

The Minster School

Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2025
YEAR 7



Welcome to The Minster School

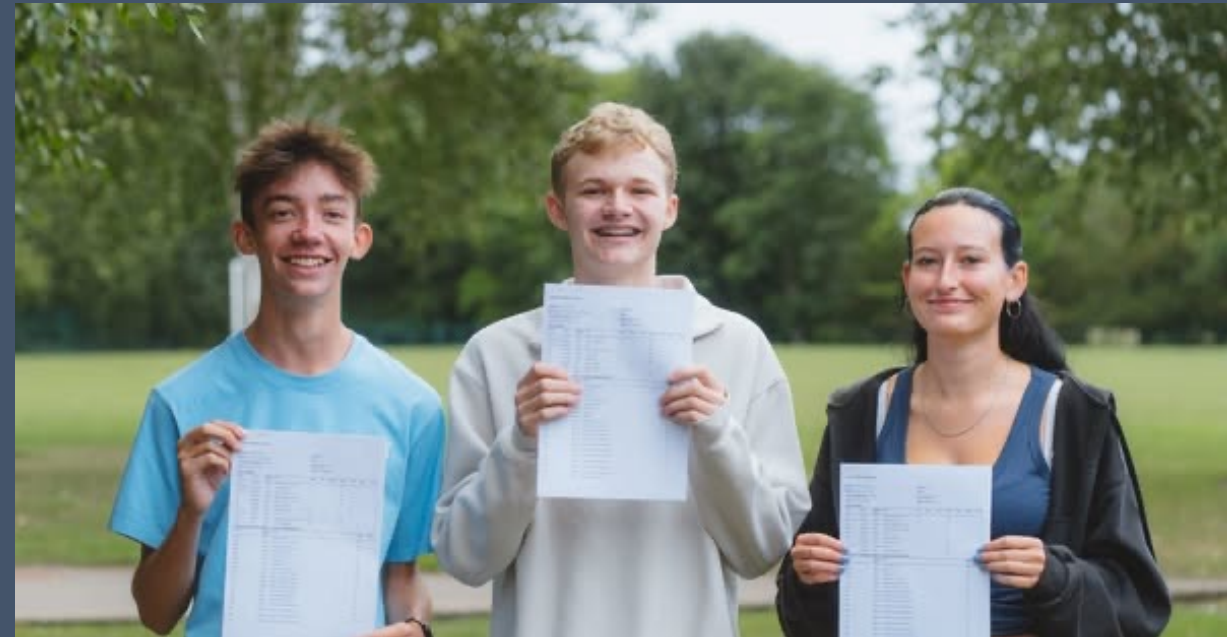
“Succeeding Together”



Fantastic exam success over the summer...!

Year 11	Minster
4+ E / M	84.0%

Year 13	Minster
A*-A %	26.9%





Settling in

We hope your children 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

Fire alarms and lockdown drills

Wednesday – Fire walk throughs

Friday – lockdown drill practice

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



ParentPay

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 ParentPay account please let us know or contact parentpay@minsterschool.org.uk

Please check your child's balance regularly

Students can run into debt

We can place spending limits on students accounts

Please email finance@minsterschool.org.uk to set one up

Social Media Use

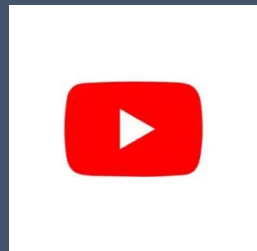
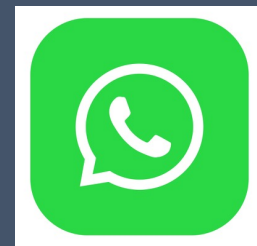


Social media:

Snapchat – age 13 and upwards

WhatsApp – age 16 and upwards

TikTok - age 13 for full access



Attendance

- We believe that every day and every minute counts and the impact of lost days and minutes can be seen here.
- 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
- Half year group will study French, the other half Spanish
- 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.
- Disciplinary Literacy
- DEAR time – drop everything and read – bring a book!



