

# TEAM MINSTHORPE

SUMMER TERM 2022 - EDITION 7

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## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Welcome to the final 'Team Minsthorpe' Newsletter of this academic year .....and what a year it has been! We have been able to experience (at last) a full, uninterrupted year and we hope that, like us, you have enjoyed the familiarity that the normal rhythms and routines of school life bring. The Summer Term, in particular, has been action-packed with the pressure of exams, the anticipation of Year 6 Transition Days and the excitement of Reward trips.

As Principals, we feel immensely proud and privileged to work at

Minsthorpe Community College with staff, students, parents/carers and governors, who all demonstrate our values of **Motivation, Commitment and Care**. We see these in and around College every day, but we would like to share just one striking example of each which we have witnessed in recent weeks.

**Motivation** – This is an easy one to choose. It has to be our annual Sports Day which took place on Friday 8th July. In his assemblies, Mr Mann calls it the 'Best Day of the Year' and he's not wrong.

We all had an amazing time together, as the photos in this Newsletter show.

**Commitment** – Commitment, by its very definition, requires ongoing effort and determination. For that reason, we haven't chosen one single event to exemplify this value. Instead, we want to recognise the many hours given by our students and staff during after-college 'Commitment Sessions' These happen throughout the College year and in every subject area. They support students with revision in preparation for examinations or additional teaching for students who need to 'catch up' due to unavoidable school closure. We know that commitment makes a difference!

**Care** – We need to single out our first pre-loved uniform event last month, where families were able to take items of uniform, which others had outgrown, ready to wear in September. The event was only possible because of the care shown by other families in donating the pre-loved uniform. We



intend to hold a second event during the Summer Holiday, so please drop any donations at The Hub Reception. Thank you for your care!

Before we close, we include a reminder of the **Arrangements for Thursday 21st July – the last day of term:**

Lessons will continue as normal until the end of Period 2 on Thursday 21st July. At the start of Period 3 students will go to their P&A Bases to read and collect their end of year reports from their P&A mentor. **College will close to students at 1.10pm on Thursday 21st July.**

We wish you and your families a safe and relaxing summer. Enjoy reading all about the highlights of the summer term on the pages which follow!

*M. Gilmore*

*F. A. Merritt*

**Mr Gilmore      Mrs Merritt**  
**Joint Principals**

## FOREST SCHOOL



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

We are so proud of the Motivation, Commitment and Care they have shown towards their exams. We wish them a very safe and happy summer and look forward to sharing their success on results day (Thursday 25th August). Careers support is available over the Summer  
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## YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

Well, what a weekend! From rock climbing to relay races, team building to tug of war, canoes, camp-fires and capture the flag. After a long 3 years being unable to take the students, we were certainly excited for the minibuses to make their long-awaited journey to Silkstone once again. The trip began with a scenic drive to see the beautiful Yorkshire surroundings including the unusual windmills. We then arrived at the campsite and had our briefing from the MANN himself. The teams were selected, the students blindfolded and the first challenge commenced. They navigated their way through the woods, over the hills and raced to the finish line. Round two, saw tug of war, ultimate frisbee and relay races when Team Orange and Team Green battled it out to see who had the strength, stamina and speed to be victorious. Along came the Peugeot filled to the brim with pizzas, much to the students delight. After dinner, we embarked back onto the Minsthorpe-mobiles to have a quick game of footy and trekked through the fields to visit Manny's old friends...who could hardly "baaaaaalieve" we were back. We then went in search of the infamous white widow whilst playing capture the flag. As midnight approached,

we returned back to base and the teams had to work together to score as many points as possible during a series of problem solving challenges; luckily no one scrambled their egg and a CRACKING time was had by all. As night fell, the staff and students headed out and lit the camp-fire. They devoured sweets galore, toasted marshmallows and shared spooky stories with the rest of the group. Then after all that sugar, it was finally time for bed!

