

The Minster School

Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2023
YEAR 7



Welcome to The Minster School

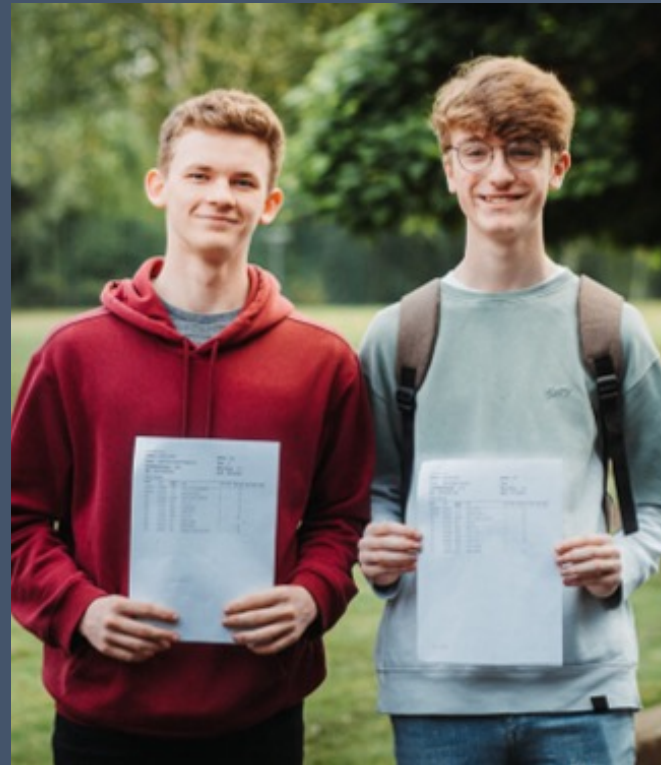
“Succeeding Together”



Fantastic exam success over the summer...!

Year 11	Minster	England
4+ E / M	84.8%	65.5%
5+ E / M	65.6%	44.8%
7+ E / M	24.6%	12.5%
A8 Grade	5.71	4.65
P8 score	0.37	0.01

Year 13	Minster
A*- A Grades	25.8%
A* - B Grades	51.6%
A* - C Grades	74.0%
A* - E Grades	98.4%
Ave points per entry	34.61



Settling in



We hope your sons and daughters have enjoyed their first day in school today

Please encourage them to speak to us if there are any concerns

Getting the culture right:

Tomorrow – series of sessions within lessons

Clearly communicating and explaining our expectations

Consistent message across whole school

Settling in



Uniform:

Black school shoes – not trainers

School shirts tucked in

Skirts should not be shortened or rolled up

Hair should be a natural colour

Jewellery – one stud in each ear only is allowed plus a watch

Nails should be short – safe for PE and D&T

False eyelashes should be removed

Phones:

Phones including headphones/earpods should **not be seen or heard** in school during the day, unless allowed by the teacher for Educational purposes.

Teachers will confiscate phones if they are seen. Collected at the end of the day.

Settling in



Satchel One



Download the App

View Attendance and Punctuality

See rewards (WORKS points)

See timetable

See reports

See behaviour points, sanctions and detentions

ParentMail

Used to top-up lunch cards

Used to pay for trips

Used to pay for resources such as revision guides

If you haven't received an email to set up your ParentMail account please let us know

Social media

Snapchat – age 13 and upwards

WhatsApp – age 16 and upwards

Attendance

- Attendance is one of the most important keys to success at school.
- Maximum student attendance and punctuality are essential for our students to achieve their full potential.
- We believe that every day and every minute counts and the impact of lost days and minutes can be seen here.
- Excellent attendance and punctuality sit at the heart of our school ethos of 'Succeeding together'.
- If your child is absent for a medical appointment, please forward a copy of the letter/email/screenshot to attendance@minsterschool.org.uk
- We recognise that for some students with specific needs that it is more challenging to achieve a high level of attendance and punctuality, we do strive to support all students in achieving this.

Attendance Ladder



Year 7

- Teaching groups = tutor groups
- D&T smaller groups
- Students will participate in a daily Act of Worship during tutor time, this is inclusive for students of the Christian faith, other faiths and no faith.
- DEAR time – drop everything and read – bring a book!
- Homework – gradual increase – never for the next day
- Messages and reminders on Satchel One – check every day!



