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Wisdom - Optimism - Resilience - Kindness - Service

December 2023

FAME

"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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CURRENT VACANCIES

School Chaplain

Deadline 14th January 2024

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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.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE@MINSTERSCHOOL.ORG.UK

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To keep up to date with our current vacancies please visit our TES page [here](#):



Season's Greetings from The Minster School, Southwell!

As we immerse ourselves in the festive spirit, we are delighted to bring you the latest edition of our school newsletter, brimming with stories from our vibrant Minster community.

This term has been nothing short of extraordinary, and we are thrilled to share some of the wonderful achievements that have illuminated our school. First and foremost, at the beginning of December, our talented students took to the stage in a dazzling display of talent and dedication in the school production of FAME. The resounding success of this performance is a testament to the hard work and creativity of our students and staff who put the show on in just seven weeks. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Chapman for her role in ensuring the show was such a success.

In the spirit of celebration, an impressive 170 students participated in our enchanting Christmas concert, spreading musical cheer and showcasing the diverse talents that make our school community so special. From choirs to ensembles, jazz band to junior school orchestra, melodies and festive spirit echoed through the cathedral, leaving the audience joyfully in the festive mood.

Our Sixth Form students proved their mettle in the

mock trial competition at Snaresbrook Crown Court, demonstrating legal prowess and quick thinking. Their outstanding performance reflects not only their academic acumen but also their commitment to excellence in every pursuit.

I would like to thank all the staff for their contributions throughout the autumn term in ensuring that we have so many enrichment opportunities to offer our students.

As we approach the holiday season, we extend our warmest wishes to all our parents and carers. May the festive season bring you joy, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. We express our gratitude for your ongoing support, which is instrumental in creating the nurturing environment that defines The Minster School.

Here's to a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with prosperity, growth, and continued success. Wishing you and your families a happy holiday season and best wishes for a fantastic 2024!

Warm regards,

Ben Chaloner
Head Teacher

Sixth Form Language Ambassadors

Department: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Article: MS WALTER

Date 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

Please say “hola”, “bonjour” and “hallo” to our wonderful Sixth Form language ambassadors! Our students embody our school ethos of Succeeding Together, being kind and serving others. The language ambassador scheme has been in place since the beginning of October and already they have helped

our Year 11 students prepare for their speaking mock exams. It has been a joy to see how these students have taken on this responsibility and how welcoming the groups have been!



United Against Bullying Programme

Article: MRS ZANNETOU

Last year we took part in the United Against Bullying programme, which is funded by the Department for Education. This award supports learning and education around bullying behaviours, raises awareness of bullying and the mechanisms to support students.

Part of this work has been through, the launch of the Call It Out campaign, the writing of the Diversity Charter, as well as the work of specific student leadership groups. Students have worked together both in tutor time as well as in student led groups working towards achieving an award.

Student voice was collected throughout the year to measure the impact of the work, as well as student voice in tutor time to create The Diversity Charter.

Work around mental health also formed part of the programme with a focus in tutor time and RSHE lessons on healthy relationships, well being, as well as sleep, all of which were flagged in student questionnaires as areas of concern.

At the start of this year we were thrilled to be awarded the gold United Against Bullying award, which was awarded to the top 3% of schools who took part, which recognised the work of our students and school community.

This year our focus continues and we have trained 30 anti-bullying ambassadors through the Diana Award Anti-bullying Programme. These ambassadors span junior school to sixth form and were introduced to all students by leading acts of worship during anti-bullying week in November.

The anti-bullying ambassadors are currently working on their campaigns. The junior school are working on a community campaign which focuses on initiatives in the wider school community. The older ambassadors in main school and sixth form have selected the antibullying inclusion campaign, that champions diversity and inclusion. More to come from our anti-bullying ambassadors in the New Year.





Valuing All God's Children

At The Minster School our non-negotiables are:

We will treat every member of our school community with kindness.

We will be supportive of choices and respect others' opinions (e.g. religion, relationships, sexuality, subject choices). We will look out for and support vulnerable members of our school community.

We will not tolerate discrimination.

