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

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Thursday 17th August 2023

GCSE RESULTS DAY
Thursday 24th August 2023

**JUNIOR SCHOOL/YEAR 7 & YEAR 12
RETURN TO SCHOOL**
Wednesday 6th September 2023

**YEAR 8/9/10/11/13
RETURN TO SCHOOL**
Thursday 7th September 2023

YEAR 12 TUTOR EVENING
Monday 11th September 2023

PRIZEGIVING EVENING
Thursday 14th September 2023

YEAR 7 WALESBY VISITS
*Week Commencing Monday 18th September
2023*

CURRENT VACANCIES

IF YOU ARE A SIXTH FORM STUDENT
AND ARE INTERESTED IN EARNING
WHILST SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL,
WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR
STUDENTS TO PROVIDE MIDDAY
SUPERVISION DURING BREAK AND
LUNCH TIMES. HOURS CAN BE
FLEXIBLE AROUND STUDIES.

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Rhineland Study Visit

Department: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Article: MRS GARDINER

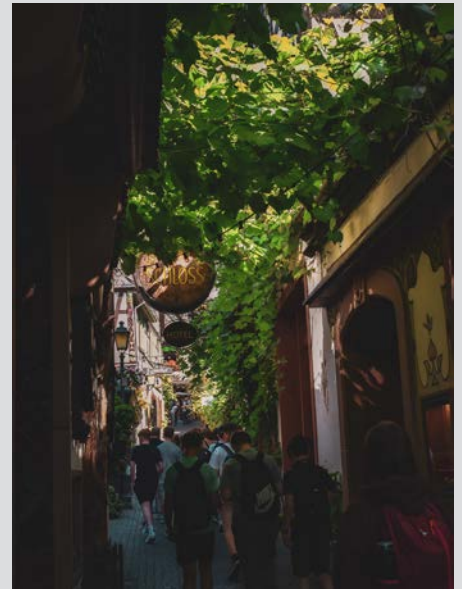
Date: 10TH JULY 2023

47 students from Years 9 & 10 and 5 members of staff set off from school at 00:15 on Monday, 10th July to travel to the Rhineland. After a long bus journey and a ferry crossing we finally arrived at our accommodation, Rhinehotel Wagner in Kamp-Bornhofen to settle in and have our evening meal. The students were marvellous on the bus with singing to keep them going, which was lead by Mr Roberts and Mr Tilley.

We had a jam packed schedule which amongst other things included visits to a mechanical music museum, a chocolate museum, the Marksburg castle and the cathedral in Cologne. For lunch students could try typical German foods. We also had German study sessions, but were able to have time to ride on a summer toboggan and to play adventure golf.

The staff worked really hard to provide an enjoyable experience for the students and the students didn't let us down. We had several compliments about their good behaviour and positive attitudes. The students took lots of opportunities to speak German and enjoy the culture. This culminated in a spontaneous dance on our last night with a group of German pensioners, who were delighted that we joined in. I would like to thank all the students and Mr Bowes, Miss Barber, Mr Roberts and Mr Tilley for giving up their week to make this study visit a success. Vielen Dank, Frau Gardiner.

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United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Department: MATHEMATICS

Article: MR BLACKMORE

After an enforced break due to Covid-19, we are delighted to report that Junior, Intermediate and Senior Mathematical Challenges have been undertaken by many of our students again during this academic year.

The UKMT Mathematical Challenges are developed by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (founded in 1996) with the aim of opening young people's minds to the breadth and depth of mathematics. The challenges are designed to encourage Mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using mathematical techniques to solve interesting and demanding problems.

