



WORKS Newsletter 22nd May



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half term break, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another busy and successful few weeks at The Minster School.

Our GCSE and A Level examinations have now begun, and I am extremely pleased with the positive start our students have made. They have approached this important period with maturity, determination and resilience, and we are very proud of their commitment. I would also like to extend my thanks to our staff, who have worked tirelessly to prepare students and support them throughout the exam period, and to you as parents and carers for the continued encouragement and support you provide at home. This strong partnership plays a vital role in students' success, and we are very grateful.

Examinations will continue after the half-term break, and we will ensure students remain well supported both academically and pastorally as they move through this period.

As we now break for half term, it is pleasing to see that the weather forecast looks bright and warm, which we hope will allow everyone the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time together. It has been a long and productive half term, and a well-earned break is important for both students and staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Upcoming Dates for the Diary



2nd June - Nottinghamshire Music Conference

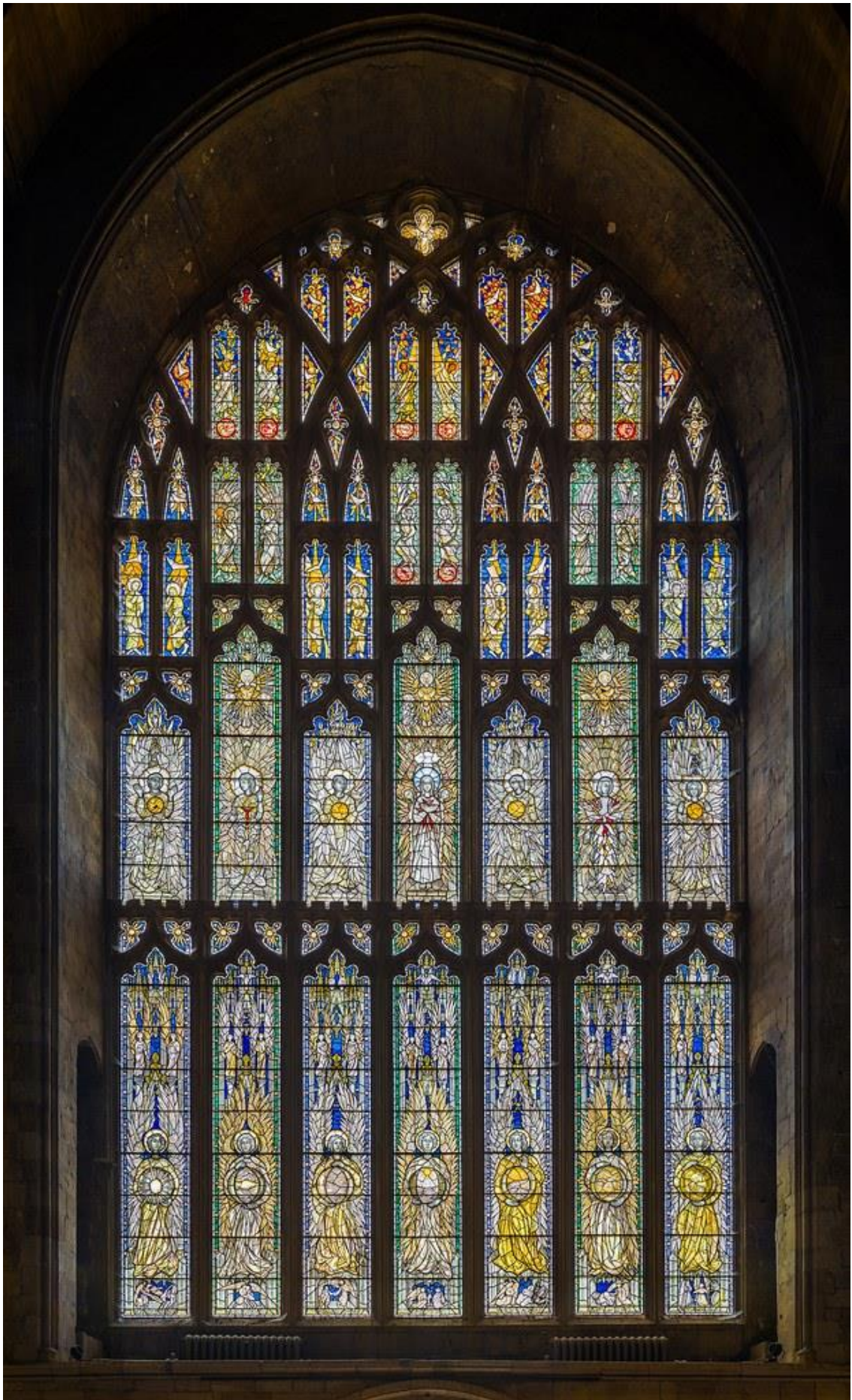
5th June - Year 12 Geography NEA Fieldwork

8th June - Year 12 Biology Perlethorpe visit

W/C 10th June - Year 10 End of Year Exams

11th June - Year 13 UCAS Evening

Upcoming 'Theme of the Week'



w/c 01/06/26 - **Theme:** Pride

Biblical Reference: "Love your neighbour as yourself." **(Mark 12:31)**

w/c 08/06/26 - **Theme:** Caring for others

Biblical Reference: "No-one should seek his own good, but the good of others."
(1 Corinthians 10:24)

Mental Health Support



At The Minster School, we continue to prioritise supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, and we are continually reviewing and strengthening our provision to ensure we meet the needs of our whole school community.

