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Wisdom - Optimism - Resilience - Kindness - Service

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THE MINSTER SCHOOL
SOUTHWELL

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord."
Colossians 3 : 23.

INTRODUCTION

As we approach the end of this academic year it is a great opportunity to look back on everything that we have experienced and achieved together. Whilst COVID has not entirely disappeared, school has felt a little more like normal recently, with events back in the calendar such as school productions, sporting fixtures, clubs, societies, services in the cathedral, proms, discos, trips and everything else that makes the Minster School what it is. It has been great to see so many students taking advantage of these activities, enjoying themselves and trying new things. Even the recent exam season for Years 11 and 13, whilst at points tiring and stressful, felt like a return to 'normal'. Everybody associated with the school hopes that all students receiving results this summer see the benefits of their optimism and resilience over the last two years.



On a personal note, I am leaving the Minster School at the end of this year and moving full time to the Minster Trust for Education as 'School Improvement Lead', a role I have been undertaking part-time for the last two years. Whilst I am excited about what the future holds, I am sad to be leaving the Minster after 14 years. I will miss working directly in such a great school, with talented, dedicated staff and wonderful students. I wish all of you the very best for the future.

Dave Boothroyd
Deputy Head Teacher

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th July - End of Term Services

Monday 25th July - Junior Musical Theatre Showcase

Tuesday 26th July - School Finishes at 12:50

Thursday 18th August - A Level Results Day

Thursday 25th August - GCSE Results Day

Friday 2nd September - Year 7 & 12 Return to School

Monday 5th September - All Year Groups Return to School

CURRENT VACANCIES

Further details can be found on our school TES page or by scanning the QR below:

Finance Assistant

Cover Supervisor

Cleaner

Teacher of Computing



BRASS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE AT LOWE'S WONG

14/07/2022

Lowe's Wong Junior School invited the Brass Ensemble to perform to Yr3&4. The children were curious about the wide variety of instruments on show and were already quite knowledgeable about how sound works and vibrations. Performing students ranged from Yr12 down to Yr4 playing music from Star Trek to Shostakovich and Pharrell Williams to the Fratellis.

CONCERT BAND PERFORMS FOR LOWE'S WONG STUDENTS

29/06/2022

Concert Band students went to Lowe's Wong to perform four pieces to an attentive and engaged audience of younger students. All the musicians demonstrated their instruments and helped pupils learn about wind & percussion instruments. They played with energy and great control, representing our school proudly.



PARENT/CARER PARKING DURING COLLECTION TIMES

Could we please take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to park responsibly when waiting in the leisure centre area. Please remember that this is a public car park and therefore please ensure other vehicles are not blocked in whilst collecting your children. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

RECEPTION OPENING TIMES OVER SUMMER

Please note the school reception will be open every weekday over the summer break from 9am-2.30pm with the exception of Tuesday 9th August to Friday 12th August and the bank holiday on Monday 29th August.

CUSTARD THE DRAGON FAMILY CONCERT SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 11AM THE MINSTER SCHOOL



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WHAT'S ON IN HISTORY?

It's been a really exciting and busy half term for our History students here at the Minster.

Year 7 have begun to look at the post Tudor period of History with our enquiry question of "Mad, Bad and Dangerous?" They've covered events such as the Gunpowder Plot, the English Civil War and will be continuing to learn about the Witch Trials, Pirates and the Great Plague. They've really thrown themselves into their work with fantastic contributions in lessons and some fantastic work with Primary sources.

Year 8 have been learning about the Suffragette's and using Historian's interpretations to assess their impact and analyse both the positive and negative responses there were to their tactics. The level of discussion has been impressive across the board and Lyla in year 8 has used her understanding of the fight for Women's suffrage to ask in depth questions about the world we currently live in and predictions for the future.