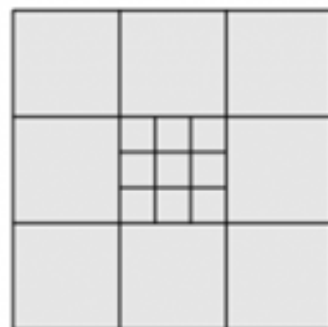
Our students really enjoy tackling the papers and all of the problems within the Mathematical Challenges are designed to make individuals think – you might wish to have a go at the question below:

All students who opt to tackle the Junior Mathematical Challenge receive a certificate for their participation. We are especially pleased to report that 41 of our Year 7 students secured an award for their participation in their Mathematical Challenge (4 Gold, 11 Silver and 26 Bronze). Likewise, 30 of our Year 8 students secured an award for their participation in their Mathematical Challenge (2 Gold, 9 Silver and 19 Bronze).

We would like to congratulate everyone who took part and give a special mention to four of our students - Scarlett A, Holly W, Monty C and Thom P for their achievements and being selected to take part in the Junior Kangaroo which is the follow-on round to the Junior Mathematical Challenge.

How many squares of any size can be seen in the diagram?

A 25 B 27 C 28 D 39 E 40



Participants

Year 7 Gold:

Scarlett A, Holly W, Harry K, Yeuk Ching Kani L

Year 7 Silver:

Frankie B, Amelie M, Luca C, Alex D, Alfie P, Luke H, Zachary M, Scarlett S, Tom B, Emily H, Daisy L.

Year 7 Bronze:

Freya F, Abbey H-Y, Prince M, Oliver P, Joe W, Isabella B, Scarlett C, Ernie M, Evangelina S, Imogen L, Knight P-N, Noah B, Harvey S, Alice T, Annabel B, Emma K, Ethan F, Isaac D, Elliott M, Blake C, Rivage O, Stan R, Isla J, Jacob M, Lucas P, Matthew S.

Year 8 Gold:

Thom P, Monty C.

Year 8 Silver:

Joseph C, Alexander G, Daniel C, Jiamin B, Noah A, Rocco F, Melody B, Kitty H and Sofia B.

Year 8 Bronze:

Annie C-C, Freya S, Freya C, Lucie D, Harris B, Connor B, George H, Ben H, Eve J, Georgia L, Thea L, James S, Jessica H, George S, Lenny B, Audrey C, Gaby C, Anastasia C, Scarlett R.



KEY STAGE 3 & 4 GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

SUMMER 2023

Year 7 Dovedale Trip

By Imogen, Sophia, Evan, Matthew, Tamara, Felicity, Joseph

Recently, Year 7 have been on a trip to Dovedale. Dovedale is an area around the River Dove which is a tributary of the River Trent. Dovedale has stunning views due to the V shaped valley which the River Dove flows at the bottom. The V shaped valley has made that shape by the river eroding the limestone. The first thing we saw was a water trough made of concrete because limestone lets the water in which forms caves that we see later and it can also form underground lakes this could make the ground unstable.

As we were walking we found out that the hills were dangerous because of how steep they were. We saw slopes with rocks sticking out, these are hard rocks left after the limestone eroded away. Also as we examined the caves we found that the limestone was quite slippery due to weathering.

We walked along the river and we could see where the river had eroded the rocks on the side.

After walking 8km and seeing the river grow we ended the trip with ice creams. We had a great trip!

