

# The Minster School

## Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2023  
YEAR 8



# 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 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

Year 8 Year Leader has changed from Miss Sanderson to Miss Batchelor

## **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](mailto: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 8

- Teaching groups very similar to Y7 groups
- Sets for Maths
- 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 8

- **English** – reading a wide variety of books including *The boy in the striped pyjamas*, *Wonder*, *Wolf Brother*, *Medusa*, units on Dickens, Poetry, short stories and Drama performances
- **Maths** – following a Mastery approach to build on knowledge from Y7 and develop all areas of maths
- **Science** – learning about the scientific method through topics such as ‘Microbes and disease’, ‘Materials from the Earth’ and ‘Magnetism’
- **History** – topics including Slavery, the Industrial revolution, Suffragettes and the First World War
- **Geography** – learning about world issues such as the impact of migration and natural hazards
- **RS** – looking at Faith in Action, Hinduism, Sikhism and Human rights
- **Computer Science** – programming in Scratch, Big Wheel project and Music festival project.



# Curriculum in Year 8

- **Spanish** – topics including holidays, food, clothes, and popular culture
- **French/German** – topics including free time, school, technology and social media
- **D&T** – projects include making a clock, a cushion, using CAD to design a cube and making pizzas, cheesecake and pasta bake in food!
- **Art** - learning about composition and perspective, working with clay and textiles and finding out about the Artist Courtney Mattisson
- **PE** – developing skills and tactics through different sports including Badminton, Handball, Football, Dance, Rugby, Athletics and Tennis
- **Drama** - learning about the genres of Melodrama and Panto, working with a range of scripts and learning about set and lighting design
- **Music** - learning about The Blues, songwriting composition, Band skills, Minimalism and Djembe drumming



# Curriculum in Year 8

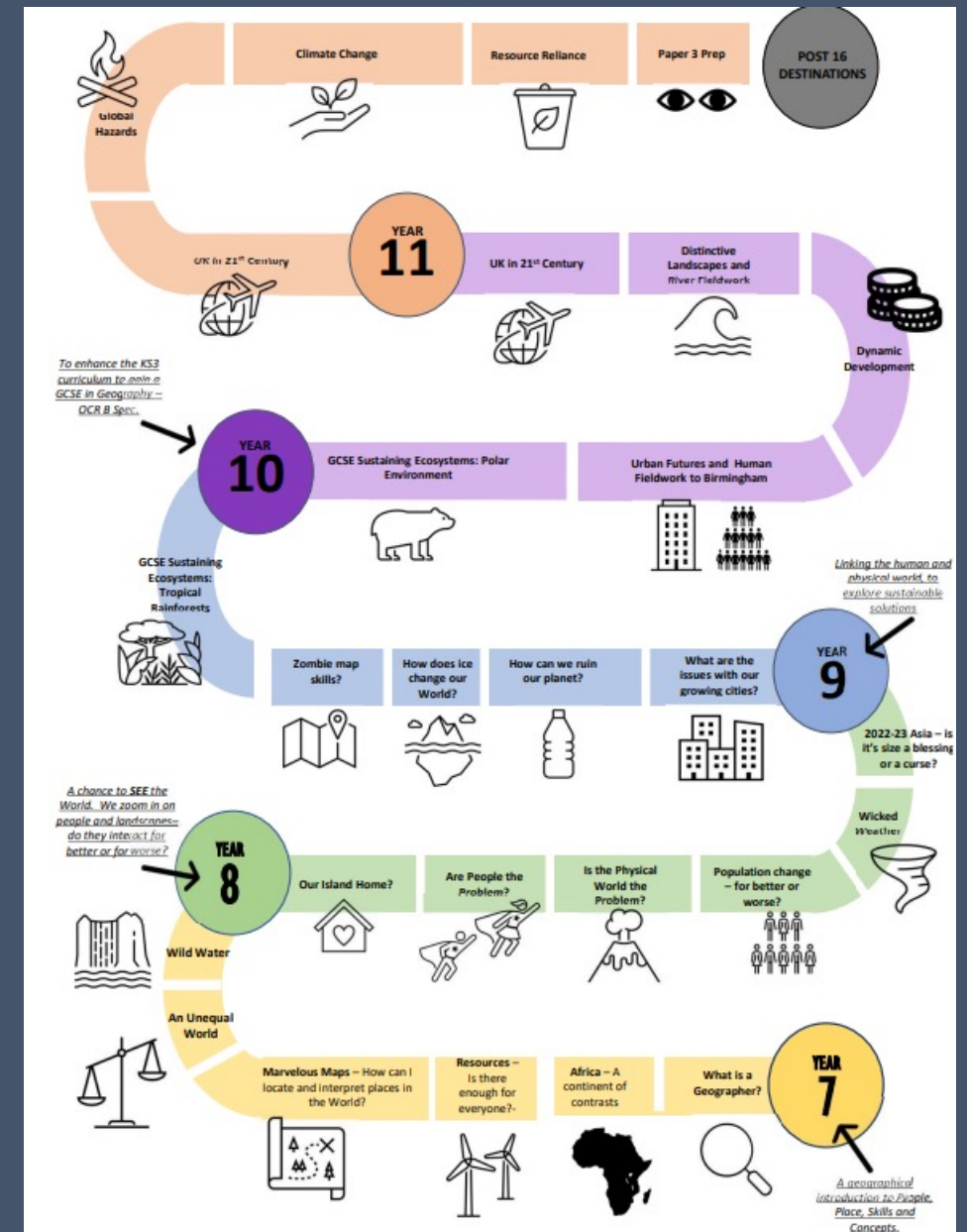
Further, more detailed information, can be found on the school website here:

[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 20<sup>th</sup> December

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



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

As AP1



Parents' evening – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 4pm – 7:45pm

Held virtually via the SchoolCloud platform – **[minsterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk](https://minsterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk)**



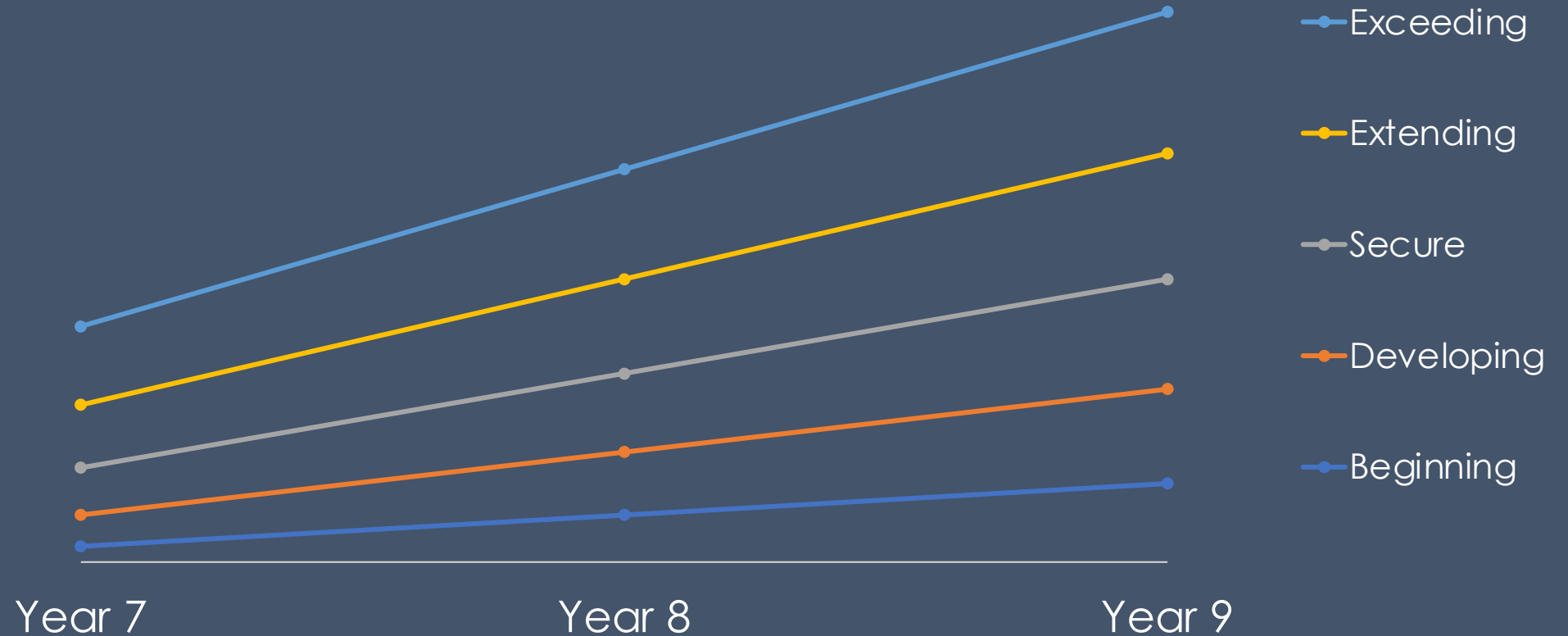
Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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
- KS3 Drama Clubs
- Drama productions
- STEAM
- Warhammer
- Alliance
- Art Club
- KS3 German Club
- Debate Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Coding Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Minster Cares
- Ugive Uganda
- Library Assistants
- Confirmation Club
- Musical theatre Productions (this year is Fame)



# Trips and Enrichment

Black Country museum trip  
STEAM day  
Languages Day  
Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip  
Year 8/9 Rhineland visit

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

Miss Batchelor – Year leader Y8

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer



# Keeping in touch

You can contact us:

- School office  
[office@minsterschool.org.uk](mailto:office@minsterschool.org.uk)  
Tel: 01636 814000
- Year Leader  
[s.batchelor@minsterschool.org.uk](mailto:s.batchelor@minsterschool.org.uk)
- Attendance officer  
[attendance@minsterschool.org.uk](mailto:attendance@minsterschool.org.uk)
- Tutor (example)  
[a.surname@minsterschool.org.uk](mailto:a.surname@minsterschool.org.uk)

We will contact you:

- Satchel One
- Emails from office
- WORKS Newsletter
- Website - [www.minsterschool.org.uk](http://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



The information below details the key dates for Year 8 over their second year at The Minster School.

Date	Event
Wednesday 6th September	Year 8 Information Evening 6:45-7:15pm
Thursday 7th September	1st Day of School (Year 8-11)
Tuesday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Friday 6th October	INSET Day
<b>October Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November</b>	
W/B 20th November	Black Country Museum Trip/Steam Day
W/B 27th November	School Production
Monday 11th December	Christmas Concert
W/B 18th December	Christmas End of Term Services
Wednesday 20th December	Y8 Assessment Point 1 Report Sent Home
<b>Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January</b>	
Friday 12th January	Y8 Languages Day
<b>February Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February</b>	
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 13th March	Piano Competition
Wednesday 13th March	Y8 Assessment Point 2 Reports Sent Home
W/B 25th March	Easter Services at Southwell Minster
<b>Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April</b>	
Wednesday 24th April	Junior Maths Challenge
Thursday 25th April	Y8 Parents' Evening (online via SchoolCloud)
<b>May Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May</b>	
Wednesday 19th June	Y8 Full Reports Sent Home
W/B 17th June	Y8 Science Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
W/B 8th July	Y8/9 Rhineland 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.



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