In year 9 students have completed their study of the Civil Rights movement and produced some fantastic assessment responses to a variety of questions. They were able to use a variety of case studies to assess the impact of the Civil Rights movement. Lily in year 9 made some fantastic comments when judging whether or not the Civil Rights movement changed the situation for Black Americans or just challenged it.

Year 10 have impressed us with their hard work and focus during their mock exam period and we were really pleased to see this dedication pay off for students. There are many students we could congratulate and we'd love to name you all but we'd love to give a particular mention to Lucas who exceeded his target grade and always puts in 100% effort in all lessons.

Year 11 have come through a lot over the last two years and we couldn't be prouder. We can't wait to celebrate your results with you in the summer and we know that the hard work and resilience you've shown will be rewarded. Well done for completing your three History GCSE exams and we look forward to seeing many of you return in year 12.

Year 12 have been very impressive over these last few weeks, juggling their mock exams with their research for their NEA. The NEA is their Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework). Students have been busy reading a variety of academic texts as part of the research phase of their projects. As a department we have been really impressed by the level of focus shown on this, keep up the good work.

Finally, year 13 leave us having worked their socks off for the last 2 years and, similarly to year 11, we've been incredibly proud and impressed with their approach to their exams. Revision sessions were regularly well attended and it's been great to see smiling faces after exams for students who felt their revision had paid off. We can't wait to see you in the summer for your results and wish each and every one of you the best in whatever it is that the next chapter in life holds for you. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CUP

Huge Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 Boys, who competed in the Regional round of the Track and Field Cup! There were some outstanding performances - we are super proud of you all!



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL TEAM - SOUTH NOTTS CHAMPIONS!

Huge congratulations to the Year 10 Boys Football Team! 4-2 winners against Carlton Academy to be crowned South Notts Champions! Well done boys, great team performance!



YEAR 9 RACE FOR LIFE

This week our Year 9 students have taken part in the Race for Life for Cancer Research. All students have been AMAZING and raised a phenomenal amount of money - over £2000 and the donations are still coming in. A full article will be available in the next addition of The Works. Well done to everyone involved, we are so proud of you!



TENNIS SUCCESS

Some great performances from the Under13 and Under15 Tennis teams against the Nottingham High School! Well done to you all!



TRIP TO WATCH THE WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Members of our Year 8, 9 and 10 Football Teams went to watch the opening game of the Women's European Championship earlier this month. What a night! Great start for England winning 1-0! Our students were AMAZING! Spectators commented on how polite and enthusiastic they were! So proud of our Lionesses!



YEAR 7 GO FOR GOLD FUN RUN

Great fun with Year 7 at the 'Go For Gold Fun Run' at Harvey Hadden! Lots of happy faces! All of our students completed the 3km challenge and most went on to complete additional laps!



PLATINUM AWARDS IN THE LIBRARY!

This week we gave out our last set of Platinum Reading Awards. These are given to students who have read at least 24 books this year! A huge well done to Ani C, James S, Audrey C, Rosie S, Willow G and Harriet S. Also, to Spencer M and Kimaya N (not pictured).



BANK OF ENGLAND SPEAKER

18/07/2022

Y12 and Y10 Economists attended a talk given by Tarkus Frost, a Senior Manager of Traded Risk at the Bank of England on Monday 18th July. Tarkus gave the students a brief resume of his career. He went to school in Mansfield, completed an Economics degree at the University of Loughborough and has worked at the bank of England in numerous roles for seventeen years. He talked about the main activities of the Bank of England as the UK's Central Bank, which includes running the UK's payments infrastructure, which accounts for £750bn of transactions every day. He also discussed the role the Bank of England plays in deciding the base rate of interest and the other tools it employs to achieve price stability, a particularly challenging task at the moment!