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

- **French** – learning the basics of French 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



Curriculum in Year 7

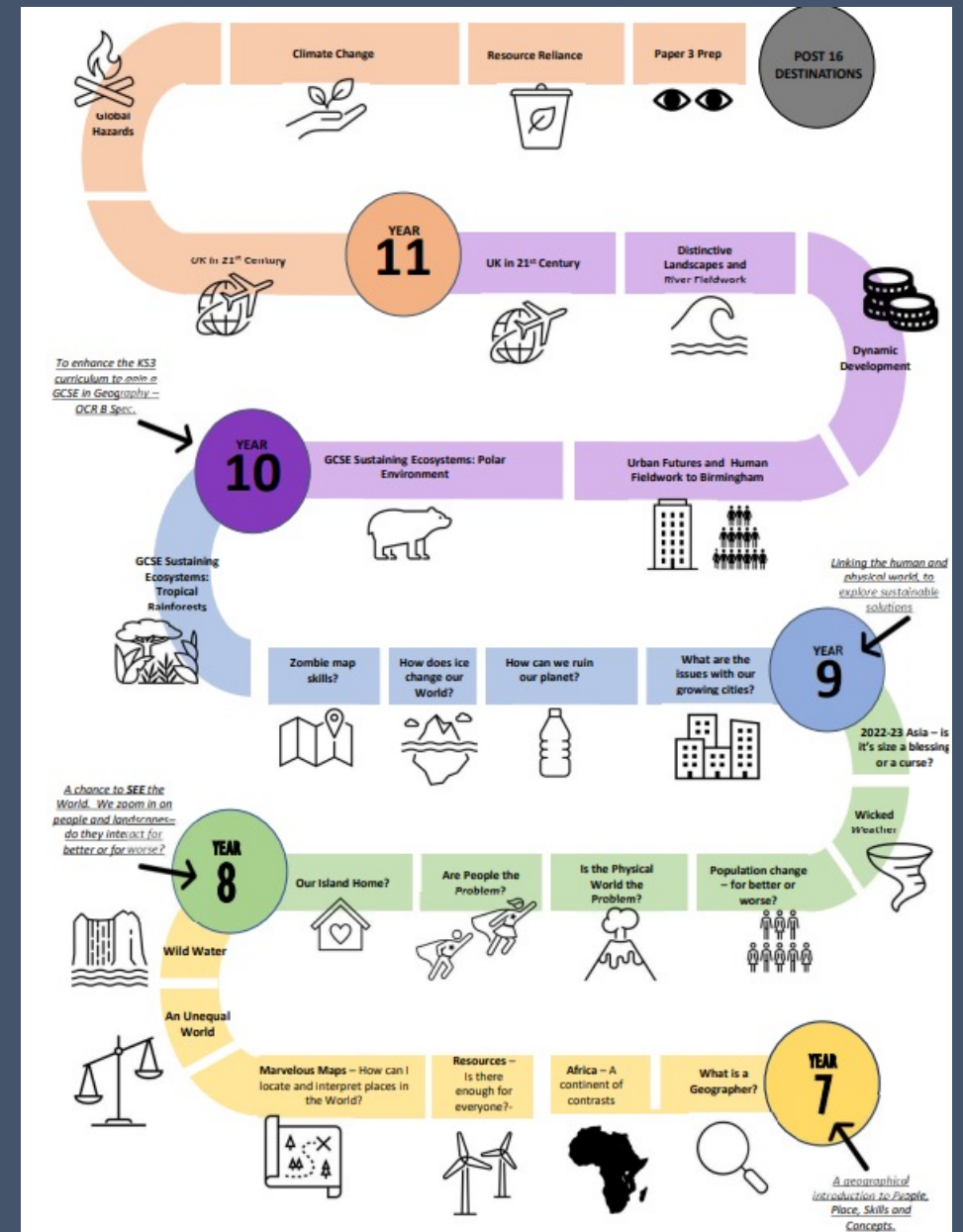
Further, more detailed information, can be found on the school website here:

