

Dear Parents and Pupils

November was a critical month, particularly for our external examination candidates. High paced teaching and learning, careful preparation, critical assessment and high expectations are all part of this. Year 13 are immersed in the UCAS process and interviews and offers are now very much a key part of events. Year 11 have had three important happenings in recent weeks – the first rate Sixth Form Information Evening, the most worthwhile Parents' Evening and the excellent Parents Guide to Study Skills evening - all very useful and vital elements in ensuring the best possible outcomes for this year and beyond.

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation but it is also a time of giving – the collection of 105 Christmas boxes is an illustration of this. We can all give of ourselves and as we move towards the end of term and tiredness becomes a factor, kindness, respect and a real sense of family are so important.

I look forward to the production of 'Oliver' next week and I know how much hard work has gone into this and know that a major highlight will also be the Early Years Foundation stage nativity 'The Giant Star'.

Do enjoy the Christmas Market and do drop in to the FoLMS refreshments hall on the Upper Prep site over the weekend. The Cathedral Choir and 'Ready, Steady Choir' will be singing.

With very best wishes,

Live Liszt

Year 7 Geography Trip Friday, 9 December 2011

Pupils can wear 'home clothes' but **MUST** have a coat, gloves etc. Sensible **FLAT** shoes need to be worn. We will be outside and walking for the majority of the day.

Thank you

End of Term Christmas Carol Service

In the Cathedral at 2.30pm
on
Friday, 16 December 2011

External Exams January Timetable

Dates of January exams are now available to view or download from the VLE.

The Very Best Time of Year

Performers include Lincoln Cathedral Choristers and the school's Chamber Choir who have given regular broadcasts on BBC 1, Radio 4 & Radio Lincolnshire. This CD, which is a mixture of traditional carols and Christmas songs, will make an ideal Christmas present at only £5.00 each. Copies are available from reception at the Lower, Upper and Senior school or from Miss Jordan in the Music Department (01522 551342).



VLE

Please be aware that in order to better match information to a specific year group, new parental user accounts have been created for accessing the school VLE. These new accounts will replace all previous parental accounts with immediate effect. The new accounts should also be far simpler to commit to memory.

The content of the VLE will now be greater tailored to a specific year group. Please use the user name(s) that is most appropriate to your individual need. The VLE can be accessed by using the website www.itslearning.com and selecting Lincoln Minster School from the drop down menu. Specific queries should be addressed to LMSVLEHelp@church-schools.com.

School Year Group	Username	Password
Year 7	07parent	password
Year 8	08parent	password
Year 9	09parent	password
Year 10	10parent	password
Year 11	11parent	password
Year 12	12parent	password
Year 13	13parent	password

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Tuesday, 13 December 2011
5.00pm start

Christmas Market Car Parking PARK IN THE PLAYGROUND OF LINCOLN MINSTER SENIOR SCHOOL, PRIOR BUILDING, UPPER LINDUM STREET (OFF WRAGBY ROAD), LINCOLN LN2 5RW

ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM THE CATHEDRAL

CAR PARKING OPENING TIMES:

FRIDAY, 2.12.11 - 5.00pm to 10.00pm £3.00 per car
SATURDAY, 3.12.11 - 8.00am to 10.00pm £5.00 per car - ALL DAY
SUNDAY, 4.12.11 - 8.00am to 8.00pm £5.00 per car - ALL DAY

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOLS HOST PROJECT.

Year 7 Merit Badge Winners

NHu Thomas South
TEv William Brown
RLi Ruby Gale
HMa Harriet Bowley



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A big thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Operation Christmas Child scheme. We have collected 105 boxes - amazing, thank you

Mrs Lindley & Mr Wenban

UNIFORM SHOP

The new opening times for December are as follows:

Friday, 2nd CLOSED
Monday, 5th 8.30-10.30am
Wednesday, 7th 2.30-5.00pm
Friday, 9th 2.30-5.00pm

Monday, 12th 8.30-10.30am
Wednesday, 14th 2.30-5.00pm
Friday, 16th CLOSED

Mrs Mehta - 07970 904 257
Mrs Wykes - 01673 860757

Young Enterprise 2012

Our Young Enterprise team 'Snuggit' travelled to Grantham last Sunday to take part in the Grantham Christmas market. Not only did the group sell out of stock but they also managed to scoop the two prizes that were awarded that day. They won the award for the best overall presentation and also the award for innovation.