Curriculum in Year 7

- **English** – reading a wide variety of texts including A Monster Calls, Skellig, Private Peaceful, A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Tempest
- **Maths** – following a Mastery approach to build on knowledge from Y6 and develop all areas of maths including algebra
- **Science** – beginning to explore the world of science through topics such as 'Simple chemical reactions' and 'The solar system'
- **History** – finding out about the history of Southwell, William the Conqueror, the Tudors and the Kingdom of Mali
- **Geography** – learning about the diversity of Africa, Rivers and Coastal landscapes
- **RS** – beginning with explorations of how the world began, looking at the person of Jesus, and exploring the world religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam
- **Computer Science** – looking at eSafety, spreadsheet and desktop publishing skills and programming in Scratch



Curriculum in Year 7

- **Spanish** – learning the basics of Spanish conversation and the tools for future language learning
- **D&T** – transition project looking at iconic designers of the 20th and 21st centuries before beginning rotations through resistant materials, electronics, textiles and food
- **Art** – creating Jungle themed paintings based on the work of Rousseau and creating mythical creatures inspired by A J Fosik
- **PE** – acquiring fundamental skills in a range of activities such as Badminton, Gymnastics, Athletics, Rugby and Outdoor Adventurous Activities!
- **Drama** - learning basic drama skills to create original pieces of theatre, working from scripts and looking at the play “Ernie's incredible hallucinations”
- **Music** - learning about rhythms and patterns in music, elements within an orchestra, keyboard skills and band skills



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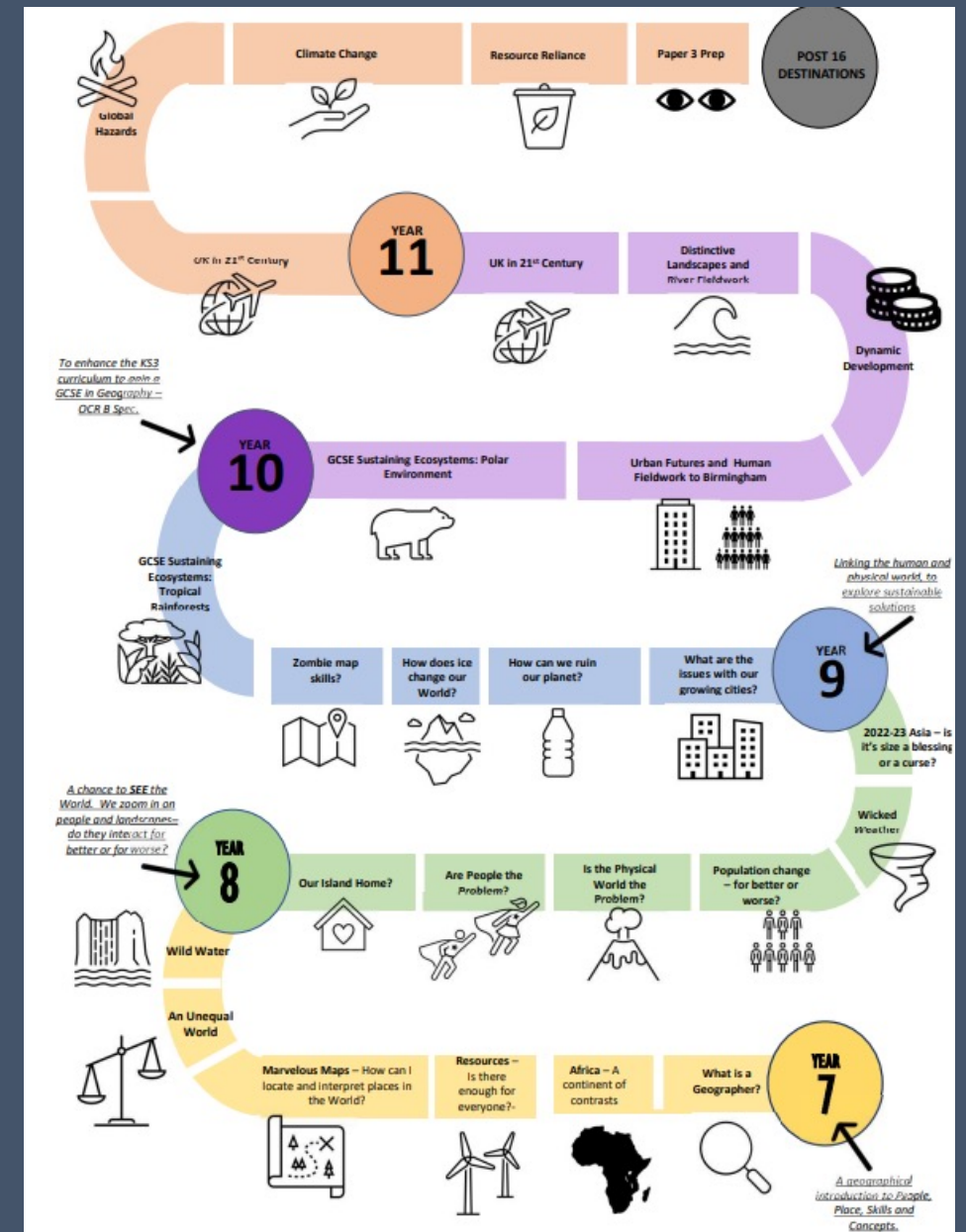
Further, more detailed information, can be found on the school website here:

[The Minster School - Subject Information](#)

Please scroll down and click on the subject you are interested in.