[The Minster School - Subject Information](#)

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

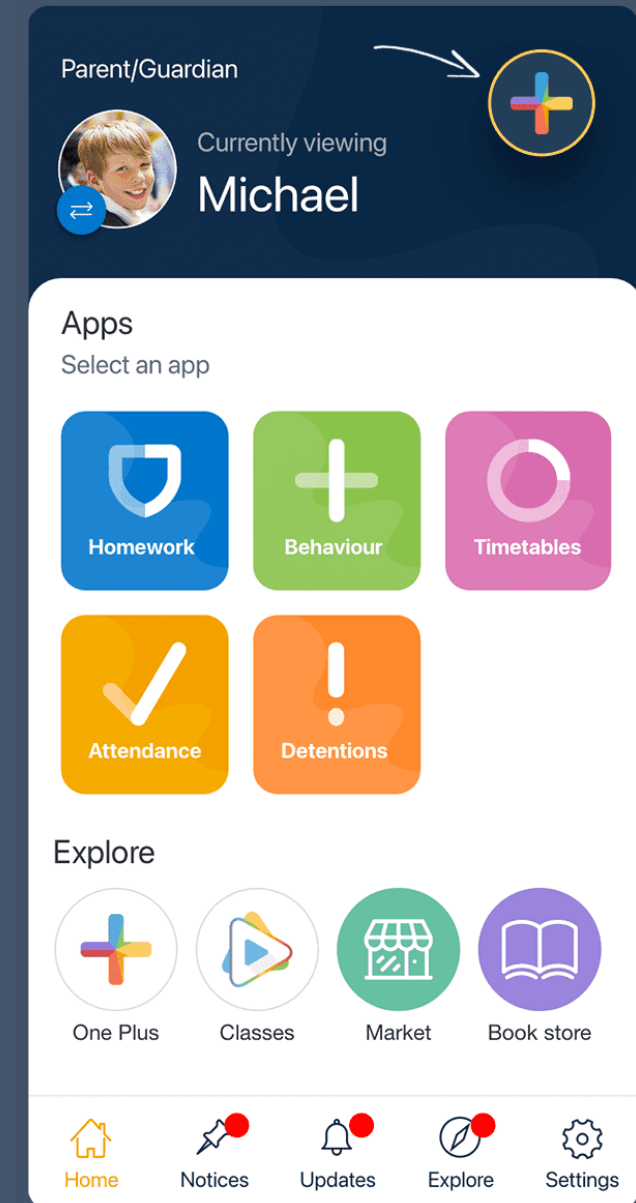
You can also watch a short video from Mr Wall which gives more details on how to find information on the website:

[Website Curriculum Guide - YouTube](#)



Year 7 - Satchel One

- We expect students to check Satchel One daily.
- Parents/carers can access Satchel One for multiple children
- Up to 5 adults can access Satchel for any child
- Year 7 will have an introduction to Satchel in their first Computing lesson
- Students need to log on with Microsoft
- Year 7 parents/carers - instructions and logins next week





Year 7 - Homework

- Usually one week to complete
- We do not have a homework timetable
- Year 7 – no homework until after half term except for D&T, then slowly building
- Range of tasks including rehearsal

How can I support my child with homework?

