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Wisdom - Optimism - Resilience - Kindness - Service

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YEAR 7 HOLDENBY/DOVEDALE TRIP

Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th June 2023

YEAR 10 CONCERT

Monday 19th June 2023

YEAR 10 RESIDENTIAL SCIENCE TRIP

Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd June 2023

NEW YEAR 7 TRANSITION EVENT

Monday 26th June 2023

YEAR 13 LEAVERS DAY

Friday 30th June 2023

NEW YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY

Monday 3rd July 2023

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Monday 3rd July 2023

CURRENT VACANCIES

HR ASSISTANT

TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY (PART TIME) AND/OR HISTORY (PART TIME OR FULL TIME)

TEACHER OF HISTORY (FULL TIME OR PART TIME)

TEACHER OF ENGLISH

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To keep up to date with our current vacancies please visit our TES page here:



The Minster School First In The UK To Win New Eco Award

Department: UGIVE UGANDA & ECO GROUPS

Article: MR WALL



Green champions at The Minster School have just received a new eco award – the first in the UK to win it.

The Minster School in Southwell has just been named the UK's first 'Bin Twinning School' – in recognition of students' efforts to tackle waste, at home and overseas.

The accolade is awarded by the charity Bin Twinning for whom the school has raised more than £3,000 in the past 18 months and twinned 70 of its bins.

Bin Twinning supports social enterprises which are providing bin collections, recycling projects and 'green' jobs in communities overseas that have never had them before. In low-income countries, more than 90 per cent of waste is not properly managed, according to the World Bank.

The school community, led by its Ugive Uganda and Eco groups, have held cake sales, a craft fair, a sponge-a-teacher event, a disco, and a virtual sponsored row across Lake Victoria, Uganda, as well as producing and selling a recipe book.

To become a 'Bin Twinning School' they also had to commit to tackling waste in their own community and organise litter-picks.

Deputy Head Teacher Andy Wall says the school's involvement with Bin Twinning has helped pupils understand the need to 'reduce, reuse and recycle' to tackle the waste problem, at home and abroad.

'I am very proud of all the time and effort that the students have put into organising events, raising awareness and encouraging others to join in,' he said. 'They're very passionate about supporting people in other parts of the world who do not have the same opportunities we have.'

'Our children care about the environment because they want the world to be a better place for their future and for future generations. They believe that if we care for what we have, it makes it more enjoyable for everyone.'

The Minster School has previously also raised money for Bin Twinning's sister charity Toilet Twinning, by twinning all the toilets in the school.

Bin Twinning CEO Lorraine Kingsley described The Minister School's generosity and commitment as 'outstanding'. 'It's so encouraging to see young people so enthused, not just helping others thousands of miles away but also taking responsibility for their local environment,' she said. 'We all need to realise that the global waste crisis is everyone's problem – and we could all learn a great deal from The Minster School.'

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Library News

Article: MISS LIGHTEN

The Bookmark Competition

The yearly World Book Day Bookmark Competition is a popular way for students to get involved with the library. This year, our entries reached a record high, with over 100 submissions from students around the school. It was a very difficult task to choose our favourites, but, with the help of Mr Govinden in art, we selected our wonderful winners and runners up.

Please congratulate our winners: Betsy (Years 3 and 4), Isobel (Years 5 and 6), Olivia (Year 7), Lana (Year 8), Lois (Year 9), Rebecca (Year 10), Fleur (Sixth Form), and Miss Slack (staff).

And a big well done to our fabulous runners up: Luna and Constance (Years 3 and 4), Issi (Years 5 and 6), Shreya (Year 7), Hattie (Year 8), Henry (Year 8), Natasha (Year 9), and Poppy (Year 10).

The bookmarks are available on the library desk and you can see them on the screens around school.

We hope you all enjoyed your Easter egg prizes and a huge thank you to all the amazing entries from students... we hope you participate again next year!