This year the group is making knitted snoods and gloves and utilised Radio Lincolnshire to recruit 'nana's' to knit the snoods for them. A percentage of the group's profits will be given to Age Concern to thank all the volunteers who helped us out. Thanks should go to the team who took part and to our Young Enterprise Business Advisor, Kate McFarlane



Mrs Moncur

GCE & GCSE Certificates

Certificates from this year's summer examinations are now available for collection from Reception. When a student is not able to collect them in person, a parent or sibling may sign for them, upon production of a letter of permission. Please remember that these are important documents which should be kept safe, as replacements from the Examination Boards are costly.

Year 8 Merit Badge Winners

BHu Matthew Hurst
HCZ Isabelle Rolfe
DCI Sebastian Osbourne
KTU May Pattinson
MF Emilia Hill



The prizes have arrived for the Rainbow Reading awards and can be seen on display in the Reading

Room. For a reading record and more information on how to win and collect the whole set of prizes, visit the Reading room at lunchtime. Don't delay get reading today!

Miss Clarke

AS Biology Practical

The first AS Biology Practical Assessments will take place in lessons during the week commencing Monday, 5 December 2011. Students will be given some limited information about the practical they will be doing next week. Students should use the materials provided in the practical skills master-class and class practical work to help them prepare. Any problems, please see Mrs Frost.

Magna Carta



Question Time
with Karl McCartney JP MP
[Lincoln]

Sixth Form Common Room,
Friday, 13 January 2012
at 4.30pm.

All students, staff, parents and friends of the school are welcome. A letter has been sent to all parents via Parent Mail and is also available on the VLE requesting questions we can submit to Mr McCartney. Questions can also be emailed to

lincoln.senior@church-schools.com
email address. Please submit any questions marked for the attention of Mr Ian Thomson, Department of English

Year 9 Merit Awards

JV Emily Gibbs
AGa Jacob Andrews
SCa Charlotte Scott
CCo Felix England
EMU Gabriella Dunn

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL

Please come along and see us during the Christmas Market located at the Upper School Prep Site on Eastgate. We have mince pies, bacon rolls, soup, tea, coffee and soft drinks available.



Christmas Active Zone



19th-23rd December 2011

If you require any more information contact Becky Skelton on:-
School - 01522 524622
Mobile - 07748605617
Email:

becky.skelton@church-schools.com

Homage a Liszt

Exhibition & Concert

Ervin Nagy on piano and art work by Carole Daynes
The Recital Hall, Lincoln Minster School, Lincoln, LN2 5RW
on Friday, 9th December 2011 at 7.30pm

Tickets: Pre-book £10.00, on the door £12.00, £5.00 students
For more information email: nagyrvin@gmail.com or carole.daynes@ntlworld.com



Upcoming Michaelmas Sport's Fixtures

LINCOLN MINSTER SQUASH CLUB

On Saturday, 26 November 2011 we took a mixed years squash team to an away match at Horncastle Squash Club.

Team:

Angus Pickering (Capt)	Christian Cardenas
Adam Whitney	Adam Flynn
Rory McConnell	Ryan Lormor
Lyndon James	Alex Moor
Arabella Ranby-Gorwood	

Everyone played at least two matches each. We proved far too strong in all age groups and a total of 20 matches were played with Minster winning 17 - 3.

Man of the Match - Christian Cardenas

Thank you to Fran and Mrs Pickering for transporting all the players to Horncastle and for their support throughout the day.

