



Minsthorpe Community College

Year 6 Parents/Carers Presentation

Wednesday 24th June 2026



Welcome & Introductions

Mark Gilmore - Principal

Richard Yates – Vice Principal Inclusion

Laura Drysdale – Director of Transition & Enrichment

Chris Maksymczuk – Head of Year 7

Verity Fickin– Assistant Head of Year 7



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Vision

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



Attendance

Every student, every lesson, every day!



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Year 7 Pastoral Team

Chris Max

Head of Year

Verity Fickin

Assistant Head of Year

P&A Mentor

Progress and Achievement Mentor – first day, daily contact throughout the year.



College Day

08:00 Breakfast Club (optional)

08:15 Staff at the queue

08:25 Movement Bell

08:30 Gate Closes (Students Late)

11:30 Lunch

14:25 Lessons finish

14:30 Extra-Curricular Programme offered to all

3 lessons a day



15 lessons per
week

2-week timetable



Snack Breaks

Students will have 2 snack breaks each day.

One is for 10 minutes (in class).

One is 30 minutes (lunch time).

Y7 have their own canteen and outdoor areas.

Dinners can be ordered and paid for in advance using the Arbor App

Toilets

We ask students to use the toilets at snack break only.

Leaving during lesson time must only be in an emergency.

If your child has a genuine medical condition they will be issued with a pass (medical evidence will be required).



Travel to College

It is important that your child can travel safely to and from college. It is a good idea to practice your travel plans before your child starts in September.

Bikes and scooters can be ridden to College.

Please consider student safety and our local residents if travelling by car.





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Uniform Expectations

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Blazers

- Blazers must be formal and black.
- This may be a branded blazer or a high street blazer with the College badge sewn on.
- Fitted blazers are not allowed.
- **Blazers must be worn at all times**, unless staff give permission to remove them.





Trousers

- Trousers must be plain black, smart with a **zip and button at the waistband.**
- Proper full length trousers only, i.e. jeans, jeggings and leggings are **NOT allowed.**





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Skirts

- Skirts are optional
- Skirts must be a **branded Minsthorpe skirt**.
- The logo must be visible & waistband must not be rolled over.



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Shirts/Blouses

- Shirts should have a stiff collar.
- Shirts must be **tucked in at all times.**





Ties

- A College tie in the appropriate colour must be **worn at all times**.
- Year Group Ties 2026/27
 - Year 7 – Green
 - Year 8 – Gold
 - Year 9 – Sky Blue
 - Year 10 – Maroon
 - Year 11 – Dark Blue
- There is a choice of stockists, including the College.





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Jumpers/Cardigans (optional)

- If worn, this must be plain, black and unbranded.
- This must be worn underneath the blazer.





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Outdoor Wear

- A coat or hoodie may be **worn over the blazer outside of lessons.**
- Students must **take down their hood** on the College site.
- A woollen hat may be worn outside in cold weather.




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Footwear

- Shoes/short ankle boots must be black.
- **No trainers / pumps /crocs/ canvas / trainer-style shoes.**
- No heels.





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Hair

- Hairstyles should be **a sensible style** and suitable for the formal setting of College with **colours of natural tones and shades**, similar to the student's normal hair colour.
- **Extreme hairstyles including, shaved lines and brightly coloured hair are not allowed.**
- Hair accessories must be black or white, not bright colours.





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Makeup

- Students may wear **makeup of a reasonable/modest nature** in natural tones and shades.
- Overly long nails are unsafe and impractical. Nails (both natural and false) need to be of **reasonable length**, slightly over the end of fingertips at most.
- **False eyelashes and eyelash extensions of any kind and thick eyeliner are not allowed.**





Jewellery

- Students may wear a wristwatch (although this will need to be removed in GCSE examinations and in practical PE lessons).
- They may also wear one pair of gold, silver or diamante **studs** in the ear lobes. (These will need to be removed in practical PE lessons).

Earrings must not be larger than the earlobe. Other earrings, other body piercings and jewellery are banned.





Potential issues with Uniform

- Students who cannot wear the correct uniform for medical reasons must supply medical evidence. The College will put in place a risk assessment and/or reasonable adjustments, as appropriate.
- **College will lend clean uniform items to students, if necessary. If a student refuses to wear the supplied uniform, they will be required to work in the Removal Room.**
After the day in the Removal Room given for refusal, the College expects parents / carers to resolve the uniform issue in liaison with the College before the student returns to College.
- If in any doubt, please check with the Head of Year before making purchases/changes to hairstyles etc. Be aware items identified as 'school uniform' or 'Back to School' in shops may not be accepted.



Potential issues with Uniform

- Students **will not go into mainstream lessons** until they have the correct uniform/hair.
- **Banned items of jewellery and mobile phones will be confiscated.** Students need to collect confiscated items from The Hub at the end of the College day.
- **Refusal will result in sanctions** as detailed in the Behaviour Policy.



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PE Uniform

All students must wear correct PE uniform. A note from a parent/carer must be produced if there is a medical problem that means a student cannot do physical activity. However, students will still be expected to change into their PE kit and contribute to the lesson. **The College will lend a clean kit if a student forgets theirs. Students who refuse to wear clean kit provided by the College will be sanctioned.**



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PE and Sports Kit

- Navy polo shirt with Minsthorpe Logo.
- Navy shorts with Minsthorpe Logo.
- Sports trainers and sports socks.
- Suitable footwear for activities on grass.
- Shin pads are recommended.
- Optional navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings (with Minsthorpe Logo).
- Optional navy hoodie with Minsthorpe Logo.
- All jewellery must be removed for practical PE lessons. Students will have bare feet for gymnastic lessons. Gym socks are not permitted.





