

The Minster School

Parents and Carers Information evening



September 2026
YEAR 11



Welcome to The Minster School

“Succeeding Together”



Fantastic exam success over the summer...!

Year 11	Minster
4+ E / M	82.0%

Year 13	Minster
A*-A %	21.4%



Settling back in



We hope your sons and daughters are looking forward to their first day back in school tomorrow

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

Friday – Fire walk throughs

Monday – lockdown drill practice



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Uniform:

- Black school shoes – not trainers
- School shirts tucked in
- Black school trousers or Minster School skirt – skirts should not be shortened or rolled up
- Optional Minster School (or plain black) jumper or cardigan
- Hair should be a natural colour
- Jewellery – one stud in each ear only is allowed plus a watch
- Facial piercings are not allowed at all – this includes clear retainers. Covering with a plaster is also not permitted.
- Nails should be short – safe for PE and D&T
- False eyelashes should be removed



Uniform Expectations at The Minster School



Item	Image	School expectations	Not permitted
COMPULSORY ITEMS			
Blazer and tie		Plain black Minster School blazer with Minster School logo	A coat or Jacket instead of a blazer.
		Minster School tie (Clumber, Rufford, Thoresby or Welbeck depending on the student's House) A blazer and tie must be worn around the school at all times unless otherwise instructed by a member of staff	A jumper instead of a blazer. Hoodies.
Shirt or blouse		Plain white school shirt or blouse, with buttons which fasten to the neck. Long or short sleeves. The shirt/blouse must be fully tucked in to the waistband of the skirt/trousers.	T Shirt or Polo shirt. Round collar. Coloured/logged tops/polo shirts under shirts. Capped sleeves or sleeveless shirts/blouses are not permitted.



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COMPULSORY ITEMS			
Shoes		Plain black, sensible leather type school shoes. Flat or with low heels only. Practical and safe style. Worn with plain black, grey or white ankle socks or black or neutral tights.	Boots, trainers, sandals or canvas shoes are not acceptable. Footless tights or leggings are also not acceptable.
Trousers or skirt	 	Plain black loose fitting/boot cut trousers worn at the waist OR Castle Grey Tartan Senior Stitch-Down Pleated Skirt, in length 20" or 22".	Denim or chino type material Leggings, footless tights, cropped or ankle grazers Skinny fitting or excessively tight Low-rise trousers Excessively wide bell bottoms Skirts which have been excessively rolled up at the waistband or excessively shortened

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OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS			
Jumper		Black, embroidered with "The Minster School Southwell"	Round neck jumpers
		OR Plain black V-neck jumper OR Black fine knit cardigan embroidered with "The Minster School Southwell" OR Plain black fine knit cardigan	V neck jumpers or cardigans with logos other than "The Minster School" Hoodies or other fleece fabric jackets Any other colour knitwear other than black



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OTHER OPTIONAL ITEMS RELATED TO UNIFORM			
Coat or jacket, hat and scarf		Outdoor coat, hat, scarf. Coats must fit over the blazer.	Coats, scarves and hats must not be worn indoors, and coats must not be worn instead of a blazer.
Jewellery	 	A small pair of stud earrings A wristwatch	Smart watches which offer any of the functionalities of a mobile phone. Any other jewellery other than the items mentioned to the box on the left – this includes, but is not limited to, hoop earrings, bracelets, rings and facial piercings, which are not allowed at all, other than a small pair of stud earrings.
Religious headwear		Any headwear worn for religious reasons should be plain black	Any religious headwear which is not plain black

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Students at The Minster School are expected to look smart in their appearance and be ready to learn.

- False nails and false eyelashes are not permitted
- Any make-up should be natural and subtle
- Hair colour should be kept to a natural range of colours

Students will have their uniform checked daily on the gate upon arrival. Any compulsory items which are missing will result in a 10-minute break detention issued for the same day. Any items which are not allowed will initially be requested to be removed on entry.

Students who persistently fail to follow instructions regarding the uniform expectations above will be subject to our behaviour procedures and sanctions. These may include detentions, internal exclusion (for repeated breach of expectations or refusal to follow instructions) and, if necessary, suspension (for further repeated breach or refusal to follow instructions).

Thank you for your support!



Phones – updated policy

New Government guidance with effect from September

All schools should be “mobile-phone-free environments”

Phones must be switched off and out of sight (kept in student’s bag or locker.)

This also includes headphones and smart watches.

They cannot be used for any purpose. This includes contacting home or education.

There are a very small number of exceptions for students with medical/SEND needs.

Agreed in advance in writing.