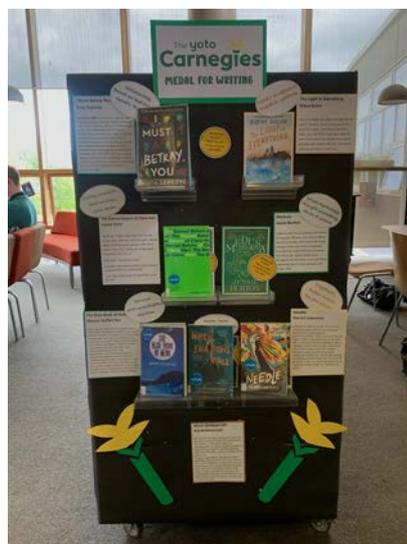
The Carnegie Medal for Writing

The Carnegie Medal for writing shortlist has been announced and we have two copies of each book in the library. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English. Their mission is to champion librarians to inspire and empower the next generation to create a better world through books and reading.

There are 7 shortlisted titles. Five of the books are for Year 8 and above, and 'The Eternal Return of Clara Hart' by Louise Finch is for Year 9 and above. We have permission slips on the library desk for students to bring home if they are in younger years and wish to read the teen books.

Reading with Pride

Keep your eyes peeled for the 'Reading with Pride' display that will be in the library in June. Celebrate Pride month with us by taking out a book written by some fantastic LGBTQ+ authors! Whether you're an ally or part of the community, there is something for everyone.



Library's Bookmark Competition Winners and Runners Up

Congratulations!

Year 7 Winner and Runner Up



Olivia

Shreya

Year 8 Winner and Runners Up



Lana

Hattie

Henry

Year 9 Winner and Runner Up



Lois

Natasha

Library's Bookmark Competition Winners and Runners Up

Congratulations!

Year 10 Winner and Runner Up



Rebecca

Poppy

Year 12/ 13 Winner



Fleur

Staff Winner



Miss Slack



INTERMEDIATE
MATHS
CHALLENGE
SUCCESS

On Thursday 2nd February, 73 students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition with aims to challenge students mathematical thinking and problem solving. Students have 1 hour to complete as many of the 25 problems as they can.

I am pleased to report that 47 students reached the standard required to receive an award in the challenge; there were 21 Bronze, 16 Silver and 10 Gold awards. Congratulations go to:

Gold Awards:

Jacob (Best in School Award), Sebastian, Adwin, Benjamin, Jude, Olly, Ethan, Lily, Olivia and Remko

Silver Awards:

Cat, Dixie, Megan, Meera, Polly, Alex, Claudia, Rosie, Taya, Beth, Rebecca, Hugo, Beau, Emelia, Jenson, Gabriel.

Bronze Awards:

Elsbeth, Isi-Marie, Nathan, Rebecca, Marissa, Will, Poppy, Clara, Isabelle, Edward, Dan, James, Nathan,

Harriet, Olivia, Freddie, Jack, Tara, Logan, Sophie, Sophia.

Further congratulations go to Lily, Adwin, Olivia, Sebastian, Jacob, Ethan, Jude, Benjamin and Olly for qualifying for the follow up 'Kangaroo' rounds.

Well done to Olly who achieved the score required to be awarded a 'Merit' on this paper.

Thank you to all students who participated in this Challenge – an excellent effort by you all to have a go!



Sixth Form Redbridge Masterclasses

The Sixth Form ran their bi-annual Redbridge Masterclass sessions for Year 12 students on 12 May 2023.

These Masterclasses are aimed at students intending to apply to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities and go beyond the A-level curriculum to help prepare students for their university applications and interviews.

Students attended a session from one of four streams: Maths/Physics; English/Languages; Bio/Chem; or Humanities/Social Sciences.

Mr Poll ran the Maths/Physics session on “Logical Thinking and Proof” looking at finding mistakes in what appeared to be fully correct mathematical proofs. The session aimed to develop the students’ problem solving and reasoning skills.

Mr Oxley ran the English/Languages session on “Lexicography” which was all about where new words come from, how they are formed and how they have been recorded.

Mrs Wilson ran the Bio/Chem session titled “What inspires you?” and used the session to share what inspired her as well as getting the students to consider what their passion is, and what their aspirations are, encouraging deeper thinking about what the students

really want to do after sixth form when they start applying to university and to explore head v’s heart decisions.

Mrs Crowther ran the Humanities/Social Sciences session looking at human rights and their impact on our everyday lives, as well as exploring how conflicting human rights are, or might be, managed both practically and under the current law.



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Bleasby Primary School Visit

On 27th February, six Year 12 Spanish students spent the afternoon at Bleasby C of E Primary School, teaching Year 3 and 4 students.

