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# Welcome from our School Head



I am delighted to be the new Head of Lincoln Minster School. I have quickly been struck by what a special place it is. We are fortunate to be able to offer small class sizes, modern facilities in a historic setting, and a dynamic education from Reception through to Year 13 that brings out the very best of pupils, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our priorities are simple: we want our pupils to be happy and to achieve – and in that order. It is important that they enjoy their time with us and develop an appetite for learning that stays with them for life. They are also more likely to achieve if they are happy, so this will always be at the heart of all that we do.

We therefore focus on inspiring pupils academically, with a broad curriculum taught by well-qualified subject experts, as well as offering a rich programme of co-curricular activities. Through these areas, pupils develop key personal characteristics, attitudes, and behaviours that we hope will equip them to be happy and successful throughout their lives.

Please do come and visit us to see our terrific pupils in action. I feel privileged to be part of this wonderful community and would be glad to welcome you for a visit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Tyler'.

**Jon Tyler**  
*Head*

# Welcome from our Prep-School Head



Choosing a school is one of the most important and significant things we do for our children. At Lincoln Minster School, we understand how crucial this is.

At the Preparatory School, we are committed to delivering an excellent education for all our pupils through small class sizes, the dedicated staff and the subject specialism and facilities that the pupils can access from Early Years up to Year 6. There are many opportunities for the pupils to flourish outside the classroom also, be it on the sports field or through the creative arts.

From the very beginning, we encourage our pupils to make good choices, developing manners and self-motivation within a friendly and caring ethos. There are opportunities for all as our pupils embrace a broad and balanced curriculum that stimulates and challenges at all stages. We have a special relationship with the Lincoln Cathedral and we regularly attend for end of term services and our annual Prize Giving.

I hope you will be able to visit our school and see for yourselves the impressive learning environment and facilities, whilst experiencing our ethos and culture of respect, support and trust.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Burton." The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Mark Burton**

*Head (Preparatory School)*



# A Learning Experience Like No Other

Set in Lincoln's Historic Quarter, our Preparatory and Senior School sites are fully equipped to prepare our pupils for the careers of tomorrow, providing pupils with an inspiring environment in which to fulfil their potential.

The Preparatory School, a short walk from Lincoln's historic Bailgate, has been extensively redeveloped and was opened in September 2014.

Our Senior School site occupies a number of buildings, both new and old. The purpose-built Prior Building was opened in 2002 by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey. The sweeping, curved, building overlooks the City and boasts fully-equipped science labs, art studios, IT suites and our dedicated Sixth Form Centre.

Our latest addition, the Harper Building, is dedicated to music and performance and includes an impressive Recital Hall, music practice rooms and a fully equipped Drama Studio. Connected to our Harper Building is a large

Sports Hall and Fitness Suite, which hosts a range of industry-leading equipment and technology.

The sight of our pupils in their distinctive blazers and staff in their academic gowns processing to the Lincoln Cathedral for our services and ceremonies, is a special one; a reminder of how important a sense of tradition is in a modern world and a modern school.

The Lincoln Minster School experience provides an enriched education that consistently creates high achievers with purpose, ambition and character. The small class sizes allow us to give each student the attention and individualised nurturing needed to support their development as they reach their full potential.

Our students and parents have the opportunity to curate their learning experience, with the option to take advantage of our range of co-curricular clubs, our excellent sports and music facilities, our peripatetic music specialists or life changing, character forming overseas travel opportunities.

When our students and parents join us, they join the rich Lincoln Minster School family, a close-knit community that stay connected beyond their time with us.







# About Lincoln Minster School

Lincoln Minster School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 4 – 18 years.

We are proud to offer an all-through education in a nurturing and stimulating environment.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

**Ranked in the UK top 40 - The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide (2023)**

Our priority is ensuring that each and every pupil is given the opportunity to fulfil their potential through a rich and varied curriculum, excellent teaching and pastoral support and an exciting co-curricular programme of clubs and activities.

Core class teaching is supported with specialist input in specific subject areas. Each class is taught by a class teacher who is involved in the planning and delivery of the core and foundation subjects, with subject specialist teachers delivering lessons in Music, Spanish, PE, Games and Swimming.

Outdoor learning is incorporated into the school curriculum. The beautiful outdoor learning area is an extension of the classroom where learning is enhanced.

