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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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YEAR 12 PROGRESSION DAY
Friday 7th June 2024

YEAR 7 HOLDENBY/DOVEDALE VISIT
Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th June 2024

YEAR 9 HISTORY RESIDENTIAL
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th June 2024

YEAR 8 SCIENCE VISIT
Thursday 20th & Friday 21st June 2024

CEILIDH FUNDRAISER
Friday 21st June 2024

YEAR 10 BUSINESS & ECONOMICS VISIT
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

YEAR 10 CONCERT
Wednesday 26th June 2024

NEW YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION EVENT
Thursday 27th June 2024

JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE
Thursday 27th June 2024

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK VISIT
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June 2024

YEAR 13 LEAVERS DAY
Friday 28th June 2024

NEW YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION DAY
Monday 1st July 2024

SENIOR MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE
Monday 1st July 2024

YEAR 11 PROM
Tuesday 2nd July 2024

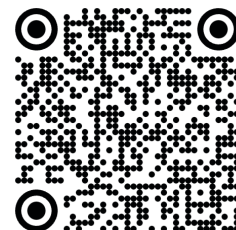
CURRENT VACANCIES

Cover Supervisor
Deadline 10th June 2024

Post-16 Support Assistant (Maternity Cover)
Deadline 14th June 2024

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To keep up to date with our current vacancies please visit our TES page here:



Richard Powell Bursary

The Richard Powell Bursary was established through the kind donations of an ex-student of The Minster School, who understands that studying at university can be a challenging financial commitment.

It is available to students whose personal and financial circumstances make the progression to higher education difficult.

In this, the first year of its inception, we are pleased to share that the Richard Powell Bursary has already been able to offer support that can help students achieve their ambitions to study:

- medicine and surgery at Newcastle University
- art foundation course at Nottingham, before heading off to university in 2025.
- sound engineering, music and music technology courses with 5 offers in hand around the country
- paediatric nursing at University of Nottingham
- digital media, culture and communication at University of York
- childhood studies at Leeds Beckett University
- economics at University of Sheffield
- neuroscience at Glasgow University
- early years and primary education with QTS at Sheffield Hallam University

If you are moving into Year 13 and think the Richard Powell Bursary could help you to achieve your future ambitions for university, start a conversation with Ms Crowther now who will be happy to share the details and criteria.

If you are moving into Year 12 or 13 you may also qualify for the Post 16 Bursary, this provides financial assistance while you are studying at The Minster School and can be used for travel, food, certain items of clothing, IT equipment, resources and much more to help you with your studies. Please speak to Ms Crowther in the Post 16 office - further details are also available on the school website.



World Book Day Bookmark Competition Winners

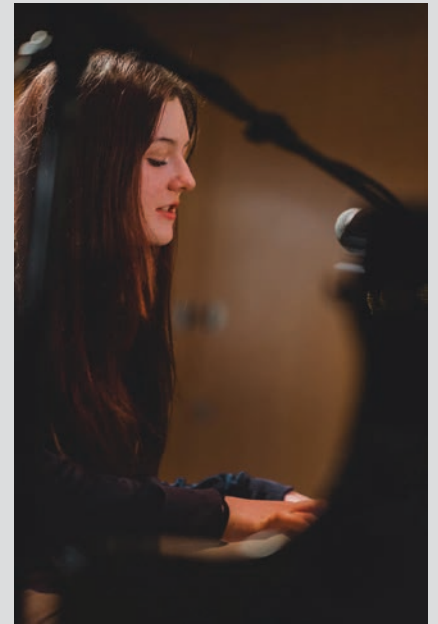
Department: LIBRARY
Article: MRS WATSON
Date: 28 MARCH 2024

During the week of World Book Day, we launched our World Book Day Bookmark Competition in the library. We had 81 entries and it was very hard to choose the winners. Well done to everyone who entered! The winners were: Poppy (Year 7), Ella (Year 8), Nico (Year 9), Olivia (Year 10) and Poppy (Year 11). The runners up were: Hattie (Year 7), Eloise (Year 7), Imogen (Year 8), Ralph (Year 9) and Natasha (Year 10).

Unplugged - Music Concert

Date: 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Unplugged was a hugely enjoyable evening of contemporary singer-songwriter music, with original tracks and covers performed beautifully. There were some amazing voices, creative arrangements and spine-tingling moments through the evening. Thank you to all students who performed so professionally. The audience absolutely loved it!



