

The Minster School Curriculum

Parent and student guide





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The Minster School curriculum is based around the school ethos. Our curriculum is built around our school virtues of **Wisdom, Optimism, Resilience, Kindness** and **Service** and it designed to ensure that all students can **Succeed Together**. "Enabling all members of our school community to work together, care for each other and strive to realise their potential in their studies and all other aspects of life". This we believe can be achieved through hard work.



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord.”

Colossians 3:23.

Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive so that all students can access it no matter what their starting point. We maintain a strong focus on SEND; lessons and activities are designed around inclusion and adapted to meet the needs of individual learners where needed.

There are 4 strands to the school curriculum. These are interwoven across the school and within each key stage.

Academic curriculum –

This enables students to access a wide range of subjects, to develop their knowledge and learn how to use that knowledge to achieve great outcomes.

Extended curriculum –

This builds on learning in lessons to allow students to continue to develop knowledge and how to apply it, once they have left the classroom.

Immersive curriculum –

This provides opportunities for students to engage more deeply in school life, take on responsibility and demonstrate their wider skills.

Spiritual curriculum –

This gives students the opportunity to explore spiritual and moral aspects of learning and gives them opportunities to travel on their faith journey.

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Academic Curriculum

Wisdom

Breadth & Balance, Great outcomes, Love of learning

25 lessons per week
5 Tutor time sessions per week
Full range of National curriculum subjects in Key Stages 2 & 3.
Core subjects – English, Maths, Science and RS at Key Stage 4.
4 options at Key Stage 4
3 options at Key Stage 5
Y12 EPQ, Core Maths, Further Maths and Faith, Culture & Life.
Literacy developed across the curriculum
Drop Everything and Read

Extended Curriculum

Optimism

Depth & specialism, Individual excellence

Homework
Educational trips and visits
Cross curricular days
Revision classes
Subject clubs
Sports groups
Music activities and clubs
School productions and concerts

Immersive Curriculum

Resilience

Leadership, Progression

Form and Eco reps
Year 9 and 11 House captains
Sports and Dance leaders
Post 16 Subject mentors, Prefects and Head team.
Careers activities and days
Careers linked guest speakers and providers
Inter house competitions and activities
Duke of Edinburgh award

Spiritual Curriculum

Kindness & Service

Values & Spirituality, Open mindedness, Service

Spiritual, moral, social & cultural education delivered across the curriculum.
Themes of the week linked to Bible verses
Thought for the week activity
Collective Acts of Worship
Student communion and alternative services
Online Heartspace
End of term services



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Academic Curriculum

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* See our options process for more details on this.

We believe that all students should have the opportunity to excel in their studies and to develop wisdom, both in terms of their knowledge and the application of it across a broad and expansive curriculum.

Emphasis is placed on developing Maths and English across Key Stages 2, 3 and 4 whilst maintaining a full and balanced curriculum that embraces the Arts, Sciences, Humanities and Languages.

All students experience the full range of subjects at Key Stages 2 and 3 before specialising at Key Stage 4 through the options process. Those who progress to Key Stage 5 choose 3 subjects to take through to their A Level exams.

Alongside this the school has a strong focus on Literacy through Library reading lessons, Drop Everything and Read time which take place at Key Stage 3, Literacy support and a commitment to disciplinary literacy across all subject areas.



“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding”

Proverbs 3:13

Extended Curriculum

As a school we have a proud tradition of ensuring that learning does not finish when lessons end but continues beyond the classroom and extends into wider school life and beyond. These opportunities allow students to develop a passion for learning, deepen their understanding and create an optimistic and positive mindset.



“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11

Students have opportunities to engage in educational visits from Year 7’s trips to Dovedale and Places of Worship through to Year 11 visits to the theatre and Beth Shalom. These include residential both in this country, such as Walesby, as well as further afield to the WWI Battlefields and visits to Spain, France and Germany as part of the Languages curriculum.

Alongside this, cross-curricular days take place which allow students to explore themes in more detail, considering how they link to different areas such as STEAM, Humanities and Languages.



Subjects run a wide range of additional activities and clubs, including many sports teams and revision clubs. In particular we have a proud and rich tradition of extra-curricular music which enables students to excel in both the classical and contemporary fields. From the Key Stage 2 Choristers and Chamber choir, through to the Jazz band and school musical productions. They are an integral part of our school life and what it means to Succeed Together.



Immersive Curriculum

Within our curriculum students are encouraged to seek out opportunities to learn, develop and lead, with perseverance and fortitude. Particular focus is placed on the concept of resilience, especially when there are challenges, and in being ambitious in the desire to achieve.

A fully integrated careers guidance and advice curriculum ensures that students are supported in their choices both within school and when moving on. Students have access to a careers adviser, tutor activities, guest speakers as well as the chance to complete work experience opportunities which are tailored to their own interests and needs. These support students to make the right choices for their future careers.



“Let us run with determination the race that lies before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

All students are encouraged to immerse themselves in the wider aspects of school life, through taking on leadership opportunities as house captains or dance leaders, by attending clubs such as Creative writing or Code club which compliment their wider learning or by participating in the many inter-house competitions that run throughout the year. In addition we host a very successful Duke of Edinburgh scheme which starts in Year 9 with the Bronze award and progresses to Gold in the 6th form.

As a school we acknowledge our privileged position in the world and encourage students to explore ways in which they can help make a difference to the lives of others within our local community and wider afield. To do this we organise volunteering opportunities and food bank collections as well as supporting partner schools in Uganda through the Ugive Uganda group.