Day two brought bacon sandwiches, bus trips and bags under our eyes (and that was just the teachers!). We then made our way to the activity centre and went canoeing, rock climbing and took a leap of faith, high in the sky. The students styled out their descend with a spiderman pose. The final activity brought out everyone's competitive side with an archery tournament between staff and students. Let's just say the girls channelled Katniss Everdeen, and there was no 'TrueLOVE' lost between the staff.

We returned to school after a brilliant but exhausting adventure and excited for a full night's sleep. It's fair to say that MANNY memories were made after THE BEST WEEKEND EVER! Bring on next year!



## YEAR 9 MUSIC



Year 9 students have exceeded expectations with some fantastic performances in their music exams this term. It has been great to have such variation of instruments and talent in this year group.

Well done Year 9!



## YEAR 7 ATHLETICS WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Kiera 7.4 was selected to run the 600m race. The race started in lanes and broke after the first bend. As soon as the break took place Kiera was clearly up on the rest of her competitors. We were worried she had gone out too quickly and did not have the muscular endurance (stamina) to maintain the speed she had developed. Kiera was to prove everyone wrong as she maintained if not increased her lead on her competitors and despite her fatigue in the last bend with shouts of encouragement from the crowd she headed home with a healthy lead of 15-20m (see photo). She increased her speed on the final straight and even found the energy to have a final 30m sprint and took the win with a time of 2:03.

An outstanding, gutsy performance. Well done Kiera



## YEAR 11 ART

Here are a few examples of the exceptional talent of our Year 11's Art coursework. They have researched their own artist to develop new skills and techniques. They then used their primary research and their imagination to create a number of 2D and 3D outcomes. We are so proud of them and the motivation, commitment and care they have put onto their work demonstrated through the standards of work they have produced. Well done Year 11.



## MINSTHORPE MEETS MASTERCHEF!

Congratulations to Nel and Maddie in Year 9 who were overall winners of the Wakefield Schools' cookery competition final at Wakefield College last month.

The students won 1st place with their spinach & ricotta ravioli with homemade pesto, chicken and vegetable risotto & parmesan crisps, and mini meringue nests, cream, berries & spun sugar. Delicious!

With the support of their teachers Miss Hampson and Mrs Turner, Nel and Maddie did so well, showing amazing motivation & commitment in the weeks ahead of the competition planning the menu & practising after college.

Feast your eyes on the mouth-watering dishes!



# BUSY TIMES FOR THE KS3 RESOURCE PROVISION

## Platinum Jubilee

The students honoured her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations by learning about the history of the Royal Family, designing an afternoon tea fit for the Queen herself and a platinum party in the classroom. They researched recipes, ideas and created mood boards. We then went into the cooking rooms and the students followed their recipes to make delicious scones. The following day we served these, with clotted cream and jam of course, to the ST department and the Principals. The children prepared and enjoyed a fresh fruit salad and then we played several party games. What a way to end the half term.



## Science

As part of our topic focused around the book, Pig Heart Boy, the children learnt about the human body, organs and how the heart functions. We went down to the Science labs and carried out a heart dissection. It was great to see the students getting stuck in and it really added 'value' to their learning!



## Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip

Well what a fabulous day we had! We have been learning about animals in the KS3RP this half term, classifying living things and exploring their habitats around the world. The children were then able to apply this knowledge at the YWP, reading the signs, identifying mammals and reptiles around the park. The students had exceptional behaviour and we were really proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the day. Looking forward to the next one.



## PARIS TRIP



During the first weekend of half term holidays, Mrs Aston, Mr Jamen, Mr Falkiner, Mrs Cunningham and Miss Atkinson took a very excited mixed group of year 9 and 10 students to Paris to see the sights and then to meet Mickey Mouse! After an epic coach and ferry trip and a fantastic breakfast, the staff and students very much enjoyed seeing the Arc de Triomphe, cruising on the River Seine and putting their best foot forward all the way up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower! The views were amazing. After sightseeing it was back to the Château for dinner and crêpe making. On the second day it was time to meet Mickey, so off they went to Disneyland. The weather was kind and the students were able to really enjoy the rides, the souvenirs and the parade, and afterwards back to the Château for dinner and Paris has got talent. It turns out that many of the students were very talented singers, dancers and comedians! It also became clear on the journey home that many of the students had brought their parents' iPod with them, judging from the 90s music blaring out from the back seats. The trip was amazing, and the students and staff had a fantastic time!