The children were very excited to welcome us into their classroom to teach them a variety of topics, from greetings and colours, to weather and days of the week. We split into groups of two to work on one or two topics and devise an activity to correspond.

Working with small groups, we found our own ways to adapt to each set of children and encourage their interaction, the latter of which didn't prove too difficult!

They had been learning some Spanish greetings before we arrived, which they were keen to show off, and hopefully by the time we left they had enough knowledge to impress their parents or carers when they got back home.

It was a very rewarding experience, and hopefully ignited the start of a language learning journey for at least one person we worked with. Above all, the students clearly enjoyed it as apparently, they have already been asking for us to return!

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RECENT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER CONCERT & UNPLUGGED/PLUGGED

Easter Concert

On Thursday 30th March, staff and students from within the Performing Arts Department and Junior School attended Southwell Minster for our annual Easter Concert. A packed audience enjoyed performances from a variety of school ensembles including Training Orchestra, Session Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Full Choir, Junior Choir, Orchestra & Chamber Choir. Each performance showcased the students' hard work and dedication in ensembles during this academic year.

The concert was also an opportunity for us to say a formal goodbye to our exam students who will begin exam leave shortly. The dedication to ensembles and performances over their school life has not gone unnoticed and is valued greatly. We wish them the best of luck in their exams and future studies!

Thanks to our visiting music staff for all of their hard work supporting our students to develop their skills and techniques.

Unplugged/Plugged Concert

A rescheduled performance date, following adverse weather earlier in the academic year, saw our annual Unplugged Concert combine with the Plugged Concert. On Thursday 20th April, a sold out crowd took their seats in the school theatre to watch students perform a wide variety of genres and pieces of music. 'Unplugged', a showcase of singer/songwriter style performances, was an opportunity for students to perform intimate acoustic tracks, whether this be covers or originals, whilst 'Plugged' gave students the opportunity to take to the stage in a full band line-up.

The evening was a fantastic opportunity to hear students showcase their performance talents and songwriting skills, with performers introducing their pieces and reasons for choosing them or stories behind their songwriting process.

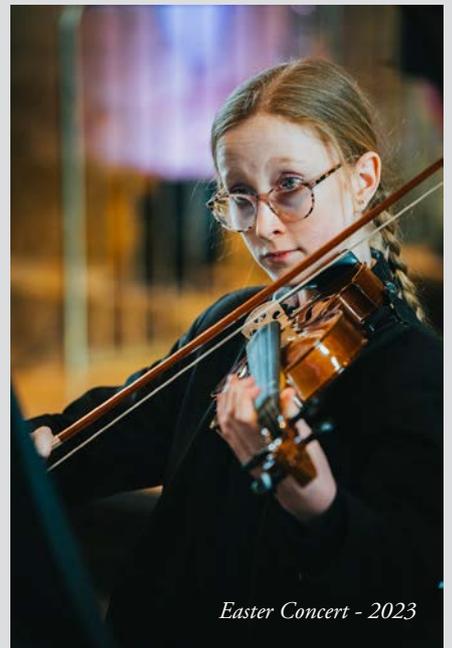
A big thanks to Mrs Wallis-Windle, Mrs Chapman, Ms Bilodeau and Mr Gibson, alongside all students that volunteered to perform.



Easter Concert - 2023



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Unplugged - 2023



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Humanities Club Coronation Special

Article:

Collated by MR VYSE

Written by EDWARD, JOSEPH, ANNIE

Geography from the coronation

King Charles' coronation was one of the year's biggest events for the British monarchy. But the geography of the event often gets lost amongst all the discussions. King Charles III is the leader of the commonwealth that has 54 separate countries. These include well known countries like: Canada and Australia. He also rules over Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. In London there was over 4,600,000 tourists who came for this event from all over the world. There was over £20,000,000 spent on hotels around London and other places around the coronation. Due to all the diverse cultures that the different commonwealth countries have it means the coronation was diverse. There were people from different religions and backgrounds from all around the world.

Edward

Year 7

Why and in what way was the coronation religious?