If a phone is seen it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

1st offence – One hour detention

2nd offence – One hour detention and one-week daily device hand in

Further breaches or non-compliance will result in

- Extended device hand-in
- Internal exclusion
- Suspension



Phones – updated policy



Further guidance can be found via our website with a letter and video:

[The Minster School - Mobile Phone & Smart Device Policy Updates](#)



Settling back in



ParentPay

If you have any concerns please 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

Medical questionnaire – please ensure this is completed and returned asap

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



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.



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

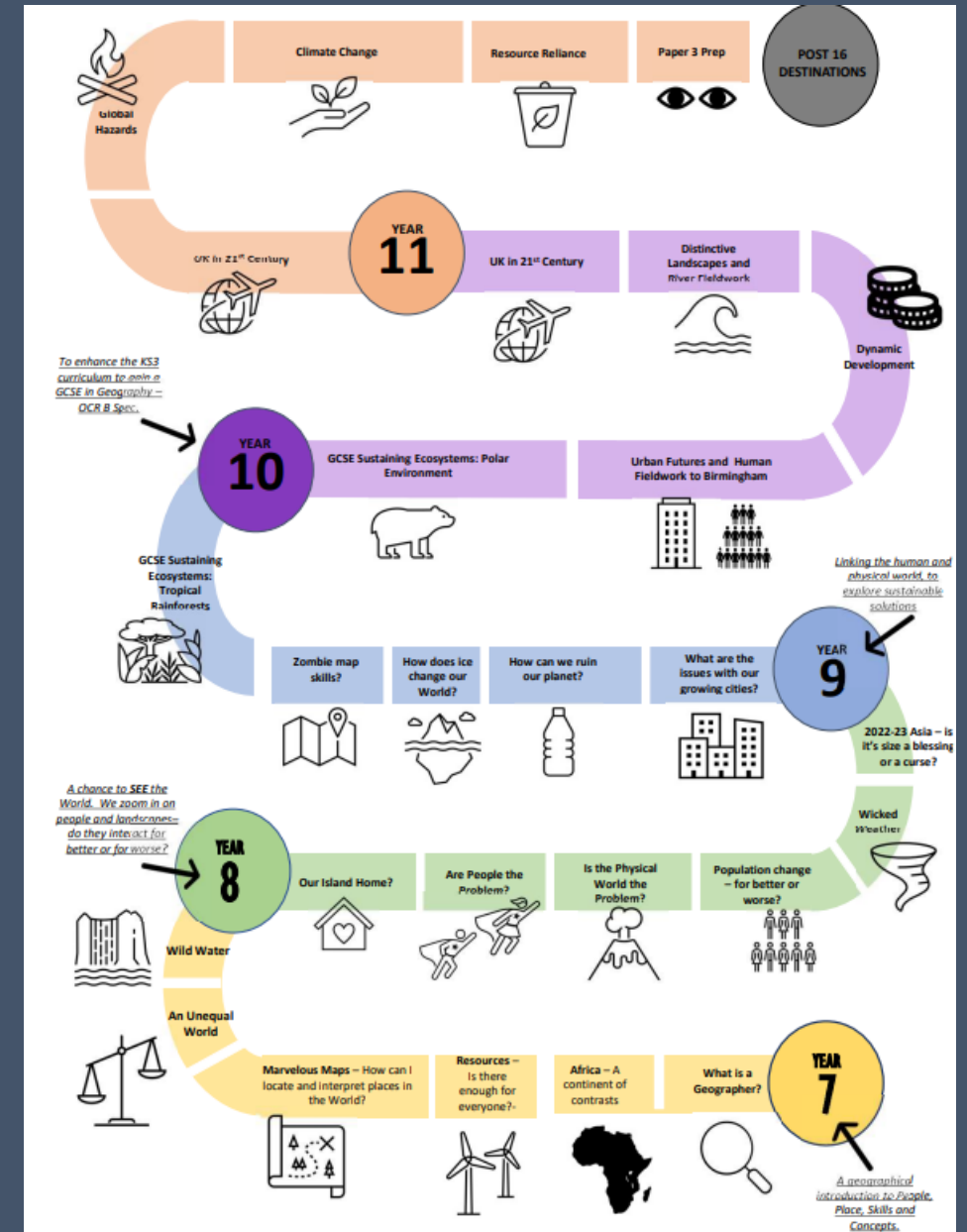
More detailed information can be found on the school website here:

[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:

