

The Minster School

Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2023
YEAR 9



Welcome to The Minster School

“Succeeding Together”



Fantastic exam success over the summer...!

| Year 11 | Minster | England |
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| 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 |
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| 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 back in



We hope your sons and daughters are looking forward to their first day back in school tomorrow

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 back 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.

Attendance



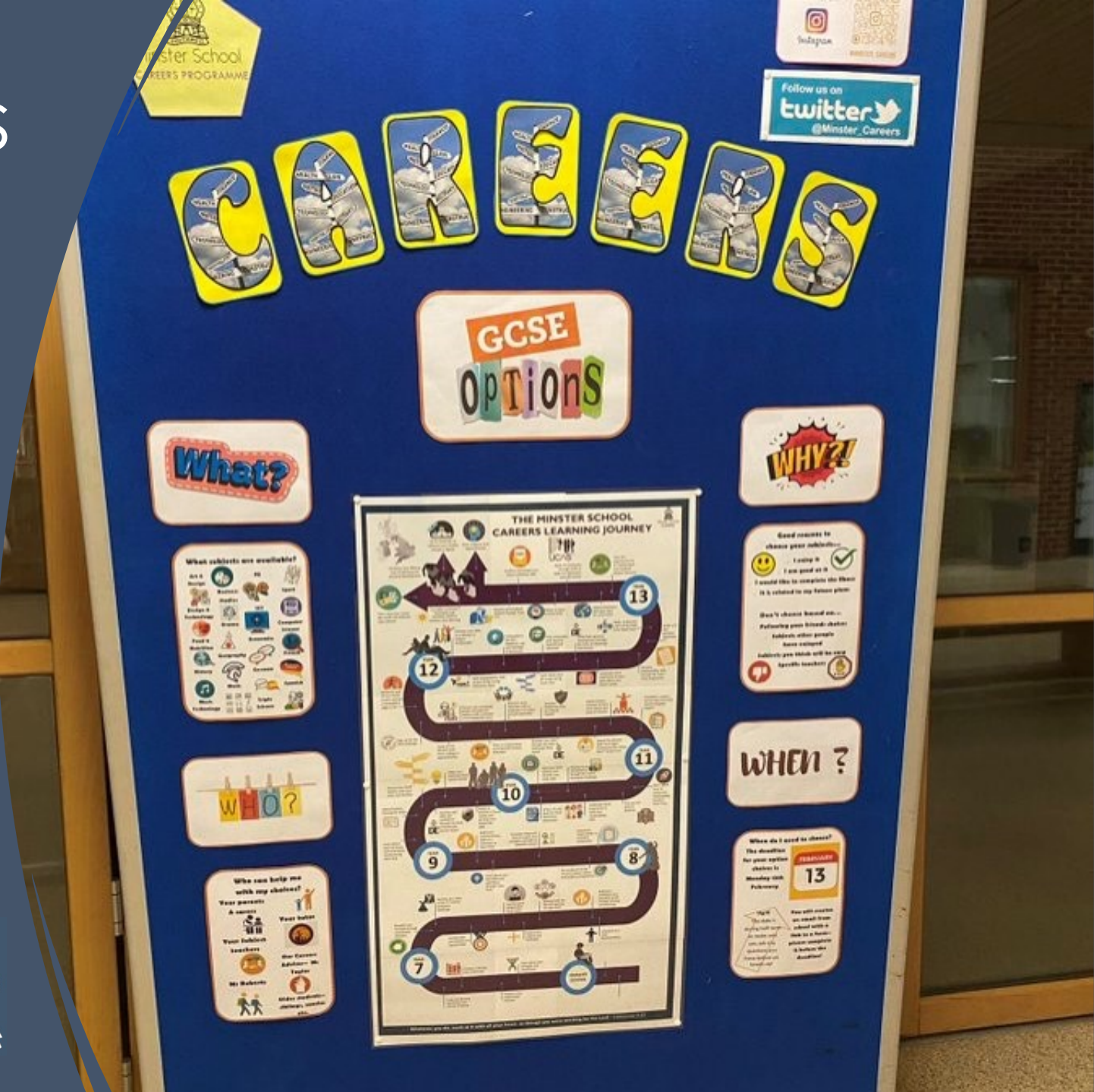
- Attendance is one of the most important keys to success at school.
- Maximum student attendance and punctuality are essential for our students to achieve their full potential.
- We believe that every day and every minute counts and the impact of lost days and minutes can be seen here.
- Excellent attendance 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