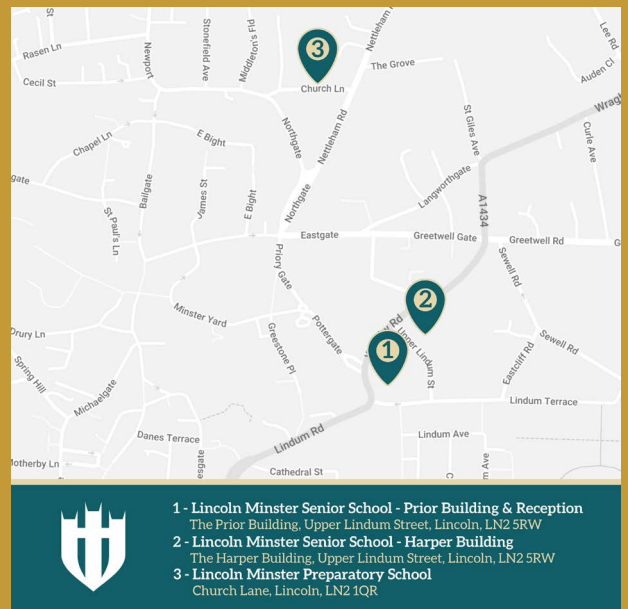


## SENIOR SCHOOL – YEAR 7 TO SIXTH FORM

At the Senior School, we specialise in finding the best in every pupil and place equal value on cultural, technological, scientific, linguistic and creative subjects.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) is also an important part of the KS3 curriculum. A team of skilled staff members teach lessons on health and social wellbeing, citizenship, careers and financial awareness across the School and teaching is often supported by visiting speakers.

We are constantly working to add value to, and, enhance the education we provide and technology has always played an important role in this. We have introduced iPad technology into our teaching and learning to provide one-to-one learning using mobile devices in the classroom, with each pupil in our Senior School having their own device.



# Our History

The roots of Lincoln Minster School and its predecessors reach as far back as the 12th Century. The School was born of an amalgamation of long-established and highly esteemed educational institutions (including the Lincoln Cathedral School), with many of the original historic listed buildings still in use by the School today.



St Joseph's - Circa 1940



St Mary's - Circa 1950



St Joseph's - Circa 1940





As well as stunning listed architecture, our heritage also provides the School with a strong foundation within the City and the Lincolnshire community; allowing us to be one of the most notable schools in the county and for centuries being a producer of exceptionally talented and successful alumni. Many traditions practiced in our heritage are still in motion today, including our end of term Cathedral Service. Our heritage also brings us centuries of best practice, knowledge and wisdom to build upon.

The Lincoln Cathedral, one of the finest pieces of gothic architecture in the world and situated in the heart of the county, is proudly depicted in our crest and sits beside Lincoln Minster School looking over the City in the idyllic setting of Lincoln's historic quarter. Our close connection with Lincoln Cathedral is like no other school in the City or County.

Lincoln Minster School students and their parents benefit from enhanced learning and enrichment opportunities through our partnership with the iconic Lincolnshire landmark, including our regular assemblies, graduation ceremonies and hosting theatre and musical performances. Lincoln Minster School has a long history of educating the Cathedral Choristers and our talented students are still frequently selected to sing with the world-famous choir to this day.



## An Education for Life

We aim to provide an environment that sets high expectations, facilitating stretch and challenge, where each pupil is stimulated to fulfil their potential in preparation for the next stage of their education and future employment.

Through an inspiring curriculum, exciting clubs, activities and trips, excellent academic and pastoral support, and dedicated and caring staff, we provide each and every one of our pupils with an 'education for life'.

Through encouraging active involvement in a wide variety of inclusive co-curricular opportunities, pupils are engaged in school life, engendering a spirit of community and co-operation. By working alongside pupils with different languages, perspectives, cultures and ways of working and learning, an understanding of a globalised future is developed, broadening understanding and preparing pupils for a life in global markets.

Lincoln Minster School seeks ways to develop pupils and staff with the willingness and skills to work effectively together in all we do, fostering long-lasting connections with local schools, the wider Lincoln community and United Learning schools to share facilities and to promote good practise.

Alongside collaboration, we support individualised one-to-one learning. We engage with our alumni and Friends of Lincoln Minster School to build a vibrant society supporting each other and the School.



# Academic Learning

Highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic teaching staff. Our teachers are committed to offering the very best quality of teaching, learning and academic support.