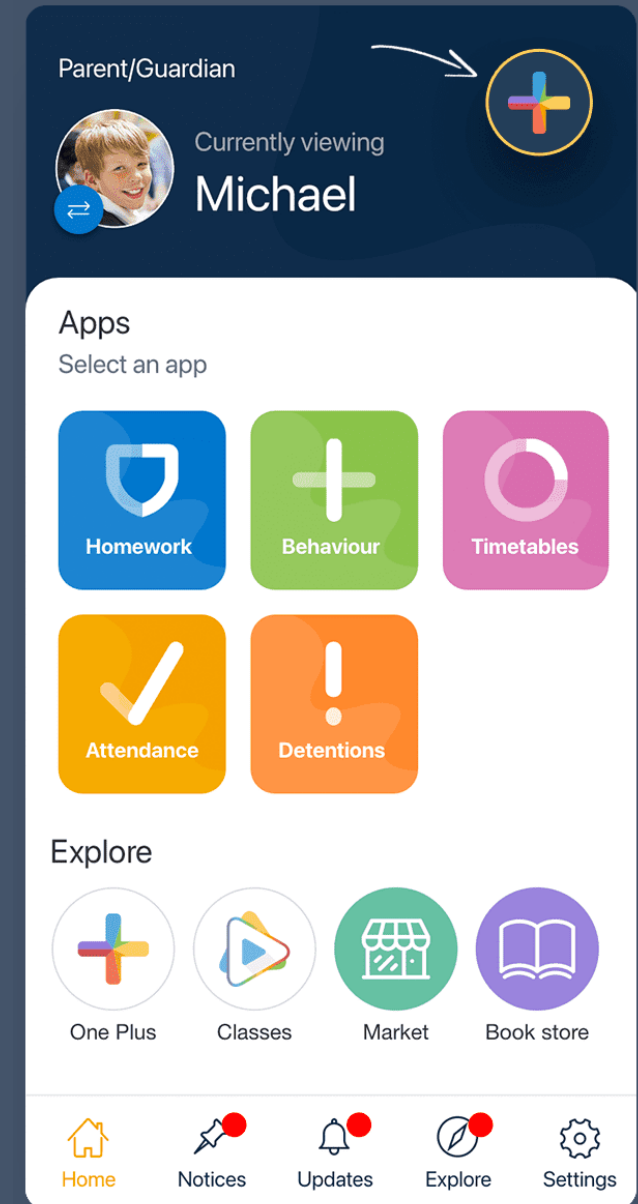
Post 16 options

- Sixth form open evening – Wednesday 4th November
- Y11 Careers Fair – Thursday 12th November
- Y11 Mock interviews – Friday 4th December
- Sixth form application deadline – Friday 20th November
- Post 16 conditional offers day – Friday 29th January
- Y12 induction days – 29th & 30th June
- 1:1 careers meetings – ongoing throughout the year



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 11th November

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



Assessment point 2 – Wednesday 13th January

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



Parents' evening – Thursday 14th January 4pm – 6:30pm

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

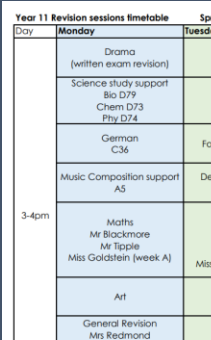


Assessment point 3 – Wednesday 28th April

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 – 21st January
 - Parents workshop – 21st January 6pm
 - **Mocks – November**
 - Assessments – March
 - Practice speaking exams
 - Afterschool revision timetable
 - Easter Holiday Revision sessions (2nd week)
 - Summer exams: May 6th – June 18th
 - GCSE Results day – Thursday 19th August
- ### Coping with stress
- Pastoral support
 - Mental Health assemblies
 - Staying healthy
 - Diet
 - Exercise
 - Sleep
 - Relaxation
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- | Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|-------|--|---------|-----------|
| 3-4pm | Drama
(written exam revision) | | |
| | Science study support
Bio D79
Chem D73
Phy D74 | | |
| | German
C36 | For | |
| | Music Composition support
A5 | De | |
| | Maths
Mr Blackmore
Mr Tople
Miss Goldstein (week A) | Miss | |
| | Art | | |
| | General Revision
Mrs Redmond | | |



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Year 11 Revision sessions timetable		Spring term 2022			
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4pm	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 E86	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	
	Maths Mr Blackmore Mr Topley 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				



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



Geography fieldwork
to Edale

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 1st 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
- Year Leader
s.batchelor@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



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 21 st October – Friday 1 st 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 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd 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 17 th February – Friday 21 st 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

Miss West – Assistant Head Teacher – Maths Hub

Pastoral Team:

Mrs Crone – Head of KS4

Miss Batchelor – Year leader Y11

Mrs Pascual – Attendance officer

Careers support:

Ms Taylor – Careers Lead