## WE'VE GRADUATED WITH QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS!



Now that we have completed our teacher training through the Yorkshire Three Counties Alliance, we can fully reflect on and appreciate what a wonderfully eventful year we have had. In September, we had all been incredibly nervous about starting our new careers in the exciting world of education. We began the first of our placements feeling baffled by the amount of knowledge and skill we would have to develop over the coming year.

YTCA SCITT has facilitated this development at every turn and challenged us to exceed these already ambitious expectations. Now, we graduate as a group of passionate, dedicated, knowledgeable teachers who, through a rigorous programme of observation, CPD, research and tutorials, have great confidence in our practice.

We are all looking forward to maintaining the high standards of the YTCA from September in our new roles!

Miss H. Morgan (YTCA SCITT Trainee 2021-2022)

If you are interested in training to teach with the YTCA SCITT which is based at Minsthorpe Community College, please contact us: [YTCA@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:YTCA@minsthorpe.cc)



# MINSTHORPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DOMINATES LATEST YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION.



After an increase in entries for Young Writers' latest anthology series, we are proud to announce over 30 students from Minsthorpe Community College have been selected to be published. This is an amazing achievement considering 10,000 applicants from across the UK were vying for selection. Amongst the winners, Ava continues her fantastic success in the competition with yet another publication. Lydia is also proving to be a writer to look out for in the future with yet another piece of writing included in the anthology. It is also nice to see lots of new



names being published for the first time from a range of year groups. The full list of winners is as follows: Lydia Clark, Ava Terry, Lean Taylor, Maisie-Jones Mccann, Ashleigh Woodall, Zuzanna Marona, Tyler Pashley, Hayden Steele, Cameron May, Charlie Shaw, Aeron Jepson, Blake Dodd, Mckenzie Allsopp, Lilly Ryal, Hollie Padgett, Ethan Crossley, Daniel Duffy, Demi Owen, Tyler Cattermol, Cerys Bell,

Kamil Wilozak, Tia Symonds, Molly Johnson, Sophie Wooding, Ruby Humphrys, Lilly-May Parsons, Sandra Gawronowska, Kalan Parker, Maja Langowska, David Boughen, Kaila-Mae Hemingbrough, Charlie Burnley, Thomas Bink, Sian Burnley, Macaulay Wood, Olivia Crummock and Ella Lowery.

The brilliant short stories that have been published will be shared across college and a copy of the anthology will be available in the school library.

We look forward to further publications.



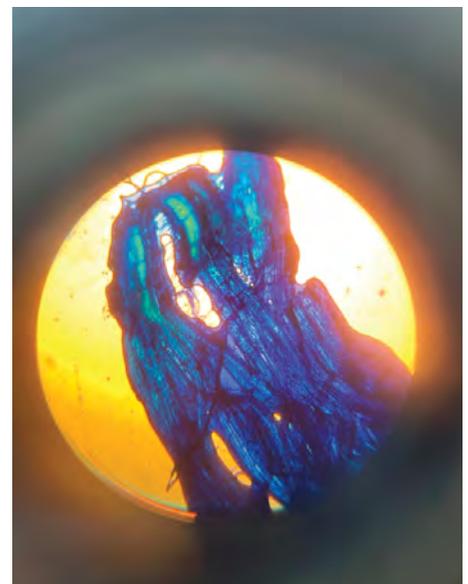
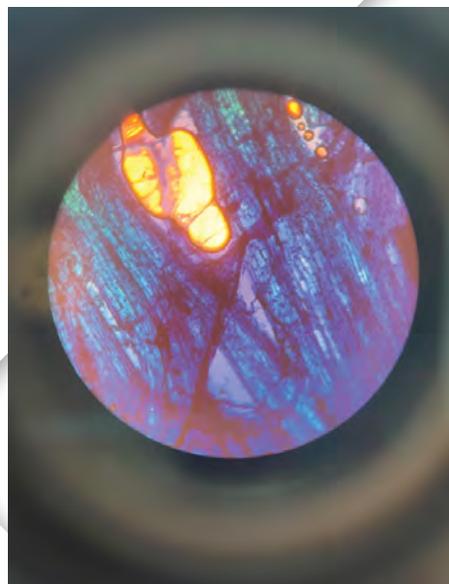
## YEAR 9 GO TO LONDON