## WE AIM TO:

- Create a happy learning environment where every pupil can make the most of their ability and develop the courage to try new things
- Foster in pupils the application of effort (intellectual, physical and creative), a genuine interest in their work, the ability to be independent and to think and learn for themselves, and to be self-motivated
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum where the pupils are given breadth of knowledge, skills and understanding which extend beyond current norms and challenges expectations
- Ensure that a variety of skills are taught so that every pupil has the opportunity to discover and nurture their own talents, both academic and non-academic, fostering in them a true love of learning
- Take different abilities into account, whereby positive teaching methods and expectations are adapted to meet and exceed the academic needs of every individual
- Ensure equal opportunities in the classroom in relation to gender, race, sexual orientation, class, special educational needs and beliefs

## THE ARTS

Creativity and individuality are celebrated throughout the School, with a rich array of opportunities for pupils to express themselves

### ART

Art facilities throughout the School are truly outstanding. From the dedicated and well-equipped studio at our Preparatory School to our Senior School Art Studio in the light-filled top floor of the Prior Building, overlooking the City, complete with Graphic Design Lab and Photography Studio.

Our students have gone on to earn prestigious awards for their artwork and have forged successful careers in the world of art and design, with alumni including contracted artworkers, architects and jewellery makers (Tiffany & Co).

### DRAMA

We believe that the Performing Arts can help individuals to build confidence and to develop character. From Shakespeare to nativities, school plays to smaller performance pieces, our pupils are eager to express themselves. We also offer the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) programme and pupils from as young as Year 1 are regularly entered for examination in Verse and Prose, Acting and Devised Performance.

The Harper Building is home to our Senior School Drama Studio which is a beautifully versatile space. This professionally-equipped studio allows pupils to explore multiple elements of theatre, including lighting, stage management and set design.

### MUSIC

Music is a key component of the School's curriculum throughout all year groups. Whether it's the Year 5/6 orchestra, strings ensemble, jazz band or Preparatory choir, our pupils are encouraged to fully involve themselves.

Our Harper Building benefits from individual practice rooms, classrooms and a purpose-built Recital Hall - the ideal venue for concerts, performance rehearsals and workshops.





Our relationship with the Lincoln Cathedral brings with it one of the grandest of settings in which our music students can perform.

Each year, we hold our musical concerts in the Lincoln Cathedral, including piano, solo vocalists, choirs, string groupings and orchestras. Lincoln Minster School also has a long history of providing education to the Choristers, a prestigious position held by many Lincoln Minster School students and graduates.

Our modern facilities provide a stunning and purpose-built home for our student artists, including our large Recital Hall and Art Studio – providing inspiration via spectacular views across the City.

Students can benefit from well-connected tutors, regular engagement opportunities with local, national and global competitions and festivals, and one-to-one tutoring with 13 specialist peripatetic music tutors.

Our students have gone on to join conservatoires and other success in the arts industries. Graduates include: Oliver Butterworth (Royal Academy of Music, received the Regency Award for Outstanding Achievement), Beth Jerem (Royal Conservatoire of Music Glasgow, Opera Scotland, conductor and pianist) and Laura Curtis (composer/songwriter, Broadway/ musical theatre).



*\*Independent Schools of the Year 2022 Shortlist (Sporting Achievement)*

## SPORTS

# Sport and physical education are an important part of school life

A wide range of activities are available for both talented individuals who have particular interests and also for those whose motivation is more recreational and social. We firmly believe that sport is for everyone and aim to ensure that pupils of all abilities and aptitudes have a positive experience and learn to appreciate the enjoyment and benefits to be gained from physical activity.

Pupils begin competing in fixtures from Year 3 onwards and our Preparatory School has enjoyed a consistent record of success in cross-country, netball, hockey and rugby.

At Senior School, our pupils enjoy local, regional and national sporting success in many disciplines including cross-country, tennis, squash, cricket, hockey, rugby, football and netball.

Sport at the School is complemented by the wide range of co-curricular clubs and activities on offer. Pupils at the Senior School can, for example, become involved with sailing, golf, polo and a range of outdoor pursuits, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Our Sports Hall at the Senior School provides excellent indoor facilities, complete with indoor cricket nets. The Preparatory School has a generously-sized field and a hard-play area and also benefits from the use of the nearby Lindum Sports Ground. The Lindum is a short walk from the School, where we have squash courts, an all-weather hockey pitch, cricket squares and a rugby and football pitch. We also have use of tennis courts at nearby Eastgate Tennis Club and make ever-increasing use of sailing facilities on the outskirts of Lincoln.

Our Sports department has strong connections with local and national sporting teams and clubs, including: Lincoln City FC, Lincolnshire County Cricket and Loughborough Lightning.

Many of our students go on to lead a successful career in sport, including: Emma Sanders (BBC Sports Journalist), Elizabeth Simmonds (world-class athlete), Ross Brooks (West Ham Academy Coach), Poppy Miller (Sports TV Host) and Ryan Olowofela (England National Rugby Sevens Player); many of which return as Sports Ambassadors to deliver workshops and share their skills.