Squash Clubs at the Lindum

Every Tuesday & Thursday evening
4.00pm - 5.30pm

Date	Team	Opposition	Venue	Leave Time	Start Time	Return Time	Staff
Saturday 3 December	Rugby 1st XV	Ratcliffe College	Ratcliffe	8.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	RWe
	Rugby U15	Ratcliffe College	Ratcliffe	8.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	THi
	Rugby U14	Ratcliffe College	Ratcliffe	8.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	TEv
	Rugby U13/U12	Ratcliffe College	Ratcliffe	9.00am	11.30am	2.30pm	MPI
Monday 5 December	Netball U12A & B	LCHS	LCHS	2.30pm	3.00pm	4.15pm	AGi
	Football U12	Kirkstone House	Kirkstone	1.30pm	2.00pm	5.30pm	MPI/NKi
Tuesday 6 December	U14 Hockey	Tournament	NK School, North Hykeham	2.15pm	3.00pm	5.00pm	AMa/MPI
Wednesday 7 December	U13 Rugby	St Hugh's	Woodhall Spa	1.30pm	2.30pm	5.00pm	CDy/NKi
Thursday 8 December	U15 Rugby	Hill House	Doncaster	1.00pm	2.30pm	5.30pm	THi
Saturday 10 December	U16 Rugby	Hall Cross, Doncaster	Lindum		10.00am		RWe
	U15 Rugby	Hall Cross	Lindum		10.00am		THi
	U14 Rugby	Hall Cross	Doncaster	8.00am	10.00am	1.00pm	SGr
	U13 Rugby	Hall Cross	Doncaster	8.00am	10.00am	1.00pm	CDy
	U12 Rugby	Hall Cross	Doncaster	8.00am	10.00am	1.00pm	NKi



'ESSENTIAL'

Year 12
Young Enterprise Group

We will be trading at the Christmas market, our stall is located in the Upper School Courtyard on Eastgate.

Please come along and support us!

Thank you

ABRSM music exams will be taking place in The Chapel from 9.00am on Monday, 5 December until Friday, 9 December 2011

**Year 11
GCSE PE Help
Sessions**
Every
Wednesday
12.30pm-1.00pm
in PE 1

Mr Eves & Mrs Mackender

Lost Property

Xanthe Jenks, 7HMa
PE Bag with full kit inside - all named

William Brown, 7TEv
New style rugby shirt - named

Every Tuesday & Wednesday Lunchtime
12.30pm - 1.30pm
Enter via the back door of Watkins Hall

Musical Events

**Lunchtime String Recital
In the Recital Hall**
1.00pm start
Friday, 9 December 2011

**Ensemble Concert
In the Recital Hall**
7.30pm start
Monday, 12 December

Badminton Club

The Tuesday Night Badminton Club run by Tim Mawer will begin again on Tuesday, 6 December 2011 for an eight week course. It runs from 5.15-6.45 pm in the Sports Hall, developing individual skills and technique. The U16 girls and boys have been entered in the Lincoln Schools league and will be playing matches next term.

Lincoln and Gainsborough Schools X Country Competition

On Tuesday, 29 November 2011, a very blustery day, a group of hardy boys and girls set out for the South Common to participate in this annual event. All ran very well indeed with notable results being achieved. The year 7 girls; Clea Butcher 3rd, Chiara Kirkwood 5th, Xanthe Jenks 6th, Peggy Crawford 11th and Sophia McGill 15th. What a shame we didn't have a full team as we would have easily have won the team trophy.

The year 8 and 9 girls; Emilia Hill 4th, Daniella Johnston 23rd, Izzie Rolfe 33rd and Grace Whitehead 35th very well supported by Ella McClaren, Phoebe Robinson, Hannah Bancroft and Hattie Seddon. We only had 2 runners in the intermediate girls and Alice Ward came 8th with Arabelle Ranby-Gorwood 22nd. In the senior girls race we had a great turnout with Mollie Temple coming 5th, Poppie Miller 6th, Esther Attrup 7th and India Nichols 8th.

Very well done to all the girls who ran.

The official results for the boys have not been received. They will be published in next week's newsletter.

Girls' Michaelmas Sports Results

Hockey:

On Monday the U13 A and B teams travelled to Gainsborough to play in a hockey tournament. The A team won their group, winning all their matches. The B team finished second in their group resulting in our two teams playing each other in the semi final, with the A team winning 1-0. The final was then against QEHS Gainsborough, with our U13's winning comfortably 2-0.
Well done to both our teams.

LMS A Team Player of the Tournament
Katie Doncaster and Emilia Hill

LMS B Team Player of the Tournament
Daniella Johnston

LMS A	2 - 0	QEHS 2
LMS A	6 - 0	TVA 2
LMS A	5 - 0	NK
LMS B	0 - 1	QEHS 2
LMS B	2 - 0	QEHS 3
LMS B	2 - 0	TVA 1

Semi final	LMS A	1 - 0	LMS B
Final	LMS A	2 - 0	QEHS

Karate Club

After school, every Tuesday in the Sports Hall from 4.10pm to 5.10pm.