The Options process

- The Options process runs throughout the first half of the spring term.
- Students will be given an options booklet which gives information on the possible subjects for GCSE
- Parents' evening - Thursday 1st February online via SchoolCloud
- Options evening - Monday 5th February 6pm – 8pm in school
- Opportunity to speak to teachers and find out about the different options available for GCSE
- Deadline for options returns Friday 9th February

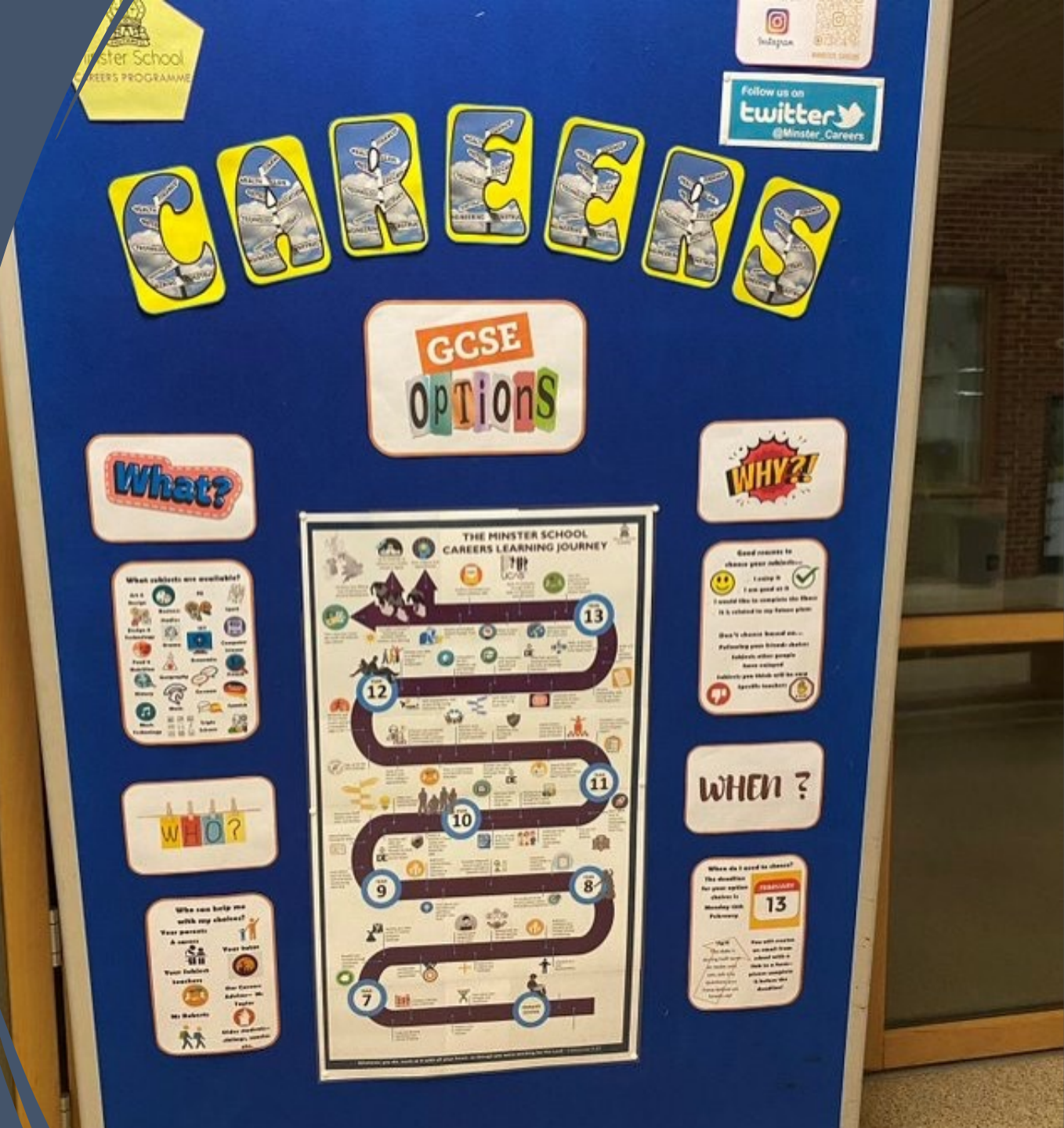


Careers provision



There is a lot of support available for students in Year 9 including:

