monday 4th November.

Students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 have their first Knowledge Assessment of the year on Thursday 24th October. All students will be following their normal lessons until 2:30pm on Friday.

Attendance Matters

We sent a leaflet entitled 'Attendance Matters' to all parents/carers in August. The leaflet outlined the importance of good attendance in terms of student learning and progress, as well as the positive impact on their wellbeing and feeling of belonging to this fantastic College.

We have noted a positive attitude to attending from our students who record their attendance in P&A Time every fortnight. **1,331 students are on track to achieve the college attendance target of 96%. An amazing 632 students are in the '100% Club' this half term!**

We are delighted to let you know that our **overall attendance for this half term is 1.2% higher than the same period last year.** This is a reflection of everyone's commitment to our top priority of attendance and we thank you for the part you play.

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Site Closure

You will have noticed that the new Sports Centre is nearing completion. As part of this building work, a new sub-station has been built at the top of site. As a result, there will be no power to the College buildings during half term week, so the site will be closed to staff, students and parents. The Hub staff will be working remotely, so you can still contact the College if necessary via the Schoolgateway App / text 07507271511 or enquiries@minsthorpe.cc.

For our community users, Happy Days Children's Centre and the Sports and Fitness Centre will remain open as normal.

Final Word

We wish you and your families a relaxing and safe half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R. A. Merritt
Principal

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