Spiritual Curriculum

As a Church of England school, we believe in providing opportunities for all students to explore and develop their own beliefs and values whilst reflecting on the relevance of Christian principles to their lives.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education and British Values are taught across the curriculum. In particular in Tutor time, through weekly themes, and in RS/PSHE lessons, students explore these issues in greater detail. Learning is focussed both on the importance of these values as well as their application to student's lives and the benefits to wider society.



“My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you.”

John 15:12

Opportunities are built into the wider curriculum to allow students to explore the Christian faith in more detail, through regular Acts of Worship as well as half termly invitational services and End of Term services which are led by the school Chaplain. The curriculum encourages students to reflect on these themes through one of 3 lenses.



To support and develop their own Christian faith.



In exploring their own beliefs and faith journey.



As human values, reflecting on the importance of them in their own lives.

In all aspects of the curriculum students are encouraged to consider the importance of equality, diversity, kindness and respect in how to treat others and in the way we serve our friends, school and wider society.



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

Mark 10:45



More information

Minster School learning journey

Rationale: Students at the Minster school will:

- Achieve great outcomes
- Demonstrate individual excellence
- Be more morally and spiritually aware

End of Term Summer service, Summer concert, Assessment Point 3 & reports, France cultural visit, Germany cultural visit, Start GCSE Maths, End of Term Easter service, Assessment Point 2, Parents evening, End of Term Easter service, Christmas concert, Options evening, Start GCSE RS, Easter concert, Duke of Edinburgh launch, End of Term Summer service, Germany cultural visit, Assessment Point 3 & reports, Students either take a 2nd Language (German/French) or Literacy lessons, Summer concert, France cultural visit, Teycross zoo - Biology, STEAM day, End of Term Easter service, Humourables day, Assessment Point 2, Easter concert, Parents evening, End of Term Christmas service, End of Term Summer service, Warwick castle visit - History, Languages day, Christmas concert, Assessment Point 1, Summer concert, Dowdall trip - Geography, Christmas concert, Assessment Point 2 - progress, End of Term Easter service, Christmas services, Parents evening, Easter concert, Assessment Point 3 & reports, Places of worship visit, GAT & NGRT tests, Visit to Wilsby, Foundation service at Minster, Assessment Point 1 - writing in class

Key Stage 4

YEAR 9

YEAR 8

YEAR 7

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Leaver's day, 10th form induction day, Assessment Point 3 & reports, From, GCSE exams start, National Citizenship service, Parents evening, Theatre visit - English, End of Term Easter service, Drama performance, 1:1 pro, tutor & transition interviews, D&T and Food practical days, Easter concert, Yorkshire sculpture park visit - Art, End of Term Easter service, Assessment Point 2, Transition day, Beth Shalom visit - History, Easter concert, Mock interviews, Parents evening, Assessment Point 1, Post 16 open evening, Christmas concert, End of Term Christmas services, Career fair, Mock exams, End of Term Summer service, London residential trip - Science, Mock exams, Summer concert, Assessment Point 3 & reports, Work experience, 10X challenge, End of Term Easter service, Assessment Point 2, Geography fieldwork, Relationships & Sex Education days, Easter concert, Christmas concert, Parents evening, Duke of Edinburgh launch - Silver, End of Term Christmas services, Assessment Point 1, Option subjects, Core subjects

Key Stage 5

YEAR 11

YEAR 10

Maths, English, Science, PE, MFL, Design Technology, History, Geography, IT & Computing, Art, Drama, PE, Option 1 - MPH or supported study/History/Geography, Option 2 - 4, Option 3 - 4, Option 4 - 4, Option 5 - 4, Option 6 - 4, Option 7 - 4, Option 8 - 4, Option 9 - 4, Option 10 - 4, Option 11 - 4, Option 12 - 4, Option 13 - 4, Option 14 - 4, Option 15 - 4, Option 16 - 4, Option 17 - 4, Option 18 - 4, Option 19 - 4, Option 20 - 4, Option 21 - 4, Option 22 - 4, Option 23 - 4, Option 24 - 4, Option 25 - 4, Option 26 - 4, Option 27 - 4, Option 28 - 4, Option 29 - 4, Option 30 - 4, Option 31 - 4, Option 32 - 4, Option 33 - 4, Option 34 - 4, Option 35 - 4, Option 36 - 4, Option 37 - 4, Option 38 - 4, Option 39 - 4, Option 40 - 4, Option 41 - 4, Option 42 - 4, Option 43 - 4, Option 44 - 4, Option 45 - 4, Option 46 - 4, Option 47 - 4, Option 48 - 4, Option 49 - 4, Option 50 - 4, Option 51 - 4, Option 52 - 4, Option 53 - 4, Option 54 - 4, Option 55 - 4, Option 56 - 4, Option 57 - 4, Option 58 - 4, Option 59 - 4, Option 60 - 4, Option 61 - 4, Option 62 - 4, Option 63 - 4, Option 64 - 4, Option 65 - 4, Option 66 - 4, Option 67 - 4, Option 68 - 4, Option 69 - 4, Option 70 - 4, Option 71 - 4, Option 72 - 4, Option 73 - 4, Option 74 - 4, Option 75 - 4, Option 76 - 4, Option 77 - 4, Option 78 - 4, Option 79 - 4, Option 80 - 4, Option 81 - 4, Option 82 - 4, Option 83 - 4, Option 84 - 4, Option 85 - 4, Option 86 - 4, Option 87 - 4, Option 88 - 4, Option 89 - 4, Option 90 - 4, Option 91 - 4, Option 92 - 4, Option 93 - 4, Option 94 - 4, Option 95 - 4, Option 96 - 4, Option 97 - 4, Option 98 - 4, Option 99 - 4, Option 100 - 4

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To view students learning journeys or for more detailed information about our school curriculum please go to our Website.