Types of discrimination such as homophobia, transphobia, racism, ablism, sexism, appearance, academic ability, or wealth, will not be tolerated through stereotyping, jokes, casual slurs, name calling, or shaming. We will use the correct pronouns and not refer to any member of our community by appearance or sexuality.

We will not tolerate sexual harassment, violence, or the objectifying of others.

We will always act and speak in ways that respect people's personal space, not touching others without permission or consent. We will respect when someone says "No" either verbally or through moving away.

It is everyone's responsibility to use the 'Call It Out' campaign to report incidents.

Nobody in our school community will be a by-stander and we will challenge negative speech. We will question: 'Do you really think it's okay to say that?' We will not put pressure on others to become involved.

Art Department House Competition

Department: ART

Article: MS BALL

It is always fantastic to see our students rise to a challenge and get creative. This term the art department asked students to take and submit a photograph, as part of a House Competition, that they felt best represented the theme of **RESILIENCE** one of our schools' key values. We were wowed with the quality of the entries and the thinking behind the choices the students made. It was a pleasure to be able to exhibit all entries in the heart space and hope that some of you managed to see them. If not, here are the winning and highly commended entries. We hope you enjoy viewing them as much as we did!

Massive congratulations to all the winners and a very big well done to everyone who took part.

Winners



The squirrel currently lives in one of our trees in the garden. He so enjoyed eating my sunflowers, and at one point was hanging upside down eating; getting ready for the winter. I was resilient in patiently waiting to capture him "Fat squirrel- otherwise known as, the secret sunflower thief!"

Oliver W



My dad and I have been trying for 4 years to get pictures of the Northern Lights and we finally managed it on bonfire night in Farnsfield so we have been showing personal resilience to get these as there have been many disappointing attempts.

Elizabeth M



I have chosen spiders to represent resilience for their cleverness, industriousness, building new webs, or creating new connectivity within existing webs, making them denser and stronger, full of tiny details.

Hattie H

Highly Commended



I took this photo at sunset when I visited my grandparents farm in Norfolk, this church shows resilience as even after having been abandoned it is still standing after 7 centuries.

Molly A



This beautiful little weed is thriving against all odds despite it's challenging environment.

Hannah S



Rievaulx Abbey, in North Yorkshire has been standing nearly 900 years. It was famous in its peak for its community and spirituality and, having survived the ruin of the Reformation, it continues to provide a place of beauty, peace and tranquility - quite a 'bounce back' from the state it used to be in!

Annie C C

Art Competition

Article: MS BALL

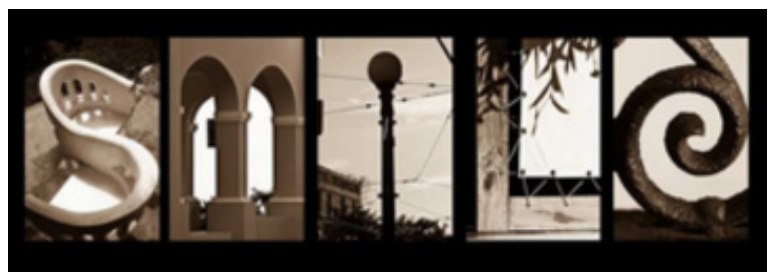
This time around we challenge you to a spot of creative photography that also uses your skills of resourcefulness. This could be done using a camera, phone or any electronic device with a camera function. As an individual or even a family holiday effort we invite you to find and take close up photos of things that could look like letters of the alphabet! This photo exercise forces you to look beyond the obvious and hopefully see things in a creative way. It's a simple idea, a lot of fun and is guaranteed to sharpen your eye and skills of observation.



Here's how it works: Find and photograph something that looks like a letter in the English alphabet. Use your imagination and you'll begin to notice letters everywhere. The only thing that's not allowed are photographs of actual letters such as signs and registration plates. Here are some examples:



Once you have pictures of letters – can you use them to make words? Maybe try your name - favourite word or a wish for the New Year. Send in your entries to l.ball@minsterschool.org.uk by January 16th 2024



Welcome to Digital Theatre Plus+ for The Minster School Community

Department: ENGLISH & DRAMA
Article: MR OXLEY & MR BROWN

We'd like to let you all know of a great opportunity for our students and you, as parents of Minster School students, to enjoy the benefits of our subscription to Digital Theatre+. This platform will be used in English lessons across all Key Stages to show recordings of live performances of an amazing range of plays and literary adaptations for the theatre, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Macbeth*, *The Doll's House*, *Richard III*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *A Christmas Carol* and many more. There are also recordings of Musical Theatre and Dance shows, learning resources and interviews with actors, writers and directors that are not available on any other platforms.

