



October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: 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 24th October and reopens as normal on Monday 3rd November. Students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 have their first Knowledge Assessment of the year on Thursday 23rd October. All students will be following their normal lessons until 2:30pm on Friday.

Every student. Every lesson. Every day.

By attending every lesson, every day, students demonstrate our College's values of Motivation, Commitment and Care. We want your child to enjoy coming to College, to work hard in lessons, and to feel a sense of belonging to this fantastic College community. If they are struggling to attend, please contact our Attendance Team. We will be able to support you and your child.

We have noted a positive attitude to attending from our students who record their attendance in P&A time every fortnight. **1,412 students are on track to achieve the College attendance target of 96%. A record number of 726 students are still in the '100% Club' this half term!**

We are delighted to let you know that our **overall attendance for this half term is 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.

College Meals

We are delighted to have appointed a new Catering Manager who is working hard with our team to offer an improved range of College meals. Students can now choose between two nutritious hot meals and a range of lighter bites at Snack Break, without the need to pre-order. The new menus are proving very popular. We understand that

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the queues can be quite lengthy, therefore, in November, we will be moving to a facial recognition system to speed up the payment system. If you haven't already, please give your consent. We thank you and your child for your patience during this period of change. Enjoy browsing the menus! [Minsthorpe Community College - College Meals](#)

Change to INSET Days 2026/27

At the start of next academic year, there will be one INSET Day on Tuesday 1st September 2026. On Wednesday 2nd September 2026, only the new Year 7 students will be in College as the sole year group for a full day. All Year Groups, including Year 7, will be back in College at 8:30am on Thursday 3rd September 2026. The College calendars are available on the College website. Please check them carefully before you book a holiday. [Minsthorpe Community College - Key Dates](#)

Final Word

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R Merritt
Principal

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