Principal’s Welcome

Minsthorpe is a college that is going places. Judged good by Ofsted in 2014, our journey is now firmly towards outstanding - not just for the Ofsted badge but because that is what our students deserve on a daily basis.

For us, improving the quality of education that we provide is all about helping teachers to give lessons that genuinely engage learners in the process of learning and developing skills and competencies that will enable them to succeed in the twenty first century workplace.

Success for young people in this competitive world demands that they are able to learn, unlearn and relearn and, at Minsthorpe, we develop students so that they are able to think for themselves.

Why choose Minsthorpe?

• Staff who know you and can support you academically and pastorally
• A flexible curriculum offer with a wide variety of courses; academic, vocational and occupational at Level 1, 2 and 3
• Dedicated Post 16-only facilities (common room, kitchenette and excellent ICT suite/Study Centre)
• Dedicated IAG (Independent Advice & Guidance) for all your academic and work-related needs
• Dedicated Aspiration Raising member of staff who supports students on programmes such as ‘Realising Opportunities’ and ‘Access Leeds’ experiences which make the journey into Higher Education smoother
• An experience where you are treated like young adults and have the freedom and responsibilities of such
• Leadership opportunities (P16 Student Leadership and shadow Leadership in Year 12) - Excellent for reference in UCAS applications and when applying for jobs
• Dedicated UCAS support sessions (100% of last year’s Year 13 applying to University achieved places at their 1st Choice University)
• Fair distribution of Bursary funding to support learning
• A wide variety of Enrichment opportunities
• No long journey to and from college, opening up longer study time and the ability to work part-time
• Support with making the transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5

What we are looking for...

• Committed, hard-working and focused students who can become independent learners
• Role models within college
• Excellent attendance and punctuality
• Post 16 students who aspire to achieve and broaden their horizons
Making the right choices

Below is an example of the courses that are available at the college. Each year the college seeks feedback from students about what subjects they want to study together. The study blocks are then created around our students' preferences and where possible new courses are added to meet demand (eg. Digital Media was added to meet student demand last year).

Students are selected for Post 16 taster sessions in Year 10 to start to enable them to experience Key Stage 5 learning. All students who wish to engage in taster sessions in Year 11 have that opportunity too.

All Year 11 students have a one-to-one interview with a member of the Post 16 Leadership team and subject specialists and are given a conditional offer letter in the Autumn term. This letter confirms that providing they achieve the minimum grade requirements for the subjects they have chosen, and providing they have a clear behaviour and conduct record they will be offered a place within Post 16 for the following September.

The college supports all other applications and ensures that students wishing to pursue other areas of work and study at other institutions are advised and supported throughout this process too. Our desire is to see every one of our students on the right pathway, enjoying and achieving.

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<td>BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development (Extended Diploma) BTEC Sport (Extended Diploma) BTEC Sport Level 2 BTEC Health and Social Care Level 2 BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development Level 2 CTEC Creative iMedia Level 2 BTEC Work Skills Diploma Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Work Skills Level 1 (includes BTEC Level 2 Award in Fire &amp; Rescue Services in the Community)</td>
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