



## WORKS newsletter 8th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a noticeable splash of colour across the school this week as Year 11 and Year 6 students swapped their blazers for their leavers' hoodies. This marks the start of the exam season in earnest, with MFL speaking assessments, as well as Art, German, Sports Studies, Drama and Economics exams already underway.

We know that the coming weeks will be challenging for many students, and as always, we are committed to supporting them throughout this period, while continuing to deliver high-quality teaching across the rest of the school.

Alongside the demands and academic rigour of school life, we have also had many opportunities to celebrate the wonderful achievements and efforts of our students. These wider contributions are something we are immensely proud of. I would like to thank every student who has taken part in an extra-curricular club or activity this week, and especially those highlighted in the articles below.

Well done, and thank you.

Andy Wall

Deputy Head Teacher

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## Upcoming Dates for the Diary



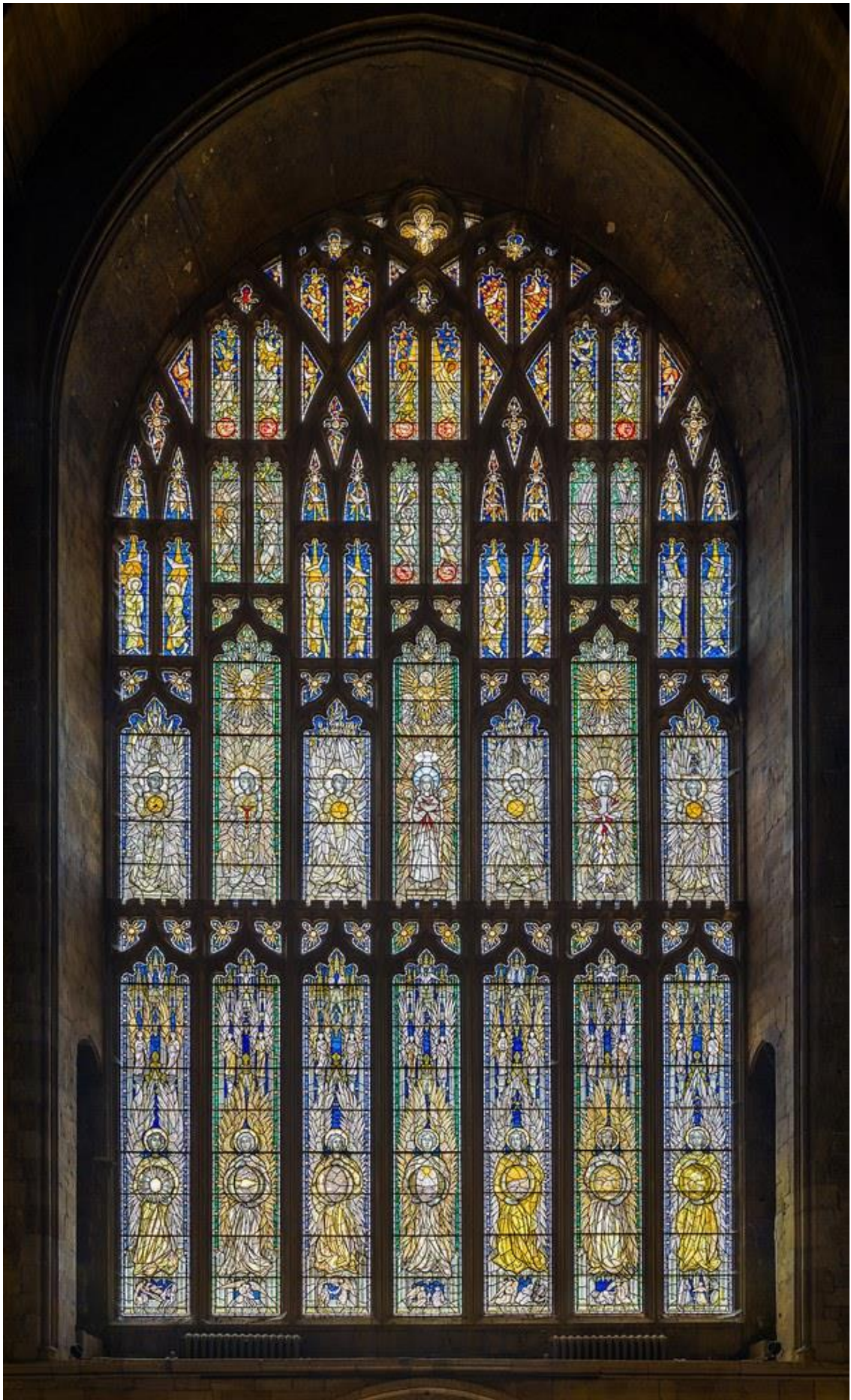
W/C 11th May - Year 6 SATS week

Wed 13th May - Year 9 APO and reports sent home

W/C 18th May - House week

W/C 25th May - Half Term Holidays

Upcoming 'Theme of the Week'



w/c 11/05/26

**Theme:** Justice

**Biblical Reference:** 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless and see that they get justice' (**Proverbs 31:8-9**)

w/c 18/05/26

**Theme:** Resilience

**Biblical Reference:** "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.' (**Hebrews 12:1**)

## Football teams make history with county cup triumphs



It has been an unforgettable season for our Year 11 footballers, as both the girls' and boys' teams were crowned County Cup champions in a truly remarkable double success. Both teams delivered outstanding performances in their respective finals, each securing a thrilling 2–1 victory. The results reflect not just talent, but determination, resilience and belief right to the final whistle.