The Drama Department are also delighted to be able to have access to Digital Theatre and encourage all KS4 and 5 students to browse and watch as many productions as they wish over the coming year. In addition, the platform will be used to deliver the live theatre review component for GCSE and A level, help our exam students with their study of their set texts and their devising assessments. The resource not only has live theatre recordings, but a wealth of learning resources we will encourage the students to use. At KS3, we will be using Digital theatre to complement our performance and theatre design units, as well as employing it to demonstrate and model concepts. We hope you enjoy using Digital Theatre.



Students are able to log into the site at Digital Theatre+ (digitaltheatreplus.com) and by simply using their school log in details to gain entry to the site.

Please do be aware that some of the productions will be more suitable for different ages of students and so we would urge you to help your child choose productions that are most suitable for them.

We hope you and your family are able to make use of the resources available to you. As well as helping our students understand the texts they are studying in school more deeply, we hope that you, and they, will also get great enjoyment from being able to watch some of the greatest theatre productions of the last few years.

Matthew Oxley (Head of English) and Dan Brown (Head of Drama)

PE Department Updates

Department: PE

Articles: MRS GRATTON

Year 7/8 Football Success

Huge congratulations to these Year 7 and 8 students who won the Utilita Cup at Mansfield Town back in November - well done girls!



Year 7/8 Futsal

Well done to our Futsal team who were runners up in the School Games Tournament. We're proud of you.



Year 8 Rugby Team

3 games, 3 wins for the Year 8 Rugby Team at their Central Venue League Competition - well done boys!



Year 9 Rugby

Huge congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby Team. 50-31 winners in the first round of the County Cup. Well done boys!



Year 9 Netball

Some excellent teamwork demonstrated by the Year 9 Netball Team this term. Teamwork makes the dream work.



Year 9 Football

A winning start to the season in all competitions for our Year 9 Football Team. Well done girls!





Year 10 Football

Some great performances from the Year 10 Football Team in the County Cup so far this year - well played boys!



Year 10 Netball

A great performance from the Year 10 Netball Team - 3rd place in the West Notts. Tournament. Well played everyone.



Year 11 Football Team

The Year 11 Football Team are off to a winning start this year, securing success in both the County Cup and the South Notts Cup. Well done girls.



Year 11 Rugby

What a performance from the Year 11 Rugby Team in the County Cup. 49-0 winners - well done boys!



Year 11 Netball

History makers! Huge congratulations to the Year 11 Netball Team. Our first competitive boys netball match against National. 16-12 win to Minster, rematch in a couple of weeks.



Year 11 Netball Team Success

Back in October our Year 11 Netball Team were crowned undefeated West Notts Champions. Well done girls!



Cross Country Running

Huge congratulations to all the students who took part in the Schools' Cross Country Competition at Sherwood Pines. Lots of our students have qualified for the next round. Well done everyone!

Also, a massive shout out to those students who compete in the Saturday morning league.

The library celebrates the contribution of its student helpers

Department: LIBRARY
Article: MS WILLIAMS

The library is very lucky to have some fantastic student helpers. Additional thanks go to two students, Freddie and Samuel, who visit the library every day to help with shelving, issuing, returning, fixing and cataloguing books. They are also happy to get involved with some of the other jobs that crop up every day in a busy school library. Their dedication benefits our lovely library, its staff and the students that use it. Thank you so much!



BEBRAS 2023

Department: COMPUTER SCIENCE
Article: MR LANG
Date 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

During November student at the Minster School take part in the BEBRAS computational thinking competition, sponsored by Raspberry Pi, and ran by the Department of Computer Science at Oxford University.

