



Minsthorpe Community College

# Prospectus

A place where everyone plays a part in  
strengthening our learning community through  
**motivation, commitment** and **care**.



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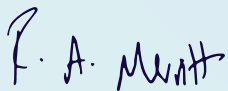
# Principals' Welcome

**It is a pleasure as Joint Principals of Minsthorpe Community College to welcome you to our College.**

We feel proud and privileged to be entrusted with the shared responsibility for the welfare and education of your children. We have served as teachers and leaders together at the College for more than twenty years and are passionate about providing the young people of the South Kirkby, South Elmsall, Upton and surrounding areas with enriching educational opportunities and an engaging curriculum, which promotes lifelong learning. We know the College well and are constantly building on its many strengths.

Experience tells us that children learn best in a safe, calm, orderly and supportive environment and, as Principals, we pride ourselves on our high expectations and quality learning, teaching and behaviour established over many years, which consistently lead to great outcomes for our students.

We cannot achieve this alone. We firmly believe in our ethos of 'Team Minsthorpe' involving students, staff, parents/carers and governors and express this in our College vision: Minsthorpe Community College: A place where everyone plays a part in strengthening our learning community through **motivation, commitment and care**.



Rachael Merritt



Mark Gilmore



## A message from Mrs Drysdale

Hello and welcome to our Minsthorpe Community College Prospectus! As Director of Transition & Enrichment I am very much looking forward to meeting you when you visit the College, to meet our staff and students during our annual Open Evening.

Alternatively, we can arrange a visit during the College day. There is also a wealth of information on our website which I would encourage you to browse.

If you should have any further questions or would like to arrange a visit, please email College through our enquiries email: [enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:enquiries@minsthorpe.cc)

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**There is a focused, purposeful atmosphere around the school, which is underpinned by the school's vision of motivation, commitment and care. Relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful. Pupils are confident, well-mannered and eager to share their opinions. They work hard in lessons and are keen to succeed.**





Minsthorpe is a large, vibrant and inclusive community college with a student body of over 1500 students ranging from 11 to 19 years. We have six primary schools in our pyramid and are pleased to welcome children from neighbouring areas.

We have a highly skilled team of teachers and support staff that always act in the best interest of the students.

We offer excellent facilities for learning and teaching with dedicated blocks for each subject area and a state-of-the-art sports centre with a sports hall, two

studios and changing rooms. The sports centre enhances our existing community provisions, including Minsthorpe Sports and Fitness centre and Happy Day's Children Centre.

Students enjoy a range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities which complement their learning.

Minsthorpe Community College secures great GCSE and Post 16 results year on year allowing students to progress into higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

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**I visited a school today where they are getting so many things right for the kids it's joyful. Boundaries set with love. Targeted support for those who need it. Consistency and taught routines for the whole community.**

**Tom Bennett,**  
DfE Behaviour Advisor




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**'I just want to take the time to say an enormous thank you for every teacher my son has had throughout his time at Minsthorpe. He has enjoyed every year and has flourished with the support and guidance of you all.'**

Year 11 Parent View





## Students

At Minsthorpe, we **motivate** students through an engaging curriculum, which promotes lifelong learning. We provide exciting educational opportunities and an ethos of **care**, guidance and support for all. We know that students learn best in a safe, calm and orderly environment and our rewards and sanctions support this. We expect that students are **committed** to their own learning and progress and to achieving their future aspirations.

## Parents and Carers

At Minsthorpe, we value the contribution our **caring** parent body makes to their child's education, as we work together to motivate and support each student in reaching their full potential. We want parents and carers to work with us in ensuring their child is safe and happy. We expect the full **commitment** of parents and carers in ensuring their child attends regularly and on time; completes home learning; wears the correct uniform; is fully equipped and ready to learn and behave the Minsthorpe Way.

## Staff

At Minsthorpe, we invest in the recruitment, development and retention of **caring** professionals who are **committed** to constantly reviewing and improving the quality of learning, teaching and support. We expect that staff are **motivated** to work collaboratively in setting high expectations for all students with a relentless focus on student learning and progress.

## Governors

At Minsthorpe, the Governing Body is **committed** to challenging the College Leadership to secure the highest standards of education for the students of our community. It oversees the financial performance of the College, ensuring that budgets are well spent.

Governors expect that all stakeholders work together in the best interests of the students to **motivate** and **care** for each other and are themselves motivated to care for all stakeholders.

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**Teachers know their students well and create a very strong classroom culture.....There is a collective responsibility through the subject areas and the Pastoral Team, who recognise the work to be done with disadvantaged students.**

**Marc Rowland,**  
Government Pupil Premium Advisor

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**The curriculum is ambitious for all pupils.....Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are involved in all aspects of school life. They participate well in lessons and are keen to share their contributions in class.**

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**I would like to pass on my appreciation to my child's English teacher today. The care and understanding shown to him, as well as the communication with myself has been excellent. Thank you so much.**

Year 7 Parent View

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