Plugged - Music Concert

Articles: JASPER B & EMILY T

Exhilarating, in all – to be stood on the stage, amongst the fog of the smoke machines. The final culmination of months of practice and rehearsals, weekends and hours spent with bandmates perfecting dire imperfections. In particular, a solo section in the song “Limelight” (Rush) wherein the timing seems to have a mind of its own, and of which we, as a band, spent many repetitive sessions revising and revisiting – even up until the final moments before entering the stage. I particularly enjoyed showcasing this hard work to an enthusiastic crowd, yet too, I equally enjoyed the communal atmosphere and spirit of the performers

and staff – like a web, supporting each other both pre-show and post: from the generous aid from staff (which I’m sure all who performed would comment as to be exceptionally beneficial to the outcome of the show and the confidence of performers) to my peers, of whom all bonded together – offering aid, encouragement, and support; and finally to the audience: of whomst’s fervent support and activity was greatly appreciated by all. So in all, the experience was exhilarating.

Jasper B

Last week, on Tuesday at 7pm, The Minster School held the ‘Plugged’ performance evening. This was a rock concert with five incredible bands. The running order was as follows: Elbow Park, with ‘Are You Gonna Be My Girl’ by Jet and an original titled ‘Don’t Shop Around’ ; Paraless with ‘I See Red’ by Everybody Loves an Outlaw and ‘When it Rains’ by Paramore; Safe House with ‘Limelight’ by Rush and an original, ‘Paper Planes’ ; Sunflowers in Stereo with ‘Celebrity Skin’ by Hole and ‘Hell of a Ride’ by FIZZ, and finally, Critical Acclaim with ‘Heart Bursts into Fire’ by Bullet for my Valentine, ‘Aerials’ by System of a

Down and ‘American Idiot’ by Green Day. All in all, it was an incredible show and left both the bands and the audience buzzing afterwards! From the epic guitar sounds to the energetic vocalists and lively drums, the entire process was a great experience allowing all of the incredibly talented musicians to have an opportunity to perform a style they love, and every single band showcased just how much talent The Minster School has to offer.

Emily T





Easter Concert

Department: PERFORMING ARTS

Date: 19 MARCH 2024

With well over 200 students performing to a packed Minster, we were so proud of our superb school musicians. From the beautiful sound of orchestra opening the concert with Vaughan-Williams & Saint-Saens to the rousing Jazz Band finale of Blue Moon (with vocal soloist Lucy) and Putting on the Ritz, the evening was full of highlights. Just some of these included Ellie's Summertime solo accompanied by string quartet, Junior School Choir's singing & signing of Chilcott's Can You Hear Me; a 120 strong full choir with such a full sound performing Seasons of Love & Fix You; the stunning sound of flute ensemble, exciting performances from brass ensemble & concert band and the uplifting performances of Somebody to Love & Toxic from Session Orchestra. This doesn't even include the memorable Chamber Choir performance of Ola Gjeilo's The Rose, the rich sounds of the string ensemble and Stephen's Panis Angelicus solo - the list goes on!

As we begin to say goodbye to our leaving musicians who we will miss hugely, we look forward to the rest of this academic year with the many concerts, shows and events still to come.

Thank you and well done to all our students who performed so well and thank you to parents, friends and family for being such a super audience!

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Year 10 Work Experience

Department: CAREERS

Date: 24TH APRIL 2024

In April, our Year 10 students completed three days work experience in a range of sectors such as hairdressers, solicitors, football clubs, MPs offices and everything in between! Some students worked locally whilst some went further afield to complete their placements in locations such as Silverstone Circuit, Tewkesbury and Edinburgh!

The feedback received from employers was fantastic and really showed the mature, enthusiastic and hard-working nature of our students - well done everyone!



Year 10 Students Complete 10X Challenge

Department: CAREERS

Date: 25TH MARCH 2024

Over February and March the Year 10 students took part in the 10X Challenge, an enterprise activity in which the students work in teams and are given £10 per team to develop a product or service and make maximum profit over a four-week period. Our students did some amazing work during the challenge, showcasing their creativity, team-work and initiative. By the end of the challenge the students had made over £3000 which we will donate to a local charity chosen by the students. Fantastic work everyone!