You can also watch a short video from Mr Wall which gives more details on how to find information on the website:

[Website Curriculum Guide - YouTube](#)



Upcoming events - Walesby

- Week beginning 18th September
- 2 day residential
- Opportunity to get to know one another
- Enjoy some exciting outdoor activities!



Upcoming events: Foundation service

- Wednesday 11th October
- Held in Southwell Minster
- Big part of the tradition here at The Minster School!





Extra-curricular activities

- We offer a diverse range of extra-curricular activities
- We would encourage as many students as possible to sign up for these.
- Most run afterschool from 3-4pm
- If there is an activity you are interested in which you would like us to set up, please let us know!



Extra-curricular activities

- Boys Football
- Girls Football
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Netball
- Basketball
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Hockey
- Dance
- Boccia
- Orchestra
- Full Choir
- Chamber Choir
- Jazz Band
- Concert Band
- Brass Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- KS3 Music Theory Club
- Flute Ensemble
- Harp Ensemble
- KS3 Music Technology Club
- Training Orchestra
- Session Orchestra & Vocals
- Chamber Music Ensembles
- Beginner Brass Ensemble
- Junior Chamber Choir
- KS3 Drama Clubs
- Drama productions
- STEAM
- Warhammer Alliance
- Art Club
- KS3 German Club
- Debate Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Coding Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Ugive Uganda
- Library Assistants
- Confirmation Club
- Musical theatre Productions (this year is Fame)





Trips and Enrichment

Walesby residential
Holdenby House trip
Dovedale trip

Charity fundraising
House competitions
School productions
Musical concerts
Piano Competition
Maths Challenge
Aquathon
End of term services
and much more....!



Upcoming events – CATs tests



- Cognitive Ability Tests
- Provide information on 4 different areas – verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and spatial ability.
- Results used alongside SATs results, other internal assessments and teacher knowledge to help us to have a full picture of your child
- Tests will be held in classrooms during the week beginning Monday 2nd October
- The tests are multiple choice
- Students can't prepare for them – there is no pass/fail
- NGRT – New Group Reading tests – helps us to know your child's reading age
- Results shared with parents after Christmas



Assessment & Reports



Assessment point 1 – Wednesday 18th October
Effort, organisation and behaviour only



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 10th January
Including targets, competency and progress grades, effort, organisation and behaviour for each subject plus results of the CATs tests



Parents' evening – Thursday 14th March 4pm – 7:45pm
Held virtually via the SchoolCloud platform – **minsterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk**