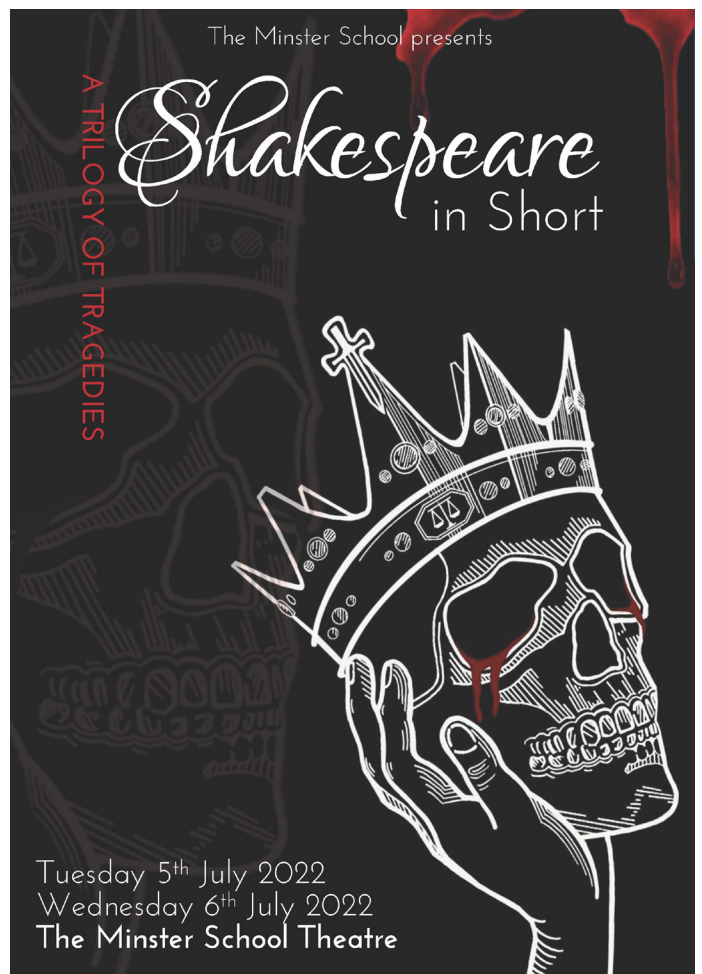
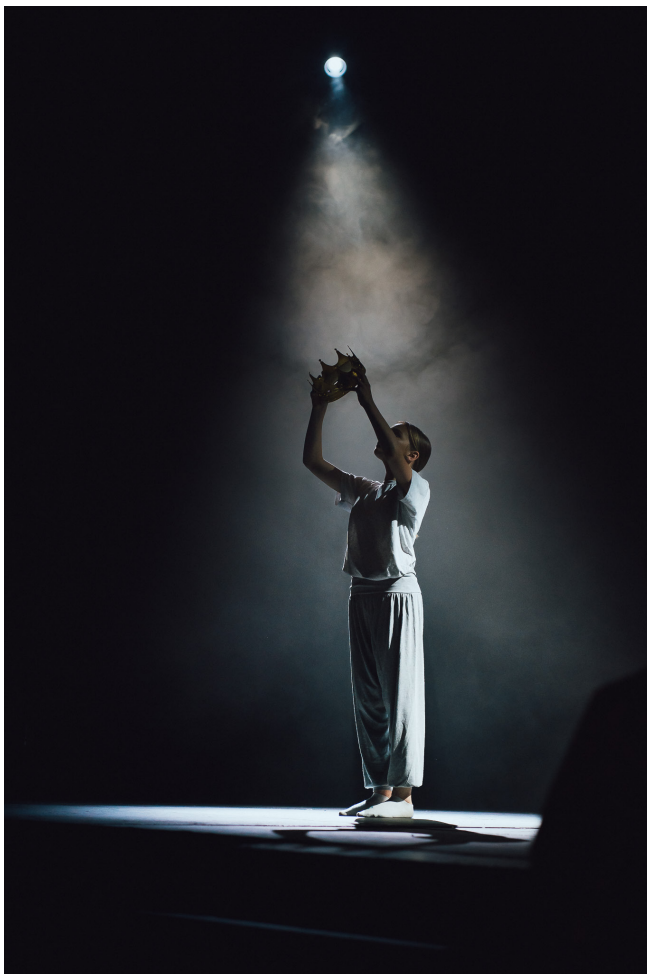
Students listened attentively, despite the heat, and asked some probing questions. The reward for the best question was a gold bullion bar - unfortunately the chocolate variety.