- Weekly careers drop in sessions
- Tutor time sessions covering skills, strengths and abilities, learning about the world of work, labour market information, post 16 and post 18 information
- NHS Careers presentation
- National Careers Week events
- Apprenticeships virtual information session for students and parents



Year 9

- New teaching groups for Year 9
- Sets for Maths
- Students will begin studying some GCSE content in core subjects
- D&T smaller groups
- PE – girls and boys taught separately
- Second language – French or German in addition to Spanish or literacy for some students
- 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!
- Satchel One – Homework, timetable, messages and reminders – check every day



Curriculum in Year 9

- **English** – reading a wide variety of texts including Animal Farm, Romeo & Juliet, Much Ado about nothing, War poetry and beginning GCSE study of the play DNA
- **Maths** – following a Mastery approach to build on knowledge from Y8 and develop all areas of maths, beginning GCSE content after Christmas
- **Science** – preparing for more advanced scientific study through topics such as 'Photosynthesis', 'Atomic Structure' and 'Pressure and moments'
- **History** – topics including the American Twenties, Hitler's rise to power, the Holocaust, the Home Front, the role of Women and how 9/11 has changed our world
- **Geography** – learning about urbanisation and climate change and beginning GCSE content after Easter



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- **RS** – exploring Buddhism, Christian beliefs and practices and religion and the media
- **Spanish** – topics including hobbies, films, healthy lifestyles, and jobs and careers
- **French/German** – topics including healthy living, holidays, my family and my local area
- **Computer Science** – project-based learning including a wide variety of office skills and programming for business
- **D&T** – projects include making a soft toy, a programmable mood light, designing and making a scale model for the interior of a room and making Asian cuisine in Food.
- **Art** - topics include Graffiti and portraiture, working with clay and finding out about the artists Banksy and Andrea Joseph
- **PE** – embedding skills in different sports including Badminton, Handball, Hockey, Table tennis, Trampolining and Gymnastics
- **Drama** - looking at the genres of Soap Opera and Children's Theatre, physical theatre skills, improvisation and Set design
- **Music** - learning about Band skills, composition, Film music, Hip hop and musical theatre and arranging



