

The Minster School

Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2025
YEAR 11



Welcome to The Minster School

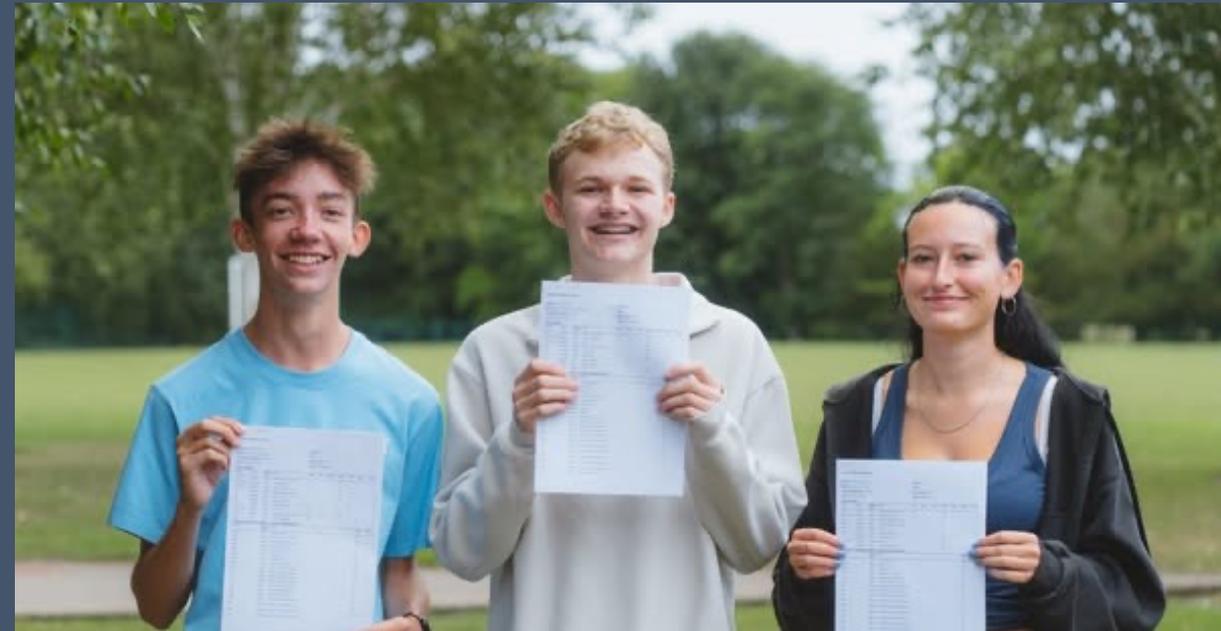
“Succeeding Together”



Fantastic exam success over the summer...!

Year 11	Minster
4+ E / M	84.0%

Year 13	Minster
A*-A %	26.9%





Settling back in

We hope your sons and daughters had a good day back in school today
Please encourage them to speak to us if there are any concerns

Getting the culture right:

Today – series of sessions within lessons

Clearly communicating and explaining our expectations

Consistent message across whole school

Fire alarms and lockdown drills

Thursday – Fire walk throughs

Friday – lockdown drill practice

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

- We believe that every day and every minute counts and the impact of lost days and minutes can be seen here.
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- 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 11

- Mixed teaching groups for most subjects – same groups as Year 10, many of the same teachers
- Sets for Maths
- Students will be studying GCSE content in all subjects
- We expect all students to complete all their courses and take their exams in the summer
- Alongside GCSEs students will participate in Games as well as PHSE within RS lessons
- 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



