



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Alongside other communication we have issued with regards national school closures we want to remind parents and carers of the plans in place to support learning at home during this unprecedented time. We ask that parents and carers read this information carefully with their child/children.

### **Students accessing learning at home**

It is important that students, who are well, are accessing education at home.

### **Advice for All Students**

Our advice is for students to aim to follow their **usual college timetable** in completing learning at home. This is because:

- Maintaining a routine helps young people to feel secure and reduces worries;
- Completing school work and/or revision each day will allow students to feel more confident on their return to college;
- Students will be set online work by their classroom teacher through Firefly. This may be completed electronically or on paper;
- Members of staff will give clear instructions with regards completing work;
- Students will also be reminded to use other online resources, for example Hegarty Maths and Educake;

### **All students accessing Firefly**

Students are familiar with using Firefly as a means of accessing a range of learning resources. All students need to use this on a **daily basis** to support learning at home. Please see instructions overleaf should your child need reminding how to access this. Please contact college via School Gateway if your child encounters any issues with accessing Firefly.

### **Year 10 and Year 12 students**

It is important that all our students continue to work at home. However, the importance is now even greater for Y10 and Y12 as these year groups will be the next cohorts of students to sit public examinations.

Class teachers will set clear work for these students, which must be fully completed on a regular basis.

They can also access the resources below:

- Hegarty Maths
- Educake Science
- GCSE Bitesize – English and other subjects
- Seneca
- Memrise French

### **Communication between home and college**

We will continue to communicate with parents and carers in the usual way using text messages, School Gateway and our website. We ask that you use School Gateway as the normal channel of communication. We will endeavour to respond as promptly as we are able.

**Please contact the college if your child/children has no access to online work.**

Yours sincerely

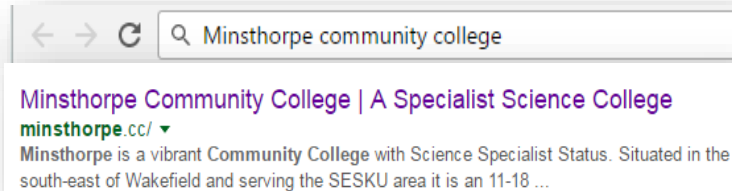
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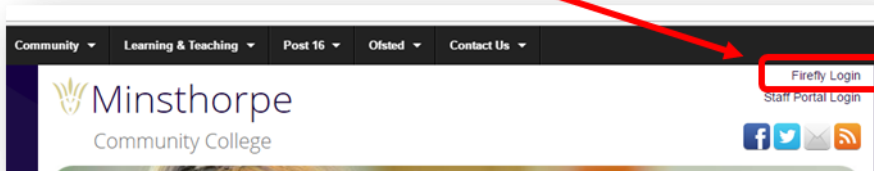
## College access from home.

As a student at MCC, you will use a variety of resources including **Firefly**, **Educake** and **Office 365 (Email)**. These can be accessed from home on most devices as long as you have an Internet connection. Use the step by step guide below to help you.

### 1. Go to our website – <https://minsthorpe.cc>



### 2. Click on the Firefly Login link

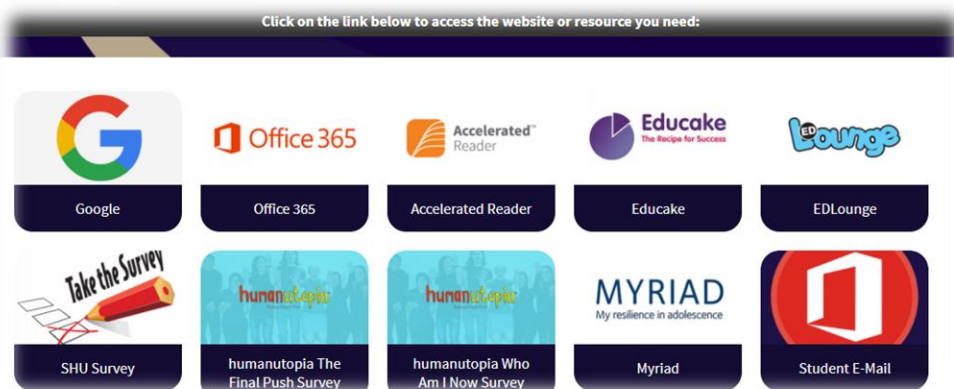


### 3. Logon – use your college email address and password e.g.

Email Address: **16joebloggs@minsthorpe.cc** (or **bloggsjoe.mc@minsthorpe.cc**)

Password : **12345**

### 4. Once logged in to Firefly click or tap the resources you want to access.



**Username:**