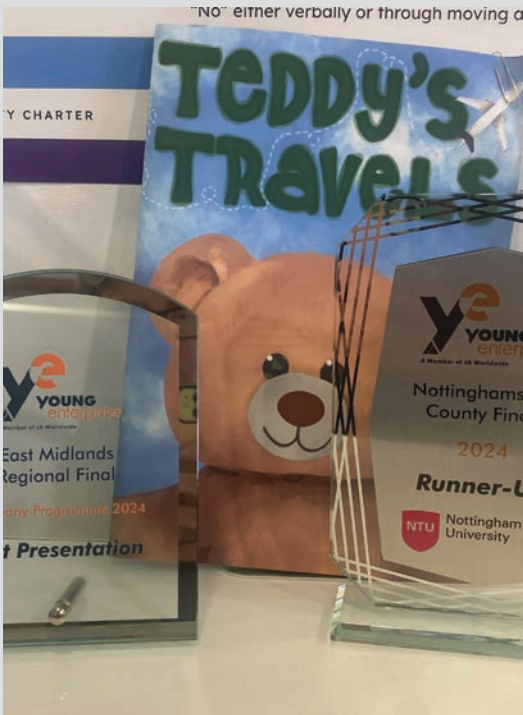


Year 12 Young Enterprise Success

Department: CAREERS

Date: 20TH MAY 2024

Our Year 12 Young Enterprise team have spent the year competing in the Company Programme, creating a company and devising, marketing and selling their product - a culture book called Teddy's Travels! The team were successful in the Nottinghamshire finals in March, coming second and moving forward to the regional finals this week to compete against teams from across the East Midlands. At the regional finals in Leicester they walked away with an award for the best presentation, a fantastic achievement! The team have worked hard all year and developed a range of skills along the way, well done to everyone at Atlantis Books!



SIXTH FORM UPDATES

Redbridge Group Masterclasses

Department: SIXTH FORM
Articles: MRS CROWTHER

On 23rd February, the Year 12 Redbridge Group attended masterclasses in the following areas: humanities and social studies, physics and maths, english and language. These classes are designed to help students expand their thinking and work beyond the curriculum. This is something Redbridge Universities look for in university applications.

Mr Oxley ran a session titled “Words and their recording – an introduction to lexicography”. This was about how words come into being and how they are created and then recorded.

Dr Theobald’s session was about Einstein’s theory of special relativity. The class explored how our ‘common sense’ ideas about speed, time and distance are not necessarily correct and why the speed of light is so important. The students solved complex problems with surprising solutions, and were introduced to ‘time

travel’ through the ideas of time dilation and the twin paradox.

Mrs Crowther ran a session on human rights and the law, working with students to explore what human rights are and how they affect our lives, looking at the Human Rights Act and the role it plays in society and analysing a range of situations (based on real life scenarios) where human rights competed and conflicted with each other.

Further Masterclasses in chemistry and psychology were held on 17 May 2024. Mrs Clements ran an insightful session on sports psychology. Mr Jarmyn’s session discussed optical isomerism and the effects of racemate mixtures in drug synthesis.



Minster Medics

The Minster Medics group attended a session on 8 March 2024 about careers in the NHS and all the different roles and team members. This was a hugely fun and interactive session which the students got a lot out of. There was also a session on applying to medicine run by Dr Sam Barnes, a former student at Minster School on 19 April 2024. This was very useful and the students had lots of questions for Sam! On 9 May 2024, Year 13 students holding offers for medicine at University, spoke to Year 12s about their experiences and provided lots of tips and advice for the Year 12s about to start this process.



Year 12 University Sessions - Learning to Succeed

On 23rd February 2024, Northumbria University came in to school to deliver a session to Year 12's on learning independently and learning to succeed. This was a valuable session for students, helping them to develop goal setting skills and set themselves up for success. On 8th March 2024, this was reinforced with a session on study skills from Huddersfield University. This was an interactive session, which got the students planning for the future.



Year 13 University Sessions on Revision Skills, Results Day and Clearing, and Stress Management

On 1st March 2024, Northumbria University came in to school to give Year 13's a refresher on revision skills as we approached the countdown to exams. This was followed up by a session from Nottingham Trent University on 15th March on how to prepare for and what to do on results day. This session also looked at clearing.

Northumbria University came in to school on 26th April to talk about managing stress now and during University - A timely session as exam season began.