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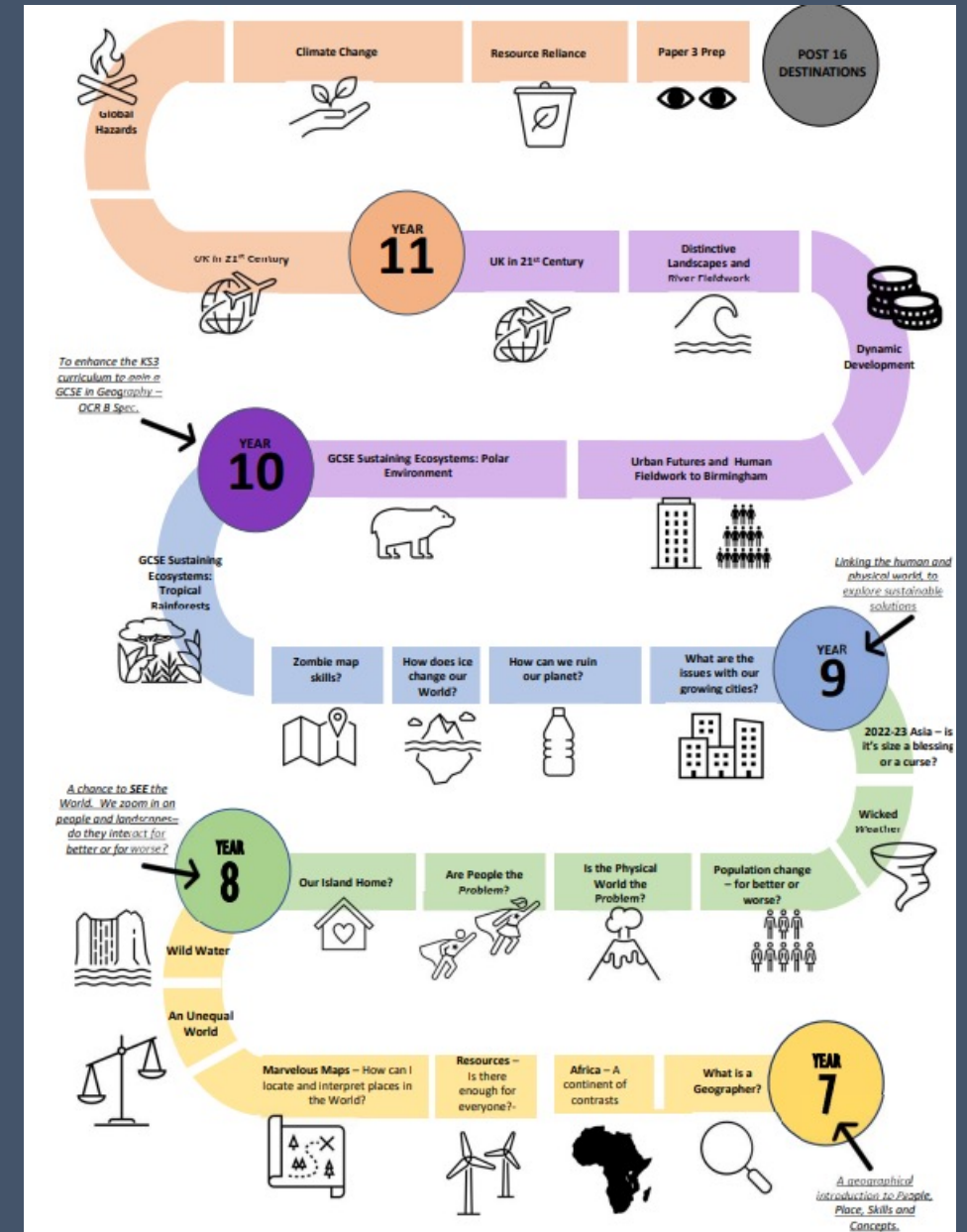
Further, more detailed information, can be found on the school website here:

[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](#)



Assessment & Reports



Assessment point 1 – Wednesday 22nd November

Including targets, competency and progress grades, effort, organisation and behaviour for each subject



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 31st January

As AP1



Parents' evening – Thursday 1st February 4pm – 7:45pm

Held virtually via the SchoolCloud platform – **minsterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk**