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College Equipment

We expect all students to 'Be Ready to Learn' by bringing the equipment listed below to College every day.

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Knowledge Organiser (appropriate year groups only)
- Knowledge Organiser Workbook (appropriate year groups only)

This equipment should be carried in a bag.



Behaviour Expectations



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BEFAIR

Be here & on time

If late, apologise and sit down silently.

Equipment

Pencil case on your desk immediately.

Follow instructions

First time: Listen, write, read and speak.

Actively listen

Pens down, eyes forward and sit properly.

Involve yourself

Be ready to respond. Work quietly / silently.

Respect

Silence when others are talking. Wait to be asked to speak.

Start of lessons

1. Enter the room **calmly**
2. Go **directly** to your seat and sit down
3. Begin the **initial learning activity**
4. Answer your name **politely** for the register

End of lessons

1. Return resources to the directed location
2. Stand **silently** behind your chair
3. Once the teacher dismisses you, **calmly** leave the room
4. Do **NOT** take out your mobile phone



BE FAIR EVERYWHERE

Follow instructions
first time

Be polite to others

No mobile phones



**Arriving at and
leaving college**

Do not gather at the front of site



Toilets

One person in a cubicle



**Canteens and
social areas**

Clear your table



**Moving around
the college site**

Walk quietly and safely



Rewards and Recognition

Meeting BE FAIR every lesson

Opportunities all year to be celebrated & recognised



Why do schools have rules about mobile phones?

Every school in the country is now required to ban the use of mobile phones and smart watches.

This will start in September 2026

At Minsthorpe we want to create a college environment that is:

Safe

Calm

Orderly

Supportive

Phones/Smartwatches can distract from learning and increase risks such as:

Online harm

Bullying

Exposure to inappropriate content



Our Expectations Year 7-11 From September 2026



Minsthorpe will be a 'no phone zone'

NO mobile phone use at ANY POINT during the college day

This applies:

As soon as you enter the site and join your morning queue

During lessons and lesson changeovers

During snack breaks

During after-college detentions, commitment sessions and enrichment

Until you leave the building at the end of the day

You must not congregate on Minsthorpe Lane on your phone before the start of the day – this is a safety hazard and blocks the path for other pedestrians

What you must do...

Your phone must be:

Switched off

In your bag

Not in your pocket

Not used as a watch, timer, calculator or to check your timetable

Not used for research, revision, music or apps in lessons

Not used to contact people during the school day

Year 7 Home Learning Expectations

- Read for 15 minutes a day at home
- Learn the weekly knowledge set in Knowledge Organisers in every subject - 30 minutes revision every night at home
- All students receive a Knowledge Organiser and workbook to complete Home Learning in;
- Home Learning is checked by P&A Mentors every Monday;
- Students who do not complete Home Learning will be issued a Knowledge Commitment after school;
- **More information will be released via letter and the school website**



Home / College Communication



Log in in seconds with Face ID

Receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

See your child's progress, attendance, behaviour points, report cards and more

Check your child's calendar, it's always up-to-date



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Enrichment Activities

We are proud of the enrichment opportunities our students have access to here at Minsthorpe.

From September, your child will have access to a range of before and after college clubs, educational visits linked to their curriculum as well as residential visits.

All students to become involved in at least one regular club every week.

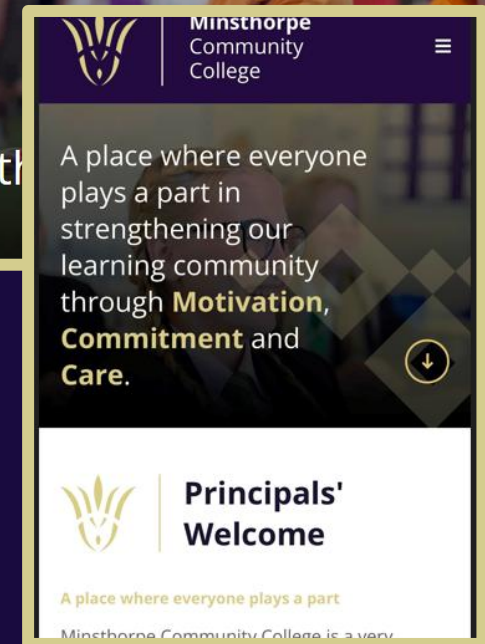


Further Information

Website and Social Media

<https://minsthorpe.cc/year-6-transition/>

Lots of specific transition information under what we offer / Year 6 transition



facebook.com/minsthorpecc

Start of Term Arrangements

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Arrive from 8.15am. Students welcomed onto site from 8.25am

Only Year 7 students in college that day.

Students spend the morning with their P&A Mentors to support their induction then attend Period 3 lesson.

Students to finish 2.25pm.



Final Ask

Please can you ensure you have completed and returned the Admission Form for your child (either electronically or paper copy)

You can check if you have done this with Laura



Q&A

If you have specific questions about your child, please contact us directly via the enquiries@minsthorpe.cc email address or call the office.



Thank you for coming!