The club will be run by experienced Karate Instructor Sensei Darren Payne. For the remainder of this term the club will be £3.00 per week and is open to both beginners and more experienced pupils. Any pupil can go along for a 'taster session' and try it out.

FENCING CLUB

CHANGE OF VENUE

Fridays 4.30-6.00pm in the **SPORTS HALL** today (2.12.11) and next Friday (9.12.11) due to the senior school production.

Quick contacts

Senior School

Tel: 01522 551300 Email: enquires.lincoln@church-schools.com

Preparatory/Pre-Preparatory School

Tel: 01522 523769 Email: lincoln.prep@church-schools.com



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Year 11 Mocks

begin on
The first day of
Lent Term

Thursday,
5 January 2012

2012 Parents' Evening Dates

Year 7
Wednesday, 8 February 2012

Year 11
Thursday, 23 February 2012
(by appointment only)

Year 9
Tuesday, 6 March 2012

WANTED.... CAMPING EQUIPMENT

Any camping gear surplus to requirements would be gratefully received by the Romanian project (HOST) for their summer camping trips. Please bring in to school as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mr Freckelton



OLIVER PROPS WANTED.....

We are still gathering props for *Oliver* – if anyone has any of the following, and does not mind lending / donating, we would be very happy to hear from you!

- ◇ Low, wooden stools
- ◇ Baskets – all shapes and sizes. The type used to transport Home Economics products are ideal! Must be big enough to be believable as street seller's (flowers/roses/strawberries etc.).
- ◇ Old cooking pans – copper /iron appearance. No priceless Le Creuset, please!!
- ◇ Toasting fork
- ◇ Old silk scarves / hankies - preferably no longer wanted.
- ◇ Tankards – preferably pewter, the more battered the better.
- ◇ Stone bottles
- ◇ Beer Barrels – strong enough to sit on!
- ◇ Old fashioned wooden handled mops



All props/set will be stored securely and only used by the appropriate member of cast/crew. If you think you can help, please email lincoln.senior@church-schools.com

Thank you , Mrs Wafer & Mrs Thomalley

TERM DATES

LENT TERM 2012

Boarders return: Wednesday, 4 January 2012

First day of term: Thursday, 5 January 2012

Half-term holiday: Monday, 13 – Friday, 17 February 2012 (incl)

Prep last day of term: Friday, 30 March 2012

Senior last day of term: Wednesday, 4 April 2012

TRINITY TERM 2012

Boarders return: Sunday, 22 April 2012

First day of term: Monday, 23 April 2012

Half-term holiday: Monday, 4 – Friday, 8 June 2012 (incl)

Last day of term: Friday, 6 July 2012

MICHAELMAS TERM 2012

Boarders return: Yrs 7 & 12 – Sunday, 2 September 2012

All other Yr Group Boarders: Monday, 3 September 2012

Induction Day for

Years 7 & 12 only: Monday, 3 September 2012

First day of term for

Rest of school: Tuesday, 4 September 2012

Half-term holiday: Monday, 15 - Friday, 26 October 2012 (incl)

Last day of term: Wednesday, 19 December 2012

Administration of Prescription Medicines 2011 - 2012

We would like to remind all parents/guardians of our school policy on prescription medication. This can be found on the school VLE and the website under the First aid heading at

<http://www.lincolnminsterschool.co.uk/our-school/view/35>

All medicines must be brought into school in the full packaging issued by the Pharmacist and consent forms for administration of prescription medicines signed.

Jane Line, School Nurse

BUS INFORMATION

School buses will be leaving the Senior Site on the last day of term, Friday, 16 December 2011 at the normal time of 4.15pm

Can we please remind all parents/guardians if your son/daughter wishes to bring a friend home on a school bus we require **24 hours written notification** from both sets of parents

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have moved home recently or simply changed your email provider, please can you let us have any changes to your address, email, telephone numbers etc. so we can update all of our records and Parentmail systems.

Thank you

2011 - 2013 TERM DATES & SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2011-2013 term dates and the School Calendar are available on our website:

<http://www.lincolnminsterschool.co.uk/school-calendar>

HOUSE RIBBON & TIES

Any students requiring a new strip of House Ribbon for their blazers can obtain a piece from the school Office. School ties are also available from the school office at a cost of £7.00 each.

HOLY COMMUNION 2012 DATES



Friday, 20 January 2012
Friday, 16 March 2012

8.50am in the Chapel

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