

### Starting at Minsthorpe Community College – Key Information

We look forward to welcoming your child to Year 7 at Minsthorpe Community College in September. Below is some of the key information shared at the Year 6 Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any questions, please contact us at the College.

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#### The College Day

- 8.00am Breakfast club
- 8.25am – 8.45 am Registration
- Six 50 minute lessons during the day
- Two snack breaks
  - SB1 - 15 minutes
  - SB2 - 30 minutes
- Lessons finish at 2.30 pm
- Extra-curricular clubs after College
- Library always open after College

#### Uniform Expectations

- A black blazer (not fitted jacket) with College badge
- College tie in the appropriate colour for the year group
- A white shirt with a stiff collar & top button (not a casual shirt)
- Black trousers/skirt (not combat trousers, leggings/ denim/leisure wear or fashion/short skirts)
- Black shoes or boots
- Jewellery – a wristwatch and a single pair of small gold, silver or diamante studs are allowed.
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural colouring are not permitted
- A black V neck sweater / cardigan (optional)

#### Start of Term Arrangements

- Wednesday 4th September 2019.
- Arrive at 8.25am.
- 8:30 a.m. Year 7 students are shown into the Main Hall for Assembly.
- Year 8 to 11 start at 10.25am.
- Students spend the morning with their Progress and Achievement Mentors to support their induction.
- Into normal lessons in the afternoon.

#### Equipment to be Brought Every Day

All students need a bag, pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator and reading book.

#### PE & Sports Kit (for all)

- Navy polo shirt with Minsthorpe Logo
- Navy shorts with Minsthorpe Logo
- Sports trainers and white socks
- Suitable footwear for activities on grass
- Shin pads are recommended
- Optional navy blue tracksuit bottoms with Minsthorpe Logo
- Optional navy waterproof jacket with Minsthorpe Logo

#### Boys (additional)

- Navy/White reversible rugby shirt
- Navy Football socks

**NB Students will not go into mainstream lessons until they have the correct uniform.**

### **Buses & Travel**

The operator that has the Metro contract for bus access to College is CT Plus who can be contacted on the following number 01924 377084 or WY Metro Education Transport on 0113 348 1122. The College has no control over the contract for this bus service.

Students will need to apply for a METRO Young Persons Photocard in order to qualify for a half-fare permit.

Any student without a permit will have to pay the full adult fare.

Young Persons Photocards can be bought on line at [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) or at a Metro Travel Office (Pontefract or Wakefield Bus Stations).

We expect all students travelling on the buses to behave in appropriate manner. Any misbehaviour will be reported and students may be banned from using the service.

Please consider student safety and our local residents if travelling by car.

Students who wish to travel safely to College by bikes but must apply for a bike permit from the College in September.

### **School Gateway**

School Gateway is a parent app that provides a single point of contact with College for parents/carers.

By downloading the app you will be able to:

- Receive text messages from college.
- View your child's timetable, his/her behaviour and attendance records.
- Message college free of charge.
- Make payments for trips, visits and lunches.
- Coming soon – information about your child's achievements too!

Please look for the 'School Gateway' icon and download the app from your app store (Android and iPhone).



All you need is your email address and mobile number that College holds on record for you.

### **Further Information**

For further information please visit the page on the College's website dedicated to Transition - <https://minsthorpe.cc/year-6-transition/>

BBC Bitesize also has a page to help transition this year:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>