- Workspace
- Internet access
- Healthy working habits
- Organisation



Assessment & Reports



Assessment point 1 – Wednesday 12th November
Effort, organisation and behaviour only



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 11th February
Including targets, competency and progress grades, effort, organisation and behaviour for each subject plus results of the NGRT tests



Parents' evening – Thursday 26th February 4pm – 7:45pm
Held virtually via the SchoolCloud platform – minsterschool.schoolcloud.co.uk

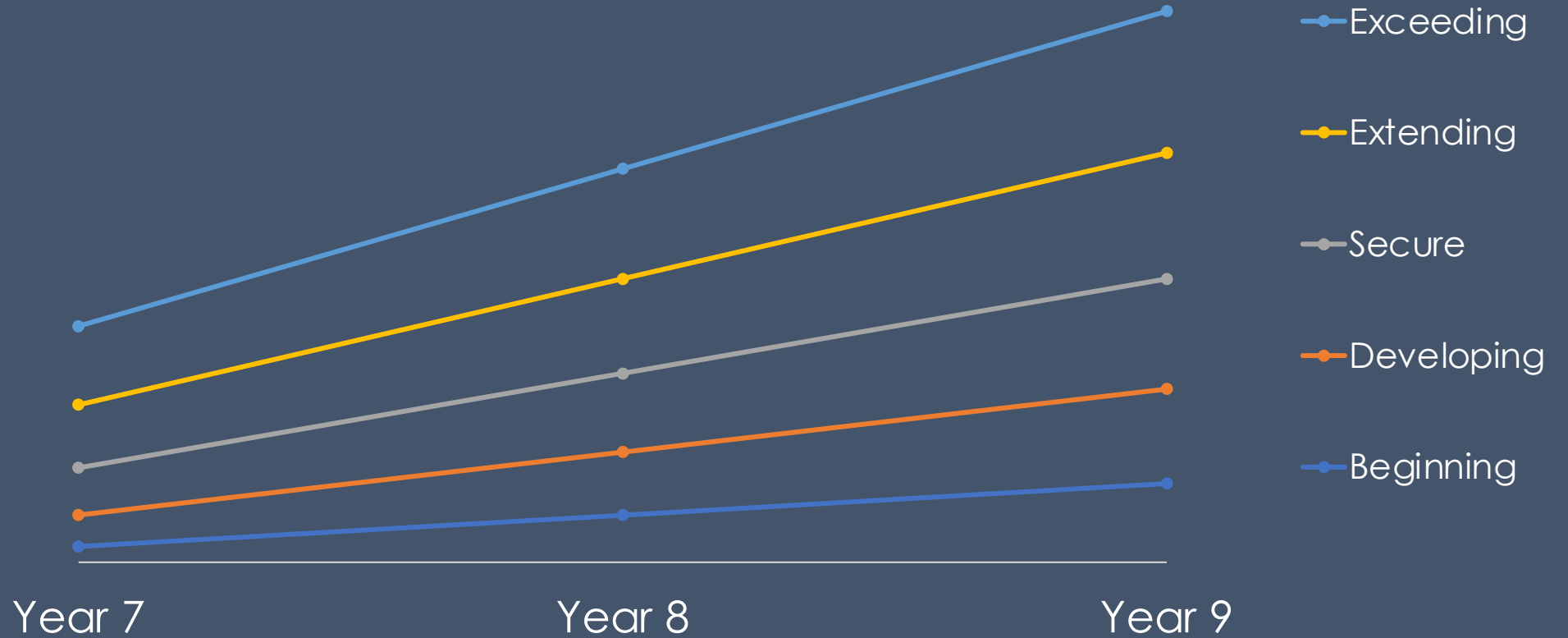


Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 8th July
This is a “Full Report” so includes data as AP2 but also will include teacher comments on your child's next steps.



Assessment & Reports

Chart Title



Upcoming events – NGRT test



NGRT – New Group Reading tests:

- Helps us to know your child's reading age
- Allows us to provide additional support where needed
- Provides more information for teachers

Tests will be held in classrooms on 7th or 14th October

The tests are multiple choice

- Students can't prepare for them – there is no pass/fail
- We will identify students who may need additional support with these tests and support them through the process

Results shared with parents after Christmas



Student Support

- Pastoral support from teachers and tutors
- Year Leaders and Student Services
- Additional support from SEN team and inclusion



Mental Health Support Team

- The CAMHS Mental Health Support Team is a new collaborative trailblazing service across health and education, available in project schools across Nottinghamshire.
- They are an early intervention mental health and wellbeing service in schools aimed at providing support for children, young people and families around low-level emotional wellbeing needs, such as anxiety, low mood, managing emotions, and sleep. They link in directly with Nottinghamshire CAMHS teams and provide in school sessions to promote positive mental health. Their work is delivered on a 1:1 and group/workshop basis.
- Referrals for support can be through your child's year leader/key stage leader, or you can directly refer as a parent/carer.