The Bebras challenge is an online problem-solving competition, involving computational thinking-based problems that Computer Scientists often meet and enjoy solving.

Students start by investigating what is meant by computational thinking, looking into keys techniques, including Decomposition, Abstraction, Pattern Recognition and Algorithms. Developing skills to allow them to take a complex problem, understand what the problem is and develop possible solutions. Participating students are awarded certificates ranging from Participation, Merit – top 50%, Distinction – top 25% and Best in School for each of the age

categories; Kits (age 6-8), Castors (age 8-10), Juniors (age 10-12), Seniors (age 14-16) and Elite (age 17-18). Students at the Minster School performed exceptionally both at county and on a national level.

The following students achieved Best in School results for their year group.

JD – Martha P - Best in School (Year 3)

JD – Elodie T - Best in School (Years 4 & 5) –
Achieved the top result in the UK

JD – Elliot H- Best in School (Years 4 & 5) –
Achieved the top result in the UK

KS3 – Daniel H - Best in School (Years 6 & 7)

KS3 – Luke H – Best in School (Years 8 & 9)

KS4 – Megan B - Best in School (Years 10 & 11)

KS5 – Logan L- Best in School (Year 12)

The Computer Science Department

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

Department: CAREERS

Article: MS TAYLOR

Date: 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

This term our year 11 students donned their finest business attire to take-part in their mock interview day, an event during which real life employers come into school to carry out practice interviews with students. There were a few nerves on the day but the students gave a great account of themselves and all received brilliant feedback from their interviewers, well done everyone!



Recent Updates

Filtering and Monitoring of IT and Internet Usage

Article: MR CHALONER

Filtering and monitoring of IT systems and internet use is a safeguarding priority at The Minster School.

In line with 'Keeping Children in Safe in Education 2023' we work to block inappropriate material but also check what our students are viewing, searching for, typing or accessing within school. We use a product called 'Senso' which maintains a library of key terms and flags 'violations' of these terms and takes a screenshot. These 'violations' are referred to the safeguarding and/or pastoral teams who will use the information to address the concerns with students, their parents and carers, or other outside agencies, as appropriate.

We take online safety seriously and want to work with our students to ensure that they are safe and responsible internet users.

Christmas Tree Donation

Article: MRS LAWRENSON

Once again this year we have received a beautiful Christmas tree kindly donated by Reg Taylor's Garden Centre. Our Year 8 Ambassadors; Phoebe and Teddy enjoyed decorating it, with a little help to get the top branches! What a lovely festive feature to brighten up our main reception. Merry Christmas one and all.



Could you be our new Chaplain?

Article: MR CHALONER

Following the departure of Rev. Cathy Porter as our school Chaplain, we are seeking to recruit a suitable replacement. This is an exciting opportunity to lead the Chaplaincy team in order to promote and develop the Christian ethos of The Minster School.

For further details, and for information on how to apply please follow the link :
<https://southwell.anglican.org/job-vacancy/minster-school-chaplain-southwell/>

Are you entitled to free school meals?

Article: MR CHALONER

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you are entitled to free school meals then we would urge you to apply, as in addition to this the school will receive additional funding to help support your child's academic success.

For further details, and information on how to apply, please access the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Spritely - Bloom & Nourish Crowdfunder

Article: MR KININSON

As a school, we are currently involved in undertaking a large eco-based project with Spritely Sustainable. The team currently facilitate groups of our students and will be offering a structured programme of study leading to national qualifications with some of our students with effect from January 2023.

Project's Crowdfunder Page:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/spritely-sustainable-cic>

Year 8 Humanities Trip - The Black Country Living Museum

Department: HUMANITIES

Article: MISS HEATH

Date: 22ND NOVEMBER 2023

On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November Year 8 students visited the Black Country Living Museum as part of their cross-curricular Humanities projects. On the day students were able to explore the site with a tour guide and see how housing, industry and the high street have changed through and since the Industrial Revolution. Students also got the chance to take part in a 1912 style school lesson in the old school with the Edwardian head teacher. This was quite different to the style of lessons our students are used to! Many students also ate the traditional fish and chips cooked in the old fashioned fish and chip shop. Some were amazed when they asked for ketchup to be told it hadn't been invented yet! The trip was a great day for students who represented the school well. Since being back in the classroom students have been learning about the geography, history and religion of the area and linked to the themes investigated on the day. Students have also then worked in groups to design a town of 2123 based on what they liked from the towns of the past. The whole project has been a really good opportunity for students to see the links between the three Humanities subjects they study in school.