On Wednesday 22nd June GCSE RE students in Year 9 visited London for the day. The morning was spent in East London Mosque - the busiest mosque in Western Europe. After a quick lunch in the sun they then visited St Paul's Cathedral; firstly partaking in a tour and then a question and answer session with one of the seven chaplains who work at St Paul's. The students were respectful, well-mannered and curious and a great day was had by all. Roll on next year!



## CELL BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

A-level Biology and BTEC Applied Science students investigated the different stages of cell division using specimens from onion root tips, the rapidly growing part of the onion. The onion root tips were prepared and squashed to allow them to be flattened on a microscopic slide, so that the chromosomes of individual cells can be observed easily. Both groups had previous experience using microscopes and it was fantastic to see students apply this scientific methodology. Both sets of students produce some excellent results.



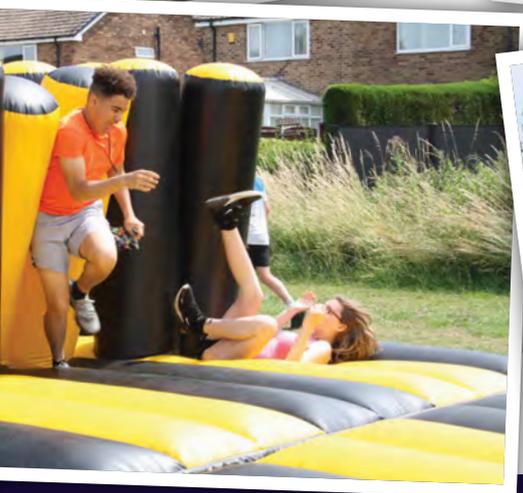


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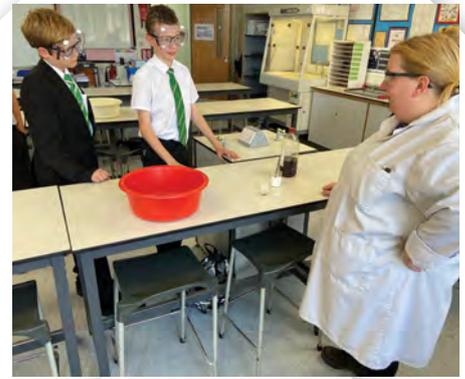
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## MULTI SKILLS EVENT

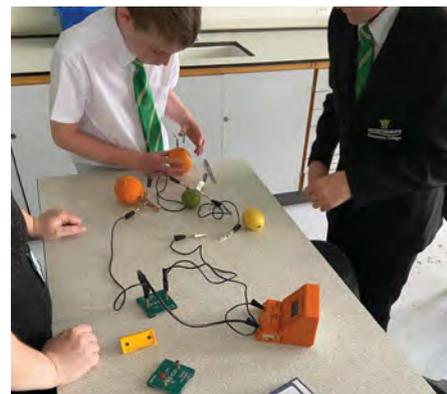
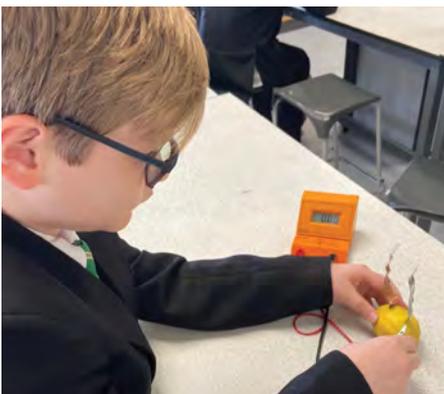


On Friday 20th May Minsthorpe hosted a Y1 Multi skills Event for 8 Primary Schools from the local area. 10 students were invited from each Primary School to take part in a carousel of activities. The morning was a huge success. This was down to the outstanding leadership skills from the group of Year 9 girls who were selected to represent Minsthorpe. They showed excellent motivation, commitment and care to all the Year 1 students who took part on the day and certainly did the college proud.