GCSE Year 10 Burbage Brook Fieldwork

By Mrs Summers

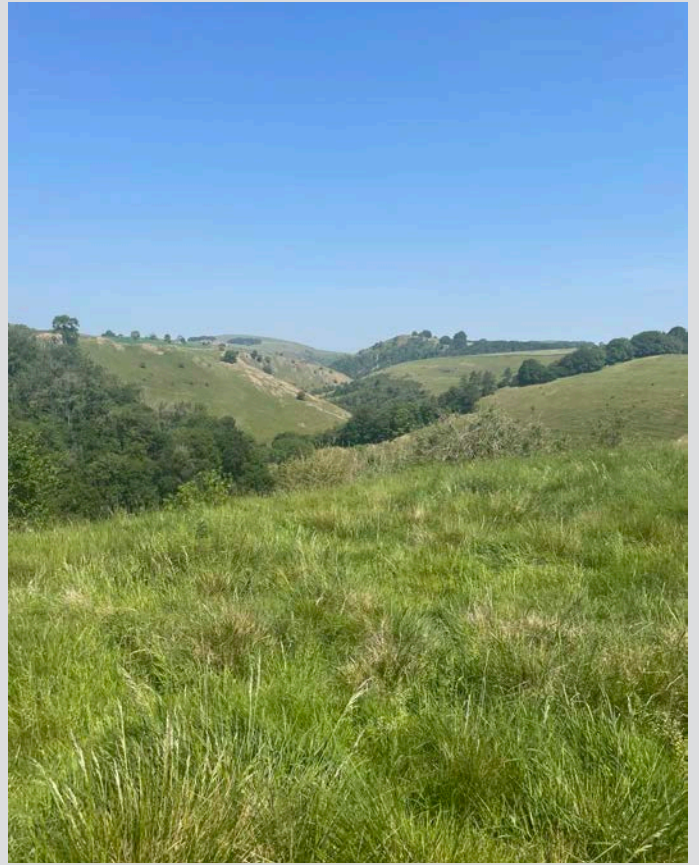
During July, the GCSE Geography Year 10 students embarked on fieldwork at Burbage Brook, Longshaw Estate. Equipped with callipers, metre sticks, and measuring tapes, they set out to investigate the changes in downstream characteristics, guided by the Bradshaw Model theory.

With 120 participants eagerly immersing themselves in the fieldwork, they meticulously measured the width, depth, and sediment size at two designated sites, in order to meet their aim. Upon returning to school, the students meticulously presented their findings, employing geo-located pie charts and line graphs to illustrate their data. The remarkable alignment between their observations and the Bradshaw model provided a sense of accomplishment, solidifying the significance of practical application alongside theoretical understanding of river characteristics.

This enthralling fieldwork not only deepened their comprehension of geographical processes but also fostered the development of critical data analysis and effective communication skills.

The fieldwork exploration at Burbage Brook, left an indelible mark on the students' geographical journey, fueling a passion for geographical enquiry and enriching their understanding of the Bradshaw Model.

A super day for all!



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Top Library Award for Year 7 Students

Article: MRS WILLIAMS

Fourteen Year 7 students achieved the Library's Platinum Award this year. They each read at least 24 books, which is an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations to Flora L, Evangelina S, Holly W, Abbey HY, Hunter M, Scarlett A, Alice T, Harry S, Jack H, Matthew S, Olivia F, Evelyn Schmidt, Martha R and Isla J.



German School Visit

Article: DR ZINDLER
Date: 22ND JUNE 2023

On Thursday 22nd June we had 45 German students and 4 teachers from Schlitz in Germany visiting as part of their cultural visit to the UK. The students had previously visited London and Cambridge on their trip and they stopped at the Minster School on the way to the overnight ferry from Hull to Rotterdam. For our German visitors it was very interesting to see what school life is like in an English school and they thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Minster School.

The German students joined our 8TL4 class for their regular German lesson, took part in a speed dating activity with our Year 9 students and completed a cultural quiz with the 8CL4 German class. Each time the German and English students worked really well together and learnt a lot from each other about the two different languages and cultures. Some students even exchanged numbers with their German peers and are still in contact now, applying and further practising their language skills. Super gemacht!



Juniors - Now Hear This!

Article: MR TRIPPETT
Date: 23RD JUNE 2023

20 of our Juniors joined together with hundreds of primary children from across the county at the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham to listen to the Halle Orchestra from Manchester. The concert, using an 'Out of This World' theme, feature performances of many classical pieces from Star Wars to Angry Birds, Swan Lake to the Firebird and interactive pieces 'Ran Kan Kan' and 'Fish & Chips & Mushy Peas' - the students had the opportunity to play alongside the orchestra. It was an amazing experience and a lot of fun. The students were treated to a selfie with the Orchestra's Principal Trumpet, Gareth Small.