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SIXTH FORM UPDATES

Year 13 Mock Trial Competition 2023

2nd December 2023

On 2 December 2023, the Year 13 Mock Trial Team went to Snaresbrook Crown Court with Mrs Crowther and Miss B to participate in a Mock Trial Competition against 18 other schools. Our students competed as barristers, witnesses, court clerks and ushers, as well as acting as members of the jury, in front of District Judges. The students were fantastic, not only in their performances in the cases but in their interactions with the other teams. The team secured the verdicts they were after in two out of three of their cases and everyone had great fun!



Minster Medics – Year 13 Practice Medical MMIs

On 29 November 2023, with the help of ex-pupils and several school parents, we ran a medical multiple mini interview session for our prospective doctors. There were 8 interview stations, manned by doctors, senior members of the NHS and school staff, where each student spent 5 minutes, answering the sort of questions they might be asked in university interviews. It was intensive and a fantastic opportunity for the students to practice their interview skills and meet people in the medical profession. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Congratulations to Phoebe F who was successfully shortlisted in the Oxbright Essay Competition 2023

OxBright's mission is to inspire students to succeed, find their purpose and make a difference in the world. They do this by offering courses, internships, conferences and resources for teenagers. Phoebe wrote a brilliant essay answering the question "How can long-term thinking in the field of Medicine foster optimism about the future?" The panel of judges were very impressed with Phoebe's essay, shortlisting it within a competitive field of over 1000 entries. Phoebe's prize was a free place at an OxBright academic conference.

ASSET Stem Cell Donation Registration

On Friday 17 November 2023, Keith Sudbury from ASSET visited school to talk to the Year 13s about registering & being life savers, through blood, stem cell and organ donation. The assembly was very moving and left many students wanting to help. On Wednesday 22 November 2023, ASSET came back to school and 103 members of Year 13 (more than half) registered to become stem cell donors. This was a fantastic turnout! Minster School students have already saved two lives, and this year's Year 13 have made future life saving even more likely. We are so proud of them!



Year 13 Cross-examinations lessons with a barrister

On 4 November 2023, Adrian Amer, a criminal barrister and NSDC Councillor, spent the afternoon with the Mock Trial Competition Team (part of the Minster Law Group), providing an exciting insight into work in the courtroom. The session ended with students cross-examining one another! This session was a brilliant support to the Mock Trial Team's preparations for an upcoming competition.



Sixth Form Vet's Session

On 27 September 2023, Year 12 and Year 13 students interested in a career in veterinary medicine attended a session with Emma Bennett. Emma is a second year vet student at University of Nottingham and used to attend Minster School. Emma ran a really interactive and fun session with the students, discussing the admissions process for studying Vetmed at university and giving advice on preparing for interviews, as well as talking about the realities of studying Vetmed.



Sixth Form Architect's Session

On 26 September 2023, Year 12 and Year 13 students interested in a career in architecture attended a session with Clare Smith. Clare has an Architectural degree, used to be Operations Director of CHBC Architects and now has her own Architectural Design Company, ESP Design. Clare spoke to the students about her own career path in architecture and routes into architecture. Clare also led a "Q&A" session to answer questions the students had about pursuing a career in architecture and preparing to study architecture at university, as well as giving the students advice on portfolio preparation and work experience.



Criminal Justice – Be Inspired Day at University of Lincoln

On 13 September 2023, Mrs Crowther and Mr Samuels took 12 Year 13 students to the University of Lincoln for a "Criminal Justice – Be Inspired Day". On the day the students were presented with a crime, and by working with criminologists and forensic psychologists, as well as using the Universities forensic laboratories and moot court, they needed to crack the case. The day consisted of four workshops in forensic science, criminology, psychology and law and provided an excellent opportunity for students to experience subjects that they might wish to pursue at university and to broaden their knowledge of career paths which can follow from particular subjects. The day was really interactive, interesting and fun, with students all enjoying the sessions and leaving with a better idea of what they wanted to do at university.