Curriculum in Year 11

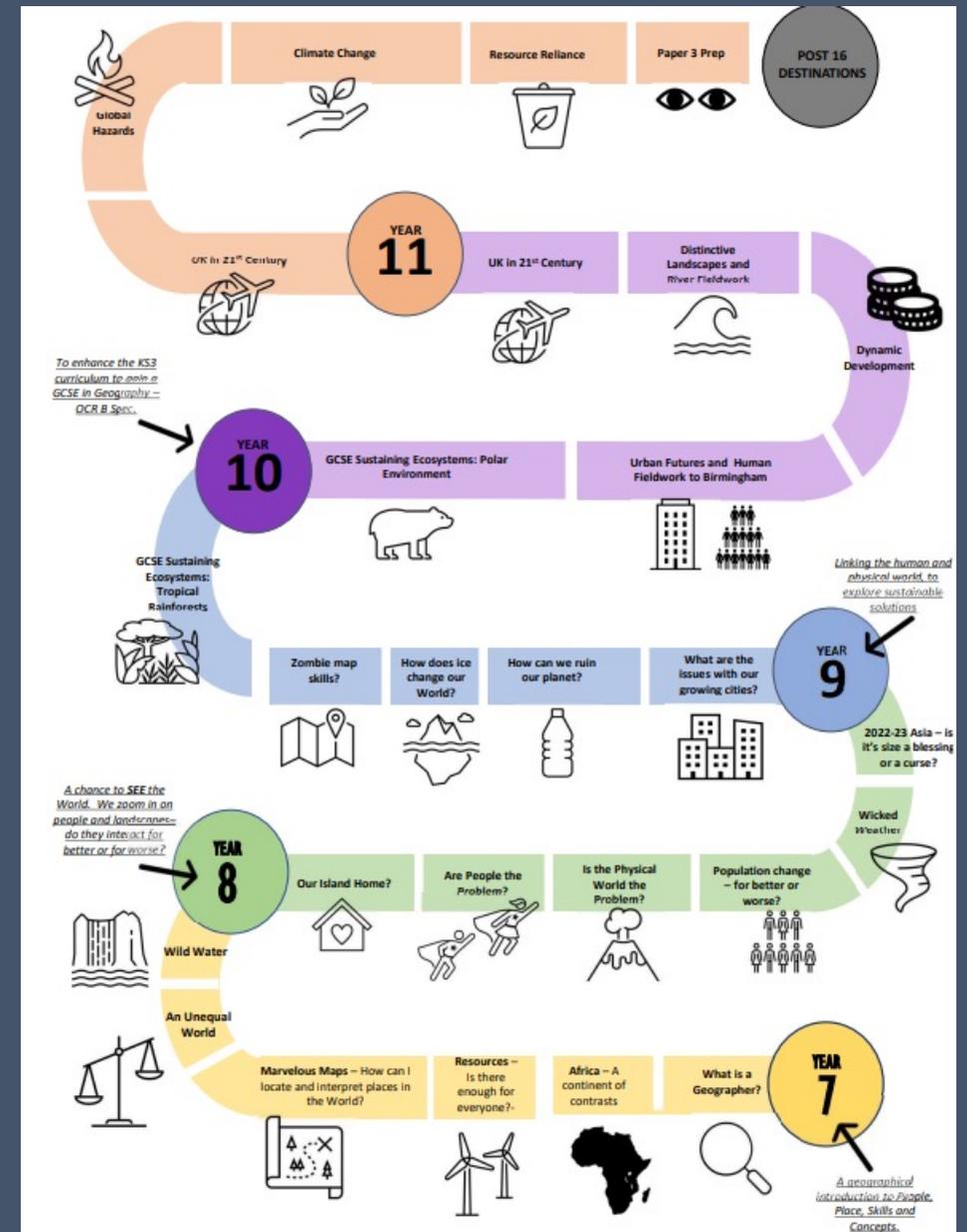
More detailed information can be found on the school website here:

[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](#)