The coronation was not only the crowning of another monarch but also the coronation of a new leader of the Church of England. This is why the anointing happens because that is the moment the Archbishop of Canterbury put oil on King Charles III forehead and then prayed for God's blessing on the new leader of the Church of England. Because of this the Archbishop of Canterbury (Justin Welby) led the service by crowning the King and Queen. Others that were present were the Bishop of Durham (Paul Butler – ex Bishop of Nottinghamshire) and the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Michael Beasley). Along with the Church of England conducting the service representatives of all the world's major religions like Sikhism, Islam and Judaism. Also, other forms of Christianity. There was a representative of the Catholics, the free churches etc. These representatives were the leader in England not in the world. The choir was a mix of the Westminster choir and the king's own chapel choir.

Joseph

Year 7

The Coronation in History

A royal coronation is steeped in history and pageantry. It is a display of wealth, and power in some form, an excellent opportunity for community celebrations, and is designed to be special and memorable.

The symbols and artifacts used all have both historical and religious meanings and backgrounds. For example, the Sword of State, (which was carried for the first time by a woman) represents the King's authority and power. One of the most spectacular of the many priceless bejeweled items given to King Charles is of course King Edward's Crown. Named after King (and Saint) Edward the Confessor – last-but-one Saxon King, the crown was actually made in 1661, after the restoration of the monarchy. The original - indeed belonging to King Edward – was melted down when Parliament abolished the monarchy (1649).

The Coronation of another Charles...King Charles II. After years of strict government and limited pleasures and parties, it must have been exciting at the coronation of the King Charles 'before the current one'! Samuel Pepys described the procession as 'glorious with gold and silver'.

A royal coronation is always a big event, and this one was as spectacular as it gets, I'm sure!

Welcome to the new Carolean era!

Annie

Year 8

PE Department Updates

Department: PE
Article: MR LAW

Under 16's County Schools Golf

Huge congratulations to Elizabeth who was crowned U16 Champion at the County Schools Golf Tournament. She will now represent Nottinghamshire at the Midlands Schools and will qualify for the U16 National Schools. Well done Elizabeth!



Elizabeth was crowned Under-16 Champion at the County Schools Golf Tournament

Year 10 Girls Football

Such a fantastic team! Congratulations to the Year 10 girls football team, who are through to the South Notts Cup semi final.



Year 10 Girls Football



Year 7 Netball Tournament

Very proud of the girls as they competed in their first year 7 netball tournament. Some great performances from them, well done girls.

Year 7 Netball Central Venue Competition

Another great team performance from the Year 7 Netball Team in the Central Venue Competition. Well played girls.





Year 7 Rugby County Finals

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 Rugby Team who were crowned County Champions this year. So proud of you boys.



Year 8 Rugby County Finals

Resilience in a photo! Great effort from the Year 8 Rugby Team in the County Finals! Some great performances in very wet conditions. Proud of you boys.

Year 9 Rugby County Finals

Huge congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby Team who came second in the County Finals this year! Really proud of you boys.



Year 11 Girls Football County Cup Final

What a privilege it has been working with this team over the years. Our Year 11 Football Team, you have done us proud again in the County Cup Final even though it wasn't the result we'd hoped for.



Uniform Collection

Article: MRS MAZURKIEWICZ

Over the summer many parents will be replacing items of uniform which their children have grown out of or no longer need. In the current cost of living crisis and in the interests of sustainability we would like to collect any uniform that is still in a good condition and could be re-used to offer to other parents. We are particularly interested in blazers, ties, skirts and PE kit with logo, especially fleeces. If you have any

uniform to donate, please could you drop it off at reception before the end of term where we will collate and organise it into categories. Once it is ready we will contact parents to offer the items for collection. Many thanks!

Department: CHAPLAINCY
Article: REV CATHY PORTER

Student Opt-In Worship

Chaplaincy offers regular optional worship services to students, informal services of Christian worship which are open to all and held during the school day. This year we have been able to offer two every half term, one of which has included communion.

These have been a great opportunity for students to make new friends, to explore the Christian faith, and their own beliefs and to have moments for worship, prayer and reflection. Some students have formed a worship band and have been leading some contemporary worship music within the services. I love providing these services and having the chance to learn and worship alongside those students here choosing to take part. On average about 50-60 students join each time, and we have a lot of fun, do some serious discussion and respond to what we discover.



PRE-LOVED PROM OUTFITS

★ WE NEED YOU!

We are looking to re-use pre-loved prom outfits for current or future students of The Minster School!



Have you got an old dress that doesn't fit or that you will never use again that you could donate?



If so, please bring it to reception with your name on!

Speak with Miss McGregor or Miss Walter if you have any questions – thank you!



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