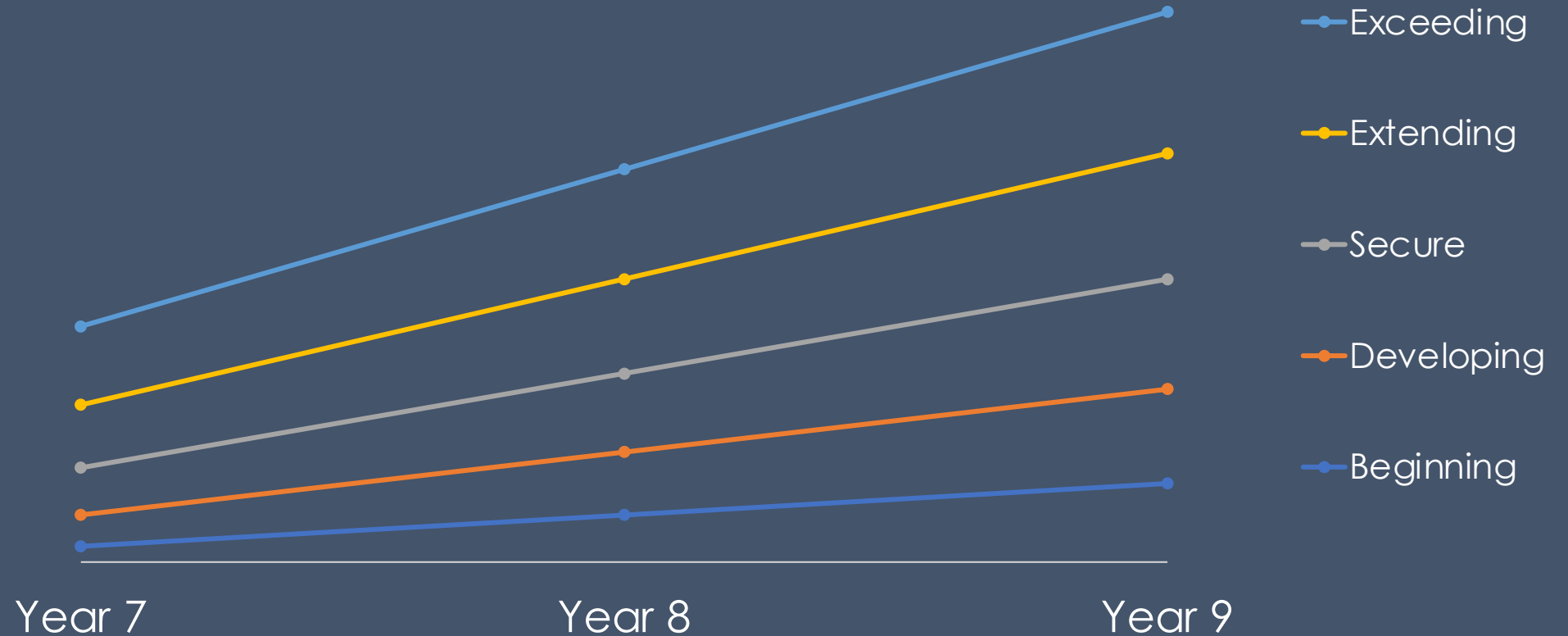


Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 3rd July
This is a “Full Report” so includes data as AP2 but also will include teacher comments on your child's next steps.



Assessment & Reports

Chart Title



Who's who

Senior Leadership Team

Mr Chaloner – Head Teacher

Mr Wall – Deputy Head Teacher - Curriculum

Miss Goodhead – Deputy Head Teacher – Inclusion

Mrs Lyons – Assistant Head Teacher – Teaching and Learning

Mrs Mazurkiewicz – Assistant Head Teacher – Achievement & PP lead

Mr Price – Assistant Head Teacher – SENCO

Mrs Zannetou – Assistant Head Teacher – Safeguarding & Attendance

Pastoral Team:

Mr Brookes – Head of KS3

Miss Sanderson – Year leader Y7

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer



Keeping in touch

You can contact us:

- School office
office@minsterschool.org.uk
Tel: 01636 814000
- Year Leader
h.sanderson@minsterschool.org.uk
- Attendance officer
attendance@minsterschool.org.uk
- Tutor (example)
a.surname@minsterschool.org.uk

We will contact you:

- Satchel One
- Emails from office
- WORKS Newsletter
- Website - www.minsterschool.org.uk
- Individual phone/email





@MSPTASouthwell



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Minster School Parent Teacher Association

A friendly group of parents and teachers who fundraise for the school.

If you would like to join the group or for further information email
mspta@minsterschool.org.uk

Next meeting is on Monday 11th September at 7.00pm the Hearty Goodfellow.

Thank You for listening

- Please take a Key Dates document
- Please come and speak to us if you would like any additional information or support
- Staff will be available in the break-out space



Key Dates for Parents & Students

Year 7 (Academic Year 2023 - 2024)

The information below details the key dates for Year 7 over their first year at The Minster School.

Date	Event
Wednesday 6th September	1st Day of School (Year 7 only)
Wednesday 6th September	Y7 Information Evening 6:00-6:30pm
W/B 18th September	Walesby Residentials
Wednesday 11th October	Foundation Service at Southwell Minster
Wednesday 18th October	School Photographs
W/B 2nd October	CAT/NGRT Tests
Friday 6th October	INSET Day
Wednesday 18th October	Y7 Assessment Point 1 Report sent home
October Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November	
Monday 11th December	Christmas Concert
W/B 18th December	End of Term Christmas Services
Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January	
Wednesday 10th January	Y7 Assessment point 2 report + CATs results sent home
February Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 13th March	Piano Competition
Thursday 14th March	Y7 Parents' Evening (online via SchoolCloud)
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Concert
W/B 25th March	Easter Services at Southwell Minster
Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April	
Wednesday 24th April	Junior Maths Challenge
May Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	
W/B 10th June	Dovedale & Holdenby House Trips
Wednesday 3rd July	Y7 Full Reports Sent Home
W/B 22nd July	End of Term Services
Friday 26th July	Last Day of Term

Please put the above dates in your diary and plan around them. There are numerous other events that happen during the school year, and we will send you more details as they come up. Please be aware that some dates may change during the course of the year, and we will keep you updated of any such changes.

As ever, if there is anything we can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We hope you all have a great year!



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