SIXTH FORM UPDATES

YEAR 12 INDUCTION DAYS

13th July 2023

On 12 and 13 July, the Sixth Form held the Induction Days for the new Year 12s joining in September.

The new head team greeted the students in the morning, who then went on to participate in sessions about life in the Sixth Form, taster lessons in their chosen subjects, and an enrichment fair, as well as meeting their tutors for next year.

We look forward to the new Year 12s starting in September!

YEAR 12 RSE AND WELL-BEING DAYS

10th July 2023

The Sixth Form held their annual RSE and Well-being Days on 10 and 11 July.

The RSE day was a series of lessons on the themes of Relationship and Sex Education along with drugs and alcohol awareness. Feedback was that the students found it very informative.

The Well-being days were focused on mental health and positive thinking and many of the students also participated in badminton and relaxation activities. The relaxation class was delivered by Paula Arnold, who took students on a guided meditation. The students all said they were very relaxed afterwards! Several students also stayed on for extra badminton after the day had finished!

YEAR 12 UCAS DISCOVERY DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN

29th June 2023

On 29 June 2023, Year 12 students attended the UCAS Discovery Day at University of Lincoln. This was an excellent opportunity for Year 12 students to begin their research into Higher Education and next steps after Sixth Form as the day attracted approximately 100 exhibitors, including universities and colleges and apprenticeship employers from across the UK, united in their aim to inform and advise 16-17 year olds on their future options. Students enjoyed the day out and came back with a lot of information and ideas about future progression.



RECENT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER TERM REVIEW

Well, what a fantastic term in the music department!

We have had a number of students developing their conducting skills in a conducting workshop for concert band. They selected a piece to work on independently and were given rehearsal time with the concert band to explore techniques leading to a final informal showcase to parents.

In July students from the Da Capo orchestra in the Junior School had the opportunity to play with the Halle orchestra and develop their ensemble skills during a trip to the Royal Concert Hall for the 'Now hear this' concert.

A couple of weeks ago we had a fantastic run of our summer production 'School of Rock'. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 demonstrated their talents in singing, acting and dance to a sell out audience. The energy and talent was wonderful!

This term also saw the return of the Performing Arts Award Evening which was a fantastic evening celebrating the students who had shown real

dedication and commitment to the arts this year.

Earlier this term we had the Year 10 concert which was a lovely evening of musical performances provided by the outstanding talent of our GCSE Music students.

Another exciting event this term was the Alumni tootle which invited students who had previously been in the Minster Junior School back to perform pieces for the current junior school. The students who were a mixture of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 performed, inspired and answered questions demonstrating maturity and professionalism.

Over the last few months we have also had ABRSM exams, End of term service performances, the Junior School concert and our Junior Open Tootle.

Our thanks go to all students involved in any musical activities this term and to all parents and teachers who have supported them.



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13th July 2023

Department: MUSIC
Article: MR TRIPPETT

Brass Ensemble at Farnsfield Primary

The Minster Brass Ensemble performed a programme of pieces to the students of Farnsfield Primary School. The whole school attended, sang and clapped along and were able to ask lots of questions.



1st July 2023

Department: SIXTH FORM
Article: MISS CROWTHER

Country Schools Association Athletics Competition

Three of our Sixth Form students, Brandon L, Carter G, and Rhys E competed in the English Schools athletics competition held in the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

Brandon came first in the triple jump. Carter participated in the 400m and Rhys in the 200m, but both unfortunately had to pull out because of injury.

Well done to all participants!