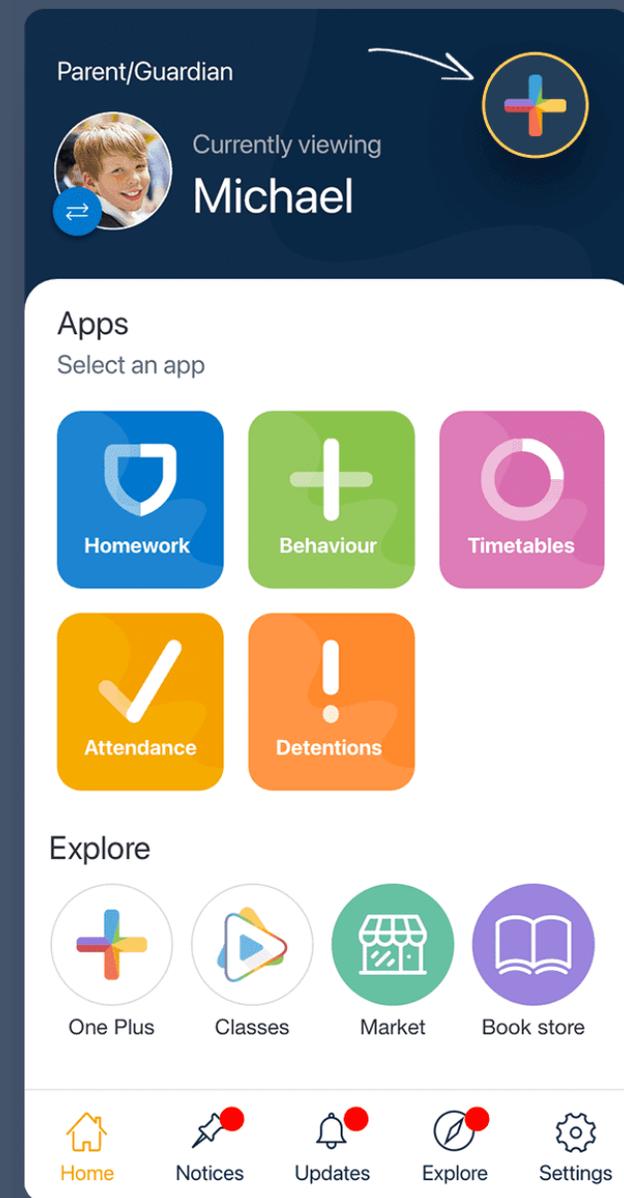
Upcoming this year: Post 16 options

- Sixth form open evening – Thursday 6th November
- Y11 Mock interviews – Friday 5th December
- Y11 Careers Fair – Thursday 13th November
- Sixth form application deadline – Friday 21st November
- Post 16 conditional offers day – Friday 30th January
- Y12 induction days – 25th & 26th June



Key Stage 4 - Satchel One

- Satchel One is our main method of communication with students.
- We expect students to check Satchel One daily.
- Teachers often share learning resources and revision materials via Satchel One. Past tasks can be accessed.
- Range of activities including rehearsal
- Please note: One Plus and book store are external, not Minster



Key Stage 4 - Homework

- All details on Satchel One – App on phone/tablet or website
- Increased expectation of challenge and independence
- If your child needs help - speak to or email a teacher
- Library and computers available if needed

How can I support my child with homework?

- Know your child's subjects and how they are structured
- Calm and tidy workspace
- Check Satchel One
- Organisation
- Time recommendation
- Healthy working habits including rest
- Sleep

Assessment & Reports



Assessment point 1 – Wednesday 5th November

Including targets, predicted grades, effort, organisation and behaviour for each subject



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 14th January

Including targets, predicted grades, mock exams results, effort, organisation and behaviour for each subject



Parents' evening – Thursday 15th January 4pm – 6:30pm

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

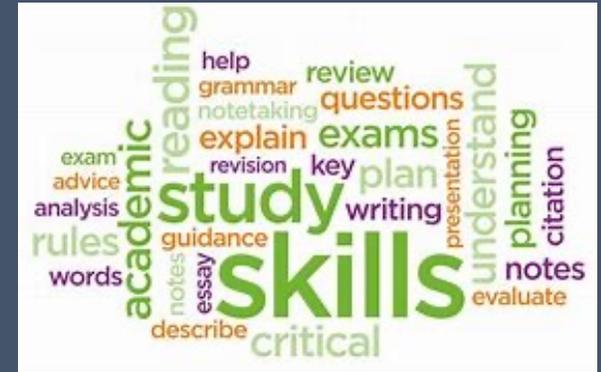


Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 29th April

This is a “Full Report” so includes data as AP1/2 but also will include teacher comments on 1st minute tips and revision techniques for the exams .



Preparing for GCSEs



- Good habits for Year 11
 - Understanding and learning content now
 - Keep revisiting content
 - Keeping up with HW
 - Catching up any missed work
- Revision resources
 - Revision guides
 - Revision Information on website
 - [The Minster School - Revision](#)
- Study skills/revision sessions in tutor time
- Working on NEAs within some subjects
- Study skills workshops – 8th January
- Parents workshop – 8th January 6pm
- **Mocks – November**
- Assessments – March

- Practice speaking exams
- Afterschool revision timetable
- Easter Holiday Revision sessions (2nd week)
- Summer exams: May 7th – June 19th
- GCSE Results day – Thursday 20th August

Coping with stress

- Pastoral support
 - Mental Health assemblies
- Staying healthy
 - Diet
 - Exercise
 - Sleep
 - Relaxation