We are incredibly proud to share that the school has been awarded the Silver Carnegie Award from Leeds Beckett University. This recognition highlights the strength of our mental health provision and our ongoing investment in supporting students, staff and families. The Silver Award is only granted to schools that can also demonstrate how they are supporting and influencing improved provision beyond their own setting, including work across their Trust and with the Local Authority. The next stage within the framework is the Gold Award, which recognises schools working at a national level, and this is something we are continuing to develop towards as part of our future work.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, our Mental Health Support Team delivered a programme of assemblies during the week commencing 27th April. These focused on key themes including sleep (Year 7 and 8), anxiety (Year 9 and 10), and exam stress (year 11), which was addressed through our Acts of Worship assemblies.

Building on this work, the team will be offering one-hour sleep and anxiety workshops for students next half term. If you are interested in your child attending, please use the following links below to register your interest.

[Year 7/8 Sleep Workshop](#)

[Year 9/10 Anxiety Workshop](#)

Parents and carers can also refer their child for 1:1 support from the Mental Health Support Team. Further information about the service, along with the referral link, can be found here:

[Parents and carers | Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

More County Cup Championship Success



Following on from the fantastic success of our Year 11 teams, we are delighted to celebrate further sporting achievements across the school.

On Tuesday 19th May, the Year 7 boys' football team were crowned County Cup Champions after a thrilling final against Outwood Valley. The match finished 1–1 at full time, with our students showing great composure and teamwork to secure victory on penalties.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 9 girls' football team, who were crowned County Cup winners following an outstanding 7–1 victory against Rushcliffe Spencer Academy on Thursday 21st May. This dominant performance reflects their skill, determination and excellent teamwork.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, and we congratulate all players involved on their success.

IT Filtering and Monitoring



The safety and wellbeing of our students remains a top priority, including in the digital environment.

The school uses SENSO, a monitoring system which helps us safeguard students by reviewing their computer use whilst on school devices. This system flags any activity that may give cause for concern, allowing our safeguarding team to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.

All alerts are carefully reviewed and, where necessary, followed up to ensure students receive the right support. This forms an important part of our wider safeguarding procedures.

Relational Schools

Over recent years, the school has invested significantly in developing a trauma informed and attachment aware approaches to teaching and pastoral care. This work is rooted in current educational psychology research and is central to how we support all students to feel safe, understood and ready to learn.

Leaders from the pastoral, senior leadership and faculties teams have taken part in a two-year training and supervision programme on building relational schools, led by Nottinghamshire Virtual School. This work has now been embedded into our practice through staff training, development of procedures, and our approach to policy.

In recognition of this commitment, the Virtual School has invited The Minster School to vice chair a Relational Schools Collaborative, supporting further development across schools.

We remain committed to continuing this work, including delivering student-focused professional learning sessions each half term, ensuring that our approach continues to evolve and meet the needs of our students.

Young Enterprise Successes



Our students have enjoyed success in Young Enterprise competitions in both Year 10 and Year 12 this half term. On 20th April, our Year 12 Young Enterprise team won 2 awards at the county finals of their Company Programme - the awards were for the best trade stand and best sales and marketing strategy, well done to the team of 12 students who have worked so hard during this project.

Meanwhile in Year 10, we came to the conclusion of this year's 10X Challenge and our winning team were able to present an amazing £1,489, raised by the students during the challenge, to the Children's Bereavement Centre. This worthwhile charity was voted for by the students, well done to our winning team and all the Year 10 students who took part!

Nottinghamshire 4Uth Awards



Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement
4Uth Awards 2026
Nominations now open

Do you know an inspirational young person or group who deserves to be celebrated?

Courage Resilience Kindness Leadership

Have they:

- › Overcome challenges?
- › Made a positive difference in their community?
- › Gone above and beyond to support, help, or inspire others?

Nominate NOW

Who can nominate?
Anyone can nominate - including parents, carers, professionals, schools, youth groups, friends, peers, and community members!

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Nominations close on Friday 19 June

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/4Uth

Nottinghamshire County Council

We are delighted to be involved in the Nottinghamshire 4Uth Awards this year. These awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of young people across the county.

We encourage all members of our school community to show their support by voting – details can be found in the image above.