Preloved uniform



- Uniform collection – end of the year
- Donations throughout the year
- Please drop off any unwanted uniform at reception



Reduce,
Reuse,
Recycle

Upcoming events - Walesby

- Week beginning 29th September
- Day trips
- Opportunity to get to know one another
- Enjoy some exciting outdoor activities!



Upcoming events: Foundation service

- Wednesday 15th October
- Held in Southwell Minster
- Big part of the tradition here at The Minster School!
- Parents are also welcome to attend





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 UChange
- Library Assistants
- Confirmation Club
- Musical theatre Productions (this year is Fame)





Trips and Enrichment

Walesby day trips
Holdenby House trip
Dovedale trip
Activity days - July

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



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



Communication Charter

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Consider the best method
Many queries can be resolved by email or phone. Sometimes a face to face meeting is best.



Our office hours
8.15am to 4.30pm.(4pm on Fridays)
Staff are not available at the weekend and in the evening.



We will respond within 2 working days
Occasionally this may not be possible, If the matter is urgent it will be prioritised.



Make an appointment
To see a member of staff make an appointment in advance.

Minster Trust for Education - Together we help every child to flourish





@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 info@mspta.minsterschool.org.uk

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 7 (Academic Year 2024 - 2025)

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th September	1st Day of School (Year 7 only)
Wednesday 4th September	Y7 Information Evening 6:00-6:30pm
Wednesday 25 th & Monday 30 th September	NGRT Tests
W/B 30th September	Walesby day visits
Wednesday 9th October	Foundation Service at Southwell Minster
Friday 18th October	School Photographs
Friday 11th October	INSET Day
Wednesday 16th October	Y7 Assessment Point 1 report sent home
October Half Term: Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November	
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Concert at Southwell Minster
W/B 16th December	End of Term Christmas Services
Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	
Wednesday 8th January	Y7 Assessment Point 2 report sent home
W/B 3 rd February	School Production
Thursday 13 th February	Y7 Parents' evening (online – not including History)
Friday 14 th February	INSET day
February Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	
Thursday 27th February	Y7 Parents' evening (History only – online)
Wednesday 19th March	Easter Concert at Southwell Minster
Tuesday 25th March	Piano Competition
W/B 31st March	Easter Services
Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April	
Thursday 1 st May	Junior Maths Challenge
May Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	
W/B 9th June	Dovedale & Holdenby House Trips
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y7 Full reports sent home
W/B 21st July	End of Term Services
Friday 25th July	Last Day of Term
Monday 28 th July	INSET day
Tuesday 29 th July	INSET day

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 year, and we will keep you updated on such changes. As ever, if there is anything we can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Who's who

Senior Leadership Team

Mr Chaloner – Head Teacher

Mr Wall – Deputy Head Teacher - Curriculum

Miss Goodhead – Deputy Head Teacher – Inclusion & Safeguarding

Mr Edwards – Assistant Head Teacher – Behaviour & Attendance

Mrs Lyons – Assistant Head Teacher – Teaching and Learning

Mrs Mazurkiewicz – Assistant Head Teacher – Achievement & PP lead

Mr Price – Assistant Head Teacher – SENCO

Mrs West – Assistant Head Teacher – Maths Hub

Pastoral Team:

Mr Brookes – Head of KS3

Miss Sanderson – Year leader Y7

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer

Careers support:

Ms Taylor – Careers lead