Year 13 Practice Interviews Day

On 13 October 2023, over 170 Year 13 students took part in a practice interview, helping them to prepare for the university and apprenticeship or job interviews which will be coming up. We had over 55 interviewers - all volunteers from the local community, including lots of school parents (thank you so much!), who were carefully matched to the students in terms of the students' future career aspirations. The day was a resounding success. The student feedback was extremely positive with many stating that they felt much more confident and prepared for the "real thing". The interviewers also got a lot out of it and provided fantastic feedback for our students (a small selection of their comments is below):

"Thank you for the opportunity to take part. The students were a credit to their school and their families. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was great to see that the future of the world of work is in good hands."

"I had such an interesting time. Delightful students, brilliant organisation..."

"It was a pleasure as always and the students were all very well prepared with articulate and impressive personal statements."

"Pleasure to meet the students, very well organised all round well done."

"I had such a great experience meeting the three interviewees. All of them blew me away, they are certainly a credit to the school and families."

"I loved it...I've caught myself smiling thinking about it..."

"Really enjoyed today, it was brilliantly run! And the students were fabulous."

"Exceptionally well organised and an absolute pleasure to take part in. The students I met were absolutely fantastic."

"It was great... I enjoyed it so much. I thought the day was such a good idea and as I said to you when I was leaving, it was organised to perfection, it really was. I would be delighted to help out again in any way I can."



Performing Arts Updates

Christmas Concert

Department: PERFORMING ARTS

Article: MRS CHAPMAN

Date: 11TH DECEMBER 2023

We recently held our Christmas Concert at Southwell Minster. This was a huge success with over 200 students performing across a number of different ensembles.

Southwell Minster was full to capacity with a appreciative audience, enjoying an evening of entertainment by our wonderfully talented students. This included a fantastic rendition of Carol of the Bells by Full Choir , 'The Christmas suite' by our wonderful Concert Band, a joint performance by The Minster Choristers and Chamber Choir of Sir Christemus and a beautiful rendition of 'Christmas Overture' by the School Orchestra.

We are thrilled to be working with our ensembles again next term and look forward to our next concert in the Minster which is our Easter Concert on 27th March 2024.

Music Events - Autumn Term

Department: PERFORMING ARTS

Article: MS BILODEAU

The music department has had an incredibly busy term once again, and we would like to celebrate how much our ensembles have grown this year as we have welcomed new students across the year groups. It gives us all so much joy to work with our committed and talented students.

As well as our big performances of FAME and the Christmas Concert, we would like to thank those students who have been involved in a variety of smaller events, including two Open Evenings, the Cabaret Evening, the Last Post on Remembrance Day, the Senior Recital and Rush Hour Concert. Chamber Choir have sung Messiah at the Minster and a Year 10 vocal group performed at the Royal Concert Hall in the Inspire Christmas Concert.

Well done everyone and have a lovely holiday!

FAME - The Musical

Department: PERFORMING ARTS

Article: MRS SOULE

Date: 2ND DECEMBER 2023

What an amazing week of shows! From the 28th Nov through to the 2nd December the students at The Minster School performed 'Fame - The Musical' to a sell-out audience, 6 nights in a row. Directed by Mrs Chapman a cast of 74 students told the story of a group of American students making their way into the world of performing arts. "West End stars in the making", "an outstanding production", "loved every second of it" were just a few of the comments left by the audience. There were some stella vocal, acting, musical and dance performances illustrating the wealth of talent at the school.

The high energy of the performance was matched by a live band, conducted by Music Director Mrs Wallis-Windle. A mixture of professional musicians, staff and students kept the tempo and energy of the show going for 2 hours.

Not wanting to sit back and rest, the students and staff are now back in the rehearsal studios working on a Junior Shakespeare festival, Piano Competition, Music Theatre Showcase, Easter Concert and many more to list.



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