Year 12 Apprenticeships

Date: 22ND MARCH 2024

On 22nd March 2024, Ask Apprenticeships came into school to talk to Year 12's about progression into an apprenticeship post-18. A further session on Apprenticeships will be running as part of our upcoming Progression Day for Year 12 on 7th June 2024.



University of Lincoln – Be Inspired Days

In February, Sixth Form students were able to attend a "Be Inspired" Day at University of Lincoln if they are interested in architecture and design or computer science. The Design day consisted of three workshops across interior architecture and design, graphic design and photography subjects. The Computer Science day consisted of workshops across robotics, games computing and computer science. The days 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.



Oxford Access Day for Young Women with Bangladeshi and Pakistani Heritage

Date: 6TH MARCH 2024

On 6th March 2024, successful students, with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage, were invited to attend an access day at Oxford University to experience an academic taster, gain guidance and information relating to courses and admissions and to hear from current students with shared identities and potential future mentors.



Oxford Law Open Days with Clifford Chance

Date: 12TH MARCH 2024

On 12th March 2024, two students had the opportunity to attend a law taster day at the University of Oxford, experiencing law lectures, academic taster seminars, meeting a top law firm and learning more about careers in law. This was an enjoyable and interesting day, providing lots to think about for the future.



Minster Law Group

Date: 8TH MARCH 2024

The Minster Law group attended a session on 8 March 2024 with Rachael Bridges from local law firm Ringrose Law. The session was very informative on a career as a solicitor and ended with a vigorous debate over which court hearings regarding family matters should be open to the media.



Visit to University of Oxford

Date: 8TH MAY 2024

On 8 May 2024, we took 30 students on a trip to the University of Oxford to find out more about studying there. The day was packed full of useful information, including question and answer sessions with current students, tours of two college and an interactive maths lecture. It was a lot of fun and got students thinking more about their next move after Sixth Form.



German School Visit

Department: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Date: 19TH APRIL 2024

For everyone who knows a bit of German, there was a great chance to put their language skills to the test in the week after the Easter Holidays. On Friday 19th April, we had 45 German students and 4 teachers from Schlitz in Germany (Dr Zindler's home town and her old school) visiting as part of their cultural visit to the UK.

After a guided tour of the school expertly led by 9T5/Ge, the German students joined our Year 9 Minster students who learn German for break time. They also went into some Key Stage 3 tutor groups as German schools do not have tutor time as part of their normal school day. Next on the itinerary was a speed dating activity with 9C4 where one German student was paired up with a Minster student to find out as much about the other person in 4 minutes before swapping partners. Lots of fun was had and the Minster students made Dr Zindler very proud with how well they did speaking German.

For period 4, the German students went in small groups into Year 10 option lessons, experiencing some normal timetabled lessons. This was very interesting for them to see what lessons such as history, geography, music, art and IT are like in an English school. Lastly, they completed a cultural quiz with 8T5 German. In the quiz, German students and Minster students were paired up and they had to complete a quiz where all questions about England were in German and all questions about Germany were in English. Students had to work together to succeed.

For each activity the German and Minster students worked really well together and learnt a lot from each other about the two different languages and cultures. Thank you to all students who were involved and who made the German students feel so welcome.



PE UPDATES

Cricket Success

Huge congratulations to these Year 8 students who took part in a Street Cricket Tournament at Trent Bridge. A great team performance - runners up in the final. Well done boys!



Tennis Season Begins

It has been a fantastic start to the tennis season, with great performances against The Nottingham High School, Worksop College, and Trent College.



Year 10 Rugby Team County Champions!

Huge congratulations to the Year 10 Rugby Team who were crowned County Cup Champions last month. We are so proud of you all!



English Schools Athletics Competition

Well done to all the students who took part in the English Schools Athletics Competition a couple of weeks ago. There were some fantastic performances!



South Notts Football Competition

We are so proud of this Year 7 Football Team, who were runners up in the South Notts Cup Final this week. What a run these girls have been on in their first Cup Competition at Minster. Well done girls!



Year 11 Football

Huge congratulations to the Year 11 Football Team who are through to the County Final. Well done girls and good luck in your exams!



South Notts Football Final

We are so proud of the Year 9 Football Team who were runners up in the South Notts Final this week. Some fantastic football played through out the season girls, well done!



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