Year 12 Support for Race for Life

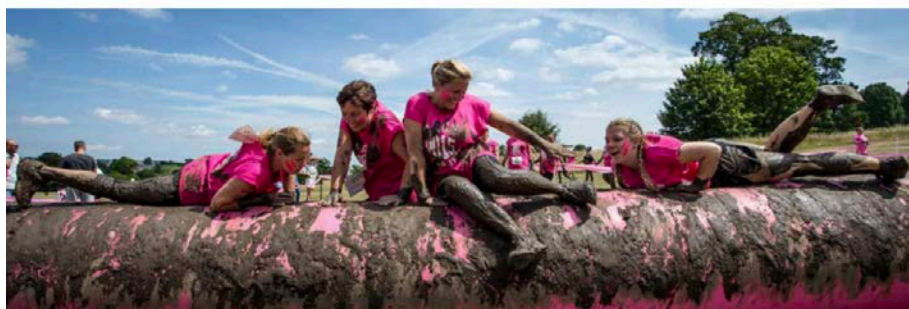
Over the last few months, students in Year 12 have been entering for a Race for Life Pretty Muddy Event, to be held on 22nd July. So far students and their families have managed to raise a staggering £1,330 towards lifesaving research.

Throughout the school community, many people have been affected by cancer, and Race for Life gave

students an opportunity to support their peers and come together as a year group.

Team Leader and Deputy Head Girl, Arabella B said, "A huge thank you to everyone who has donated, got involved and for those taking part - this wouldn't be possible without you."

Minster School Y12



Total raised

£1,334.64

+ £266.16 Gift Aid



80% of the £1,650.00 target

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Year 12 Work Experience

Department: CAREERS

Article: MS TAYLOR

Date: 3RD JULY 2023

Our Year 12 students went out on work experience for the week of 3rd July and had a fantastic time learning about different industries in Southwell, Nottinghamshire and beyond! School have had some amazing feedback about their maturity, conduct and overall contributions to the organisations they visited, one student was even offered an apprenticeship based on his performance over the week! Well done everyone!

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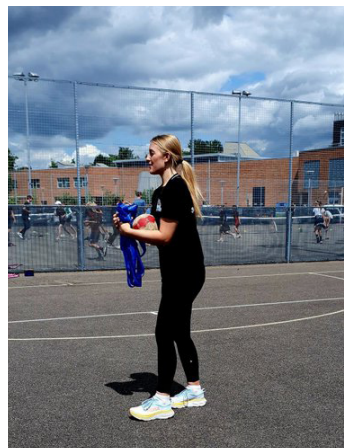


PE Department Updates

Department: PE
Articles: MR LAW

Year 12 Leaders in Year 6 Transition Day

Well done to our wonderful Year 12 Sports Leaders who delivered a fantastic transition event for Year 6 students today. The event gave students the opportunity to meet their peers from different primary schools whilst having lots of fun. Well done everyone.



National Schools Golf Championship

Huge congratulations to Elizabeth in Year 10 who won the National Schools Championships (Under 19) by 2 shots. She has now been selected to represent England Schools in an international match, against Wales in September. We are so proud of you Elizabeth.



PE Sports Awards Evening

What an amazing night celebrating with our students at our PE and Sports Awards. We are so proud of you all!



Year 10 Girls - South Notts Cup Final

So proud of the Year 10 Football Team - runners up in the South Notts Final this afternoon. This team have shown talent, passion, resilience and commitment all season. Well done girls - we go again next year.



Year 10 Boys - South Notts Football Final

Huge congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team - South Notts Champions. What a way to end a great season, well done boys.



Race For Life

Our Year 9 students should be so proud of themselves. What a fantastic Race for Life, held across two afternoons. All students were amazing, with £1982 raised so far in aid of the charity.



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YMCA & Nottinghamshire Youth Outreach Summer Roadshow

8th August 2023 | 10:30am to 3:30pm


Are you aged between 8 - 16?

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LOWDHAM
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GIRLS'S
U14
FOOTBALL

SEARCHING FOR MORE PLAYERS

TRAINING

TUESDAY 6pm – 7pm

MATCHES

SUNDAY MORNING

CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL YEAR 8 and 9
(FROM SEPT 2023)

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