



# Principals' Welcome

It is a pleasure as Joint Principals of Minsthorpe Community College to welcome you to our College.

We feel proud and privileged to be entrusted with the shared responsibility for the welfare and education of your children. We have served as teachers and leaders together at the College for more than twenty years and are passionate about providing the young people of the South Kirkby, South Elmsall, Upton and surrounding areas with enriching educational opportunities and an engaging curriculum, which promotes lifelong learning. We know the college well and aim to build on its many strengths. Experience tells us that children learn best in a calm, orderly and safe environment and, as Principals, we intend to maintain the high expectations and quality learning, teaching and behaviour established over many years, which consistently lead to great outcomes for our students.



We cannot achieve this alone. We firmly believe in our ethos of 'Team Minsthorpe' involving students, staff, parents/carers and governors and express this in our College vision: Minsthorpe Community College: A place where everyone plays a part in strengthening our learning community through motivation, commitment and care.

**Mark Gilmore**

**Rachael Merritt**

Hello and welcome to our Minsthorpe Community College prospectus! As you are aware, we are currently working in unprecedented times and having to work very differently to ensure we keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe. I would normally invite you to come and have a look around our College, to meet our staff and students during our annual Open Evening, but unfortunately this cannot happen this year.



In place of this, we have a **Virtual Open Evening** which will go live on our College website on **Thursday 8th October**. Please take a look and browse the wealth of information on our website. If you should have any further queries, please email College through our enquiries email .

**Laura Drysdale - Associate Assistant Principal - Transition & Enrichment**



## Minsthorpe Community College

Minsthorpe is a large, vibrant and inclusive community college with a student body of over 1500 students ranging from 11 to 19 years;

We have six primary schools in our pyramid and are pleased to welcome children from neighbouring areas;

We have a highly skilled team of teachers and support staff that always act in the best interest of the students;

We offer excellent facilities for learning and teaching with dedicated blocks for each subject area as well as community dimensions including a sports & fitness centre and a children's centre;

Students enjoy a range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities which complement their learning.

**Minsthorpe Community College** secures great GCSE and Post 16 results year on year allowing students to progress into higher education and employment.

## Students

At Minsthorpe, we **motivate** students through an engaging curriculum, which promotes lifelong learning. We provide exciting educational opportunities and an ethos of **care**, guidance and support for all. We know that students learn best in a safe, calm and orderly environment and our rewards and sanctions support this. We expect that students are **committed** to their own learning and progress and to achieving their future aspirations.

*'Pupils were found to have positive attitudes to learning in their lessons, showing respect towards teachers and their peers.'* Ofsted, 2018

## Parents and Carers

At Minsthorpe, we value the contribution our **caring** parent body makes to their child's education, as we work together to **motivate** and support each student in reaching their full potential. We want parents and carers to work with us in ensuring their child is safe and happy. We expect the full **commitment** of parents and carers in ensuring their child attends regularly and on time; completes home learning; wears the correct uniform; is fully equipped and ready to learn and behave the Minsthorpe Way.

*'Home-school liaison is well established, and parental satisfaction is high.'* Basic Skills Quality Mark Report, April 2019

*'Parents and carers.....reported that, in their view, the quality of pastoral support and care for pupils was of a very high standard.'* Ofsted 2018





## Staff

At Minsthorpe, we invest in the recruitment, development and retention of **caring** professionals who are **committed** to constantly reviewing and improving the quality of learning, teaching and support. We expect that staff are **motivated** to work collaboratively in setting high expectations for all students with a relentless focus on student learning and progress.

*'Fantastic and caring staff. I feel happy that my child is meeting targets and feels safe in school.'* Parent View from parent of a Year 7 student, May 2019

*'Leaders are relentless in checking the quality of teaching, learning and assessment and hold teachers to account for pupils' progress.'* Ofsted 2018



## Governors

At Minsthorpe, the Governing Body is **committed** to challenging the College Leadership to secure the highest standards of education for the students of our community. It oversees the financial performance of the College, ensuring that budgets are well spent. Governors expect that all stakeholders work together in the best interests of the students to **motivate** and **care** for each other and are themselves motivated to care for all stakeholders.

*'Governors know the school's strengths and weaknesses very well. They are committed to supporting the school and bringing about the necessary improvements.'* Ofsted, 2018