The girls' team showcased exceptional teamwork, discipline and confidence on the ball, working tirelessly for one another throughout the match. Their well-earned 2–1 win was the product of intelligent play, strong communication and a never-give-up attitude that has defined their season. Every player contributed, and their unity as a team was clear for all to see.

The boys' team mirrored this success with an equally impressive 2–1 victory of their own. Playing with intensity, composure and real togetherness, they rose to the occasion and delivered when it mattered most. Their performance was a testament to their commitment, teamwork and the pride they take in representing their school.

Winning one county title is a huge achievement—winning two makes it truly special. Congratulations to both teams on an outstanding accomplishment and on being such positive ambassadors for school sport. These victories will be remembered for a long time and should inspire future teams to aim just as high.

## German students welcomed to school



On 15th April, we had our annual German school visit where 43 German students and 4 teachers from Schlitz in Germany (Dr Zindler's home town and her old school) visited as part of their cultural visit to the UK.

After a guided tour of the school, expertly led by some students from 10A/Ge, the German students joined the Y9 Act of Worship. This was a great experience for our German visitors as German schools do not have tutor time as part of their normal school day and it was their first time to experience collective worship. Next, the German students joined 9TL5/Ge and completed a speed conversation activity where they were speaking for 3 minutes at a time with different Minster students. Both sides had a chance to practise their foreign language and each learnt some quirky new words in English and German.

Next, the German students completed a cultural quiz with 8TFG/Ge. 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, mirroring our school ethos.

Lastly, our visitors joined 9CL4 and 9CL5 for their German lesson on food and healthy living. German students and Minster students worked together to complete a range of tasks like explaining to each other what different German and British food specialities are.

Both, our Minster students and our German visitors enjoyed their cultural exchange today. We were particularly proud of our German classes who did so well using their German with our visitors.

## Student leaders Flourish at national school leaders conference



Over the last year, our Flourish student leaders have committed themselves to the envisioning, planning and facilitating of the Flourish Pilot in our school. Their aim...to create a space where they and their peers could worship God freely and creatively. Over this time, they have led the conversation and listened to feedback as we have, together, sought to see our Flourish Community grow.

They have been incredible and, throughout, have consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership. This was recognised, more recently, at a national level within the Church of England, when we received the invitation to lead a workshop on Flourish at the National Secondary Leaders' Network Conference in Coventry. Working in collaboration with the National Flourish Project, our 5 leaders developed a workshop that showcased everything they had learnt.

I felt truly humbled to sit and watch as they stood before school leaders, clergy and their peers, telling stories of joy and celebration as well as sharing the more vulnerable moments of challenge that they have encountered and overcome on their journey.

The most powerful moments came when they sat down with school leaders from across the country and facilitated a conversation around how to build, grow and sustain inclusive worshipping communities in their schools. It was an opportunity for our students to listen, challenge and encourage others on their own journey whilst also being able to reflect on theirs. It was just wonderful.

We had a wonderful day that was filled with hope, pastries, worship and even a confetti cannon! We couldn't be more proud of our Flourish Leaders and it has been a joy to watch them as they have grown over this past year.

Well done everyone!

## Fairtrade Foundation recognises school achievement



We are delighted to announce that the school has been recognised as a FairAchiever School for its ongoing work in promoting and supporting Fairtrade.

This achievement has been led by David Shannon, our Chair of Governors, alongside a group of our outstanding sixth form leaders. However, our commitment does not end here; we will continue to champion and support Fairtrade projects in the future.

Well done and thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

MSPTA are looking for new volunteers



**MINSTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**WE DON'T ASK FOR A LOT, JUST HELP  
TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS**

We raise thousands every year, all vital proceeds that help support the school in extra resources, eg Unifrog, drama & music equipment, sports equipment plus much more.

You may be attending the performances at the school, all we ask is that you help sell the refreshments. How? Join our WhatsApp group, no it's not just another crazy WhatsApp! All that is posted are when the events are and a poll for you to tick if you can do it, EASY! scan the QR to join and help raise funds for your child's educational support!

MSPTA  
WhatsApp group



The MSPTA (Minster School Parent Teacher Association) continues to play a vital role in supporting the school by raising funds for important projects. These include the Unifrog careers platform, as well as drama, music, and sports equipment, and much more.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please use the QR code to sign up.