SHAKESPEARE IN SHORT - A TRILOGY OF TRAGEDIES

05/07/2022

On the 5th and 6th July, nearly fifty of our year 7 and 8 students performed three abridged Shakespearean tragedies, connected by the themes of power and revenge - Hamlet, Macbeth and Lear. The evening was overseen by our stage management, technical and backstage crew, all made up of pupils in year 7, 8 and 10. Both performances were sold out, with the cast rising to the challenge of not only delivering Shakespeare's most well known plays but also performing to three sides, on a thrust stage in the school theatre. The drama department would like to thank all those involved and everyone who supported.



YEAR 7 DOVEDALE TRIP

20/07/2022

Year 7 Thoresby and Welbeck students enjoyed a day out in the Peak District, exploring the area around Dovedale. Students have been studying river landscapes and processes of weathering and erosion in lessons recently and were able to see evidence of these processes in action on the trip. Students walked past v-shaped valleys and interlocking spurs and could identify evidence of biological, chemical and freeze-thaw weathering all over the landscape. The stepping stones at Dovedale were a particular highlight too! Well done Year 7!



MINSTER SCHOOL
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JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

15/07/2022

It was with great joy and anticipation that we were finally able to bring back our Junior Concert on Friday 15th of July. Minster Junior School pupils learned how to present themselves professionally in a concert, performing a variety of pieces in the school theatre. The Junior Choir sang Tears in Heaven and Dream a Little Dream, with some beautiful harmonies and dynamics. Da Capo Orchestra performed Ode to Joy by Beethoven, whilst Con Brio Orchestra performed Harry Potter Highlights by John Williams and Hungarian Dances by Brahms. A number of student-led chamber ensembles played pieces which they had learned and conducted by themselves, showing maturity, leadership and team work. Finally, our Year 6 students performed individual solos. We are wishing Scarlett, Isaac, Florence, Isabella, Lok Hai, Eva, Kani, Darwin, Elliott, Harry, Poppy, Poppy, Shreya, Evangelina, Faith and Matthew the very best as they leave the Juniors at the end of this year. Well done to all students involved.



MFL MEMRISE COMPETITION

30/06/2022

For the month of June we challenged our students to score as many points as possible on Memrise, a vocab learning platform that we are using in our languages lesson. We were very pleased about the uptake of our students and a particular mention goes to Ani C in 7R1 and Isi-Marie S in 9R2 who scored over one million points during June.

The Big Minster Memrise competition



Well done to everyone who scored points on Memrise during the month of June. Please see below the top scorers per language and year group.



Spanish
Y7 Ani C 7R1 1,438,070
Y8 Adwin G 8T1 489, 973
Y9 Sam J 9C1 287,653
Y10 Olly H 10W2 627,160

French
Y8 Lewis S 8C2 101,448
Y9 Isi-Marie S 9R2 1,125,681
Y10 Domenica F 10R1 426,875

German
Y8 Reuben T 8T1 15,410
Y9 Meg J 9C1 72,788
Y10 Beth P 10T1 240,130

For the overall house points we counted how many per house made it into the top ten across the year groups and languages. Here are the results:

1st Thoresby
2nd Rufford
3rd Welbeck
4th Clumber



KS3 DEBATE CLUB

20/07/2022

I just wanted to give a huge shout out to the incredible students who reside in The House Of Athena!

Working with you all to begin developing our own Debate Club this past half term has been an incredible journey so far, and although we are very much in our infancy stage. I have no doubt that we will continue onwards to make great things happen!

