



17th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance Matters – Update from the Principals

We would like to start this letter by saying a big thank you for supporting your child to attend College; our overall attendance for this academic year continues to be higher than the same period last academic year. This is something to celebrate and continue to work upon throughout the rest of the year.

Easter Holiday Dates 2025

We would like to remind you of the dates of the Easter Holiday. Students will be in normal lessons until 2:25pm / 2:30pm on Friday 4th April.

Monday 7th April 2025 – Monday 21st April 2025 – College closed for Easter break.

We return to College on Tuesday 22nd April (the day after Easter Monday). This is not the usual holiday pattern.

Attendance Rewards and Recognition

Our mantra is '**Every Student. Every Lesson. Every day**'. With so many exciting and enriching opportunities on offer, it is important that students make the most of our college and establish routines that will benefit them for life.

We were delighted to send a letter of congratulations to an impressive 493 students last half term for 100% attendance. Let's try to send even more this half term!

We will be holding a Recognition Day on Friday 28th March when students' attendance will be recognised with a sweet treat during Period 3, and certificates for special recognition in lessons all day long.

As we approach the Easter holiday, students will continue to be recognised and rewarded by their teachers, P&A Mentors and Heads of Year. Students who are showing Motivation, Commitment and Care will be in with a chance to win a variety of prizes, including Easter Eggs in the last week of term. Staff are being asked to nominate students who demonstrate our college values, so it is essential that they attend every lesson, every day until we break up.

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Support for your child's attendance

We are a supportive college who care for our students and the wider community we serve. Please remember that we are here to help your child attend college in any way we can. Please get in touch with our Attendance Team if you require any additional support. If we cannot help directly, we will work with you to help you find other support.

You can contact us by emailing enquiries@minsthorpe.cc or via School Gateway.

We can support your child best when they are in College.

Every Student. Every Lesson. Every Day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R. A. Merritt
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