## KS3 SCIENCE CLUB

Students in the KS3 Science Club have continued to test their experimental skills by taking part in a variety of practical activities. Namely, students have used fruits, wires and metal ribbons to build batteries which were used to power a small LED. Students also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of using this method as a replacement for traditional batteries. Another one of the students' favourite activities was to create and launch exploding canisters. This was done using a simple chemical reaction quickly producing gas and building up pressure, turning the small plastic canister into a homemade rocket! Students were so good with this that they decided to take a few canisters outside to see how high these canisters could be launched.



## YEAR 10 FIELD TRIP

Y10 Geographers got to experience Hornsea on the east coast this week. Throughout the day students completed 2 pieces of fieldwork, one investigating coastal processes in the physical environment, then an investigation into inequality in the built up environment. Students got to see knowledge learnt in the classroom out in the field which will support their learning. The day also supports their Paper 3 examination in Y11 where they will encounter questions based on their fieldwork investigation.



## PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

Minsthorpe organised and hosted the Primary Sports Day for 7 local Primary Schools on Friday 24th June. The day was a huge success as 742 Primary Children took part in eight relay races, Tug "O" War, singing and dancing along with the DJ. All of the children involved, demonstrated excellent Motivation, Commitment and Care. None more so than the 16 Y9 leaders who lead on the day, they were all outstanding from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They certainly did our College proud.





# CLASS OF 2022





## KS3 ROUNDERS

The rounders season is well underway and this amazing group of young people certainly did Minsthorpe proud on Wednesday 22nd June by beating Carlton in their first match.



## GAMING CLUB

It has been another fantastic year in our maths 'Table top gaming club'. We have welcomed many new members who have enjoyed playing various strategy board games such as 'Risk', 'Escape the dark Castle' and 'Scotland Yard', honing their critical thinking skills. We have also introduced members to the world of hobby modelling, teaching them how to build and paint miniatures in partnership with the Warhammer Alliance schools programme. We look forward to adding a host of new members next academic year.



## YEARS 9 & 10 SHINE

I think my Shine Trip was a great experience. I am very grateful that I was chosen for this trip because it helped me to learn a lot about university life. It was also interesting to see what accommodation looks like and what it is like to live on campus, so I know for the future. The activities were enjoyable, I especially enjoyed the swing dancing. The trip helped me learn more about applying to university and how you can handle money, which is really useful when you are looking to go in the future.

Thank you to the whole Shine Team - **Chloe Manuel - Y10**

I really enjoyed my visit to York University on the Shine residential. I got to experience lectures first-hand whilst gaining a sense of independence. I felt as though it helped me to better understand what I would like to do in the future whilst in higher education.

I especially enjoyed my time in the accommodation with my friends, playing cards games with staff and getting



to know each other better. By working with other schools, it meant that I had to step outside my comfort zone, however I feel as though it helped to improve my confidence. Overall, I am grateful for this experience and would recommend it to others.

**Ruby Moodie - Y10**

I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at York University on the Shine Residential. I was lucky enough to be taught

by some of the universities experienced staff in lectures, seminars and student life sessions, who gave me a clear understanding to what life would be like in higher education. I mostly enjoyed quiz night at the Glass House, as we got an insight into student life. I am very grateful that I was able to experience the Shine residential and would recommend to those interested in higher education.

**Ella Raikes - Y10**

### Year 9 Shine Visit

Our Year 9 Shine students had a great day at the University of York. The students took part in several activities and had a tour of the campus.

In Year 9 Shine students explore their options in relation to higher education, and what their own personal interests or preferences may be for the future.