I would also like to acknowledge/thank the Year 12 students for attending our 13th July debate; your contributions were so insightful, emotionally intelligent, thought-provoking and challenging; it was a very positive opportunity for your younger peers to learn from your views.

Over the Summer holidays I plan to register us with the English Speaking Union, who are the official body responsible for organising competitions which begin in November 2022. So, looking forward, I am so excited at the prospect of you guys having the opportunity to compete against other schools.

Meanwhile, have a wonderful Summer and I will see you in September.

Mr D Kinnison - English Department

PROGRESSION DAY FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

10/06/2022

At the half-way point of their A Levels, Year 12 students already need to be planning for their next steps after they leave us, as the time passes very quickly. Progression Day is a focused event for university or employment preparation. Students are supported to make some initial steps with their university application process. This is quite lengthy involving plenty of research about destinations and courses, as well as students own personal statement. It is important for students not to feel pressured in Year 13 when universities will start receiving 2023 applications as early as September. Students considering apprenticeships or employment had a range of activities and visitors to school, supporting them with interview and letter writing preparation, among other things. We have had very positive feedback from the students and its pleasing to know they got a lot out of the day.

Justin Samuels
Director of Post 16 Studies

YEAR 13 PROM

06/07/2022

It was lovely for the Year 13 students to celebrate the conclusion of their schooling with a Prom at Colwick Hall; the first time Year 13's have been able to do this 2019. The students all looked amazing and with them being 18, some celebrated with an accompanying beverage. We wish our Year 13's every success for the future.



SUCCESSES IN PHYSICS

As we have emerged from all of the COVID restrictions this year, it has been wonderful to support the students in engaging with a variety of Physics and Engineering challenges.

Physics Olympiad: Oxford University offers a variety of competitions consisting of very challenging exam papers that provide a real test for the best GCSE and A-level Physicists.



In Year 11, the Intermediate Olympiad was sat by 13 students with particular success detailed below.

Award	Students
Silver	Toby L
Bronze 1st Class	Tobias P, Dan A
Bronze 2nd Class	Sophie F, Joel B, Lewis F

In Year 12, the Senior Olympiad was sat by 23 students with particular successes detailed below.

Award	Students
Silver	Oliver S
Bronze 1st Class	Tom K,
Bronze 2nd Class	James C, Sam M, Tom B, Joel, C

In Year 13, the Minster School entered students in the main Olympiad for the first ever time. This consisted of a 2hr 45min paper of eye wateringly challenging Physics questions. Both students emerged from the experience somewhat battered and bruised, but very glad to have taken part. Ben S and Charles O (shown in the image with their certificates, and leavers day fancy dress!) should rightfully proud of their achievements, with Ben gaining a Bronze 1st Class Award and Charles gaining a highly sought-after Gold Award.

Lincoln University Physics Challenge: Charles O also entered a competition set by Lincoln University where he was required to produce solutions to a diverse set of difficult Physics questions. He not only won the competition, but received the following comment from the organisers..."We are delighted to inform you that you have been awarded 1st prize. Your submission was outstanding to the extent that you got a perfect mark. Congratulations!!"

The Great Egg Race Engineering challenge: During Manufacturing and Engineering week, a team of Year 12 Physicists and Mathematicians took part in the Great Egg Race at the NEC in Birmingham. The students were challenged to construct a device to project an egg into a target without damage. The organiser of the event was so impressed with the team that he wrote to the school....

"Although they didn't win on the day, I felt I had to write to you to say how impressed I was with the entire team. Your pupils competed against a team from Cranfield University and a team of engineering apprentices: not the easiest thing to do at their stage of education. Not only did they hold their own, and get close to winning, they devised the most innovative solution to protect the egg across the two days of competition. This won admiration from everyone watching, and earned worried looks from the other teams too!"

Congratulations go to Will C, Tom K, Josh Y, Evan B and Dan P.



**WISHING
YOU ALL A
FANTASTIC
SUMMER!**