

Dear Parents and Pupils

Happy New Year! I hope that the Christmas period was a very happy one. The Christmas celebrations in the Cathedral were very special indeed – my grateful thanks to the outstanding musicians, choristers, parents and the whole Cathedral team. Our Advent service brought the term to a fine conclusion – readings with deep meaning, lovely music and a real sense of community. The collection in memory of Karen for Bowel Cancer raised £780.66, a terrific effort – thank you so much.

This is a key time for all our students – particularly those with external examinations. Hard work, total commitment, attention to detail and excellent teaching are key ingredients in success.

I will be using this prayer in the first week of term – the words, I think, are a good starting point for us all for 2012.

May God make our year a happy one
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain
But by strengthening us to hear life as we find it
Not by making our path easy
But by strengthening us to travel any path
Not by taking hardships from us
But by taking fear from our hearts
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine
But by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows
Not by making our lives always pleasant
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most
And by making us open and prepared and willing to be of help
May God's love and joy and peace with us and those whom we love in the coming years.

With very best wishes,

Clive Hickart

Oliver Photographs

A reminder that there are over 350 photos of the Christmas production *Oliver!* online at www.naturalexpressions.co.uk

Go to Client area and ordering / commercial – the password is 'Minster'

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for those pupils wishing to be Confirmed will begin this term. A letter with all of the details will follow soon but in the meantime please do contact Mrs Muir in school with any queries.



Ready Steady Play

starts on Saturday, 7 January 2012. All musicians welcome – particularly Year 7 and 8!

Free to participate.

Music Classroom 2, Music Building,
10.00am-11.20am.
Free biscuits!

MAGNA CARTA



Question Time

with Karl McCartney JP MP [Lincoln]

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

Final chance to submit a question to Mr McCartney. All students, staff, parents and friends of the school are welcome. Questions can also be emailed to:

lincoln.senior@church-schools.com

Please submit any questions, as a matter of urgency, marked for the attention of Mr Ian Thomson, Department of English

"Touch base" slots for Year 11 Art/Graphics students. These will take place during lunchtime/after school whilst Mock exams are on.

Day	Lunch 1-1.30pm	Afterschool 4-5pm
Monday	AJC/CSe	CSe/EMu/AJC/HCz
Tuesday	HCz/EMu	HCz/AJC
Wednesday	HCz	
Thursday	HCz	CSe/EMu/AJC/HCz
Friday	CSe/HCz (13/12)	N/A

Please use these slots to help you make the necessary progress in your practical preparation work prior to the exam dates in January. Ensure you develop at least a second Charcoal drawing, possibly a third prior to your actual exam.

HOLY COMMUNION



Friday, 20 January 2012
8.50am in the Chapel

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

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 7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday, 8 February 2012
5.00pm - 7.45pm

Business Studies Clinic

Mrs Moncur will be holding a GCSE Business Studies Clinic every Thursday at 1pm in room 316. If you are struggling with homework or need help preparing for exams or controlled assessment please feel free to come along for guidance and support.

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.

Life Drawing Classes 2012

Wednesday, 11 January 2012
Wednesday, 1 February 2012
Wednesday, 22 February 2012

£7.00 adults £5.00 students

Saturday, 21 January 2012
Saturday, 25 February 2012

£22.50 adults £15.00 students

Please contact Mrs Servonat for further details

Lincoln Minster School Cycling Club



The re-arranged date for the Cycling Club ride out at Bardney is **Saturday, 3 March 2012** (Bike hire available). Start at Bardney 10.00am. Transport available from School at 9.15am. Numbers are limited. Please obtain a booking form from Reception if you wish to join us.

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8.30 - 10.30am
Wednesday 2.30 - 5.00pm

**Mrs Mehta 07970 904 257
Mrs Wykes 01673 860757**





Lent Sport's Fixtures



LINCOLN MINSTER SQUASH CLUB

Squash Clubs at the Lindum
Every Tuesday & Thursday Evening
4.00pm - 5.30pm

A number of matches are planned for Lent Term.
Further details next week.

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Date	Team	Opposition	Venue	Leave time	Start Time	Return time	Staff
Saturday, 7 January '12	Leicester Tigers Coaching & Match Day	Wasps	Leicester	11.00am	12.30pm	9.00pm	MPI/NKI
Monday, 9 January '12	U13 Girls Football U15 Girls Football	North Kesteven North Kesteven	Home Home		4.15pm		CSn CSn
Wednesday 11 January '12	U13 Netball	Westbourne	Sheffield	12.30pm	2.30pm	5.00pm	AGi



Leicester Tigers Rugby Day



Pupils going to Leicester Tigers tomorrow, please be at school for **11.00am**. Remember to bring your training kit, packed lunch and warm clothes for the watching the match.

Year 11 GCSE Help Sessions

Every Wednesday
12.30pm-1.00pm in PE 1

Mr Eves & Mrs Mackender

2011 - 2013 TERM DATES & SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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

Lost Property

Open every Tuesday & Wednesday Lunchtime
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Enter via the back door of Watkins Hall

Silver Duke of Edinburgh



Silver extra sessions will begin in Lent Term on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. They start at 4.00pm until 5.00pm. Registration is still required through Yarbrough and attendance is still requested there for at least one session per month on Tuesday evenings 7.00 pm-9.00pm.

Participants must have completed all sections of their Bronze award or be close to it. Please contact Mr Barrett for further details.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have moved home recently or simply changed your email or mobile 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

Representative Honours

Congratulations to Harvey Salmon, 8BHU on his selection for the 'School of Rugby.' An excellent achievement!

Also to the following cricketers who have been selected for their county teams this season Lyndon James, Alex Moor and Euan Pickering all in 8HCz, William Lake, 9CCo and James Mundy, 9JV

Administration of Prescription Medicines 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.lincolminsterschool.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

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.



STILL 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

Quick contacts

Senior School

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

Preparatory/Pre-Preparatory School

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

Mr Freckelton



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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

Reporting an Absence

A reminder to all parents/guardians. If your son/daughter is absent from school please call the office by 9.15am. You must ring the office on 01522 551300 every morning for each day of absence.

If your son/daughter will be absent for longer than three days we require a letter explaining a reason for their absence on their return.

Siblings must not verbally report an absence.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

In the event you wish to invite a friend home or you are a boarder requiring the bus home or to a friends, **a written/ emailed request from parents/guardians to check seating availability, 24 hours prior to travelling is required.**



Seats are spare on the buses but these may already be reserved and therefore are not always available.

For insurance reasons students cannot travel on the school buses without prior agreement.