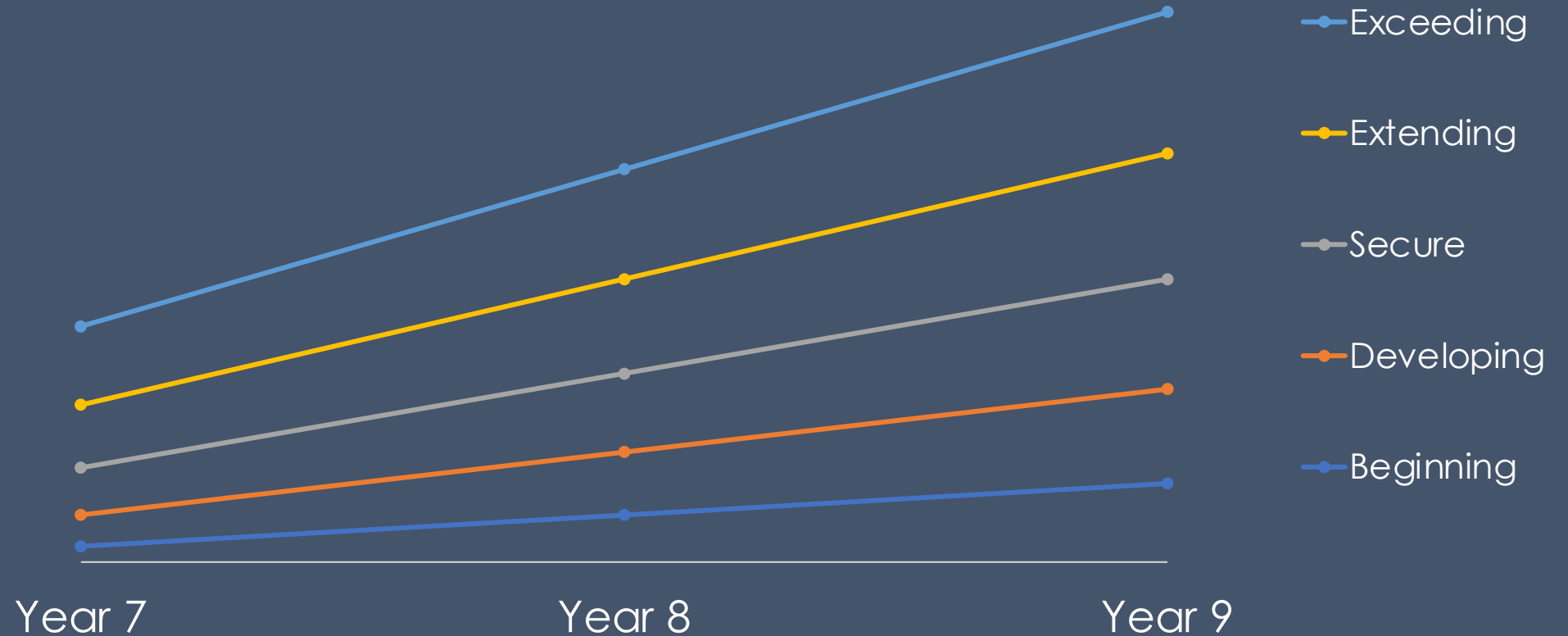
Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 22nd May

This is a “Full Report” so includes data as AP1/2 but also will include teacher comments on your child's next steps.



Assessment & Reports

Chart Title



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
- Duke of Edinburgh
- 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

Duke of Edinburgh
History London residential
Year 8/9 Rhineland visit
Year 9/10 French trip
Charity fundraising
House competitions
School Productions
Musical concerts
Aquathon
Maths Challenge
Piano Competition
End of term services
and much more...!



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

Mrs Marriott – Year leader Y9

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer



Keeping in touch

You can contact us:

- School office
office@minsterschool.org.uk
Tel: 01636 814000
- Year Leader
s.marriott@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



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

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Key Dates for Parents & Students Year 9 (Academic Year 2023 - 2024)

The information below details the key dates for Year 9 over their third year at The Minster School.

| Date | Event |
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| Wednesday 6th September | Year 9 Information Evening 7:30-8:00pm |
| Thursday 7th September | 1st Day of School (Year 8-11) |
| Thursday 14th September | Prizegiving 7:30-10:30pm |
| Thursday 21st September | Y9 NHS Careers Activity |
| Tuesday 26th September | European Day of Languages |
| Friday 6th October | INSET day |
| Wednesday 18th October | School Photographs |
| October Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November | |
| W/B 20th November | Y9 NGRT tests |
| Wednesday 22nd November | Y9 Assessment Point 1 Report Sent Home |
| W/B 27th November | School Production |
| Monday 11th December | Christmas Concert |
| W/B 18th December | End of Term Christmas Services |
| Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January | |
| Wednesday 31st January | Y9 Assessment Point 2 Report Sent Home |
| Wednesday 31st January | Intermediate Maths Challenge |
| W/B 22nd January | Y9 Glaciation Workshop at Brackenhurst |
| Thursday 1st February | Y9 Parents' Evening (online via SchoolCloud) |
| Monday 5th February | Options Evening 6:00-8:00pm |
| February Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February | |
| Monday 19th February | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 13th March | Piano Competition |
| W/B 25th March | Easter End of Term Services |
| Wednesday 27th March | Easter Concert |
| Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April | |
| Wednesday 22nd May | Y9 Full Reports Sent Home |
| May Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May | |
| Monday 17th June | Y9 History London Residential |
| W/B 8th July | Y8/9 Rhineland Visit |
| W/B 15th July | Y9/10 French Visit |
| W/B 15th July | School Production |
| W/B 22nd July | Summer 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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