Year 11 Revision sessions timetable		Spring term 2022				
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Drama (written exam revision)	Music Tech	French C44 (Week A only)	English (Beginning in February) (Occasional Wednesdays)		
	Science study support Bio D79 Chem D73 Phy D74	PE E84	Spanish C42 (Week A only)	GCSE PE Coursework A8		
	German C36	Food & Nutrition D59	History (after half term)	Business Studies C38		
	Music Composition support A5	Design & Technology D63	RS (Beginning in February)	Economics C40		
3-4pm	Maths Mr Blackmore Mr Tipple Miss Goldstein (week A)	Maths Miss McGregor Mrs Auld Mr Grosvenor Miss Goldstein (week B)	Maths Mr Poll	Maths Miss Patrick Mr Price Mr Blackmore Miss Barber Mr Poll		
	Art	Art	Art		Art (Week B only)	
	General Revision Mrs Redmond A7					
	Independent study Heartspace	Independent study Heartspace	Independent study Heartspace	Independent study Heartspace		

Geography - Beginning before Easter



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

Trips and Enrichment



Duke of Edinburgh
Yorkshire Sculpture
Park visit

Art Galleries visit to
Sheffield

National Holocaust
Centre visit

Ski Trip

After school revision
sessions

Careers Fair

Study skills Workshops

Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' Assembly
Prom!

Charity fundraising

House competitions

School Productions

Musical concerts

Minster relays

Maths Challenge

Piano Competition

End of term services
and much more...!

Prom!

Our Y11 Prom will be held next year on **Thursday 2nd July at Kelham Hall.**

We know it might seem early in the year to draw your attention to this event but to ensure that all students have the opportunity to attend, we have set some criteria that promotes good attendance and punctuality.



To qualify for the Prom, students must:

- Maintain a minimum of 95% attendance up until the May half-term (any serious illness or injury will be taken into account)
- Minimal lates and C4's
- Receive no internal exclusions (isolation room) or external suspensions

Any students who do not meet this criteria will be considered on an individual basis.

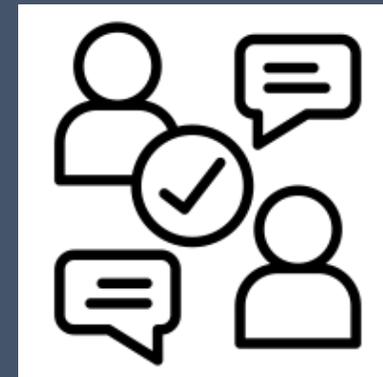
Keeping in touch

You can contact us:

- School office
office@minsterschool.org.uk
Tel: 01636 814000
- Head of KS4
k.crone@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
- @minster_school
- 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



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 heartspace



The information below details the key dates for Year 11 over their final GCSE year at The Minster School.

Date	Event
6th September	1st Day of School (Year 8-11)
6th September	Y11 Information Evening 6:45-7:15pm
Thursday 14th September	Prizegiving 7:30-10:30pm
Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 2nd October	Y11 Assessment Point 1 report sent home
Friday 11th October	INSET Day
October Half Term: Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November	
Tuesday 5th November	Y11 History Visit to National Holocaust Centre
Wednesday 6th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
W/B 4th November	GCSE Art Mock Exam
Friday 8th November	Y11 Mock Interviews
W/B 11th & 18th November	Y11 Mock Exams
Thursday 14th November	Y11 Careers Fair at Newark Showground
Friday 22nd November	Sixth Form Application Deadline
W/B 2nd December	Y11 Languages Speaking Exams
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	Y11 Assessment Point 2 + mock results report sent home
Wednesday 15th January	Y11 Parents' Evening (Online via schoolcloud)
Thursday 16th January	Y11 Study Skills Day + Parent Information Evening
Friday 31st January	Post 16 Conditional Offers Day
Wednesday 29th January	Y11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
W/B 3rd February	National Apprenticeships Week
W/B 3rd February	School Production
Wednesday 5th February	Y11 Art Galleries Visit to Sheffield
Tuesday 11th February	D&T NEA Making day
Friday 14th February	INSET day
February Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	
W/B 3rd March	Y11 Food NEA Practical Controlled Assessment
W/B 3rd March	National Careers Week
W/B 3rd 10th March	Y11 Assessments
Wednesday 19th March	Easter Concert at Southwell Minster
Wednesday 25th March	Piano Competition
W/B 31st March	Easter End of Term Services
Thursday 3rd April	Ski Trip



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:

Mrs Crone – Head of KS4

Mrs Marriott – Year leader Y10

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer

Careers support:

Ms Taylor – Careers Lead