**- Ranked top 20 in the Boys LTA National Tennis Rankings (2022/2023)**

**- Home to national squash champions (KS3, 2022)**

**- Ranked 63rd of all UK schools for sport (School Sport, 2022)**

## Broadening horizons with exciting co-curricular opportunities

We believe that a rich and varied education reaches beyond the classroom and are proud to offer a wide ranging co-curricular clubs and visits programme for our pupils.

We encourage all pupils to take advantage of the activities that are available to them during their time with us, leaving Lincoln Minster School not only with successful grades but also with the attributes, outlook and experiences that will equip them for life.

### CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS

At Lincoln Minster School, we offer a huge variety of co-curricular clubs and activities. These vary from sports, such as Cricket and Polo, to Robotics and Drama club. A number of these clubs run within the school day during enrichment periods.

### HOLIDAY CLUB

Delivered during the School holidays by dedicated, enthusiastic and qualified staff, Holiday Club is a carefully planned combination of both activity days at School and trips away, often centred around a fun and interactive theme.

Pupils enjoy exciting activities and new opportunities in a safe and friendly atmosphere, with the familiar faces of the Lincoln Minster School staff.

### TRIPS AND VISITS

Pupils have the opportunity to experience a wide array of trips throughout their time at the School. From cultural day trips to short-haul sports tours and long-haul ski or adventure trips, we offer an exciting range of activities.









## PASTORAL CARE

# The welfare and wellbeing of our students is paramount

We are recognised for the excellent pastoral care we provide to pupils who enjoy a warm and caring school community. We truly value and support each other, encouraging our pupils to embrace their unique strengths and potential.

Our exceptional standard of pastoral care ensures that every pupil has the confidence to contribute and succeed at every stage of their school life.

Pupils are supported by our pastoral lead, Heads of Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, form tutors, and Mrs Joyce, our school Nurse.

Our pupils are encouraged and supported to achieve their academic and social potential with

personal, vocational and academic guidance along the way. Pupils are supported in building the self-confidence required to face their academic and personal challenges, both during and following their time at the School, and are also encouraged to exercise individual and social responsibility.

Our pastoral curriculum encourages the development of these skills through PSHE lessons, visits from external speakers, involvement in national anti-bullying and mental health campaigns as well as the opportunity to join and lead our pupil social action and wellbeing groups. As a result, pupils are afforded opportunities to develop and exercise important life skills.

*\*Independent Schools of the Year 2022 Finalist (Student Wellbeing)*

SIXTH FORM AGES 16-18

# Sixth Form study in an exciting, dynamic learning community



Our vision is to cultivate an independent senior learning community where each pupil feels a sense of belonging; motivated and determined to make the most of every opportunity.

The exceptional quality of our pastoral care ensures that time in our Sixth Form is spent productively, whilst being successful, fulfilling and enjoyable.

Together, we work towards promoting progress through providing an enriching, engaging and challenging study programme.

## OPENING UP DOORS

We regularly achieve in the region of 96% of all pupils gaining entry into their first-choice university, as well as securing places on competitive apprenticeships with companies such as Siemens, Lloyds and BAE Systems.

A-Level study is challenging, but immensely rewarding. The expectation is that our pupils will become increasingly enterprising and emerge as skilled, knowledgeable and competent, independent learners.





### PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Most pupils are entered for the highly regarded Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in which they independently choose a topic and question to research, write up, and present. Frequently, pupils choose to focus on an area of personal interest which is directly relevant to their Higher Education subject choice and which helps demonstrate their interest and commitment as well as developing their specialist vocabulary and knowledge.

Providing a curriculum that is rich in academic rigour, breadth and variety is essential. We offer an extensive choice of A-Level courses as well as a CTEC in Business.

We are confident that with our broad and inclusive curriculum for post-16 study, as well as specialist teachers and outstanding academic and pastoral support, we can meet the needs and requirements of each and every one of our pupils.

### SIXTH FORM ENTRY

Places are offered subject to satisfactory GCSE predictions and results. Additionally, pupils will be expected to meet the specific subject entry requirements for their A-Level choices. International applicants for A-Level entry must pass our entrance examinations.



## BOARDING

# A safe and welcoming home away from home.

Our boarding location is just a short walk to our school sites and are overseen by highly experienced and approachable boarding staff. We pride ourselves on making every pupils' boarding experience a happy and productive one and have a range of boarding options to suit every family. Step inside a culture where each pupil is all treated as equal members of our boarding family.

Our weekly boarding option is available to pupils who live reasonably close to the School and prefer to return home at the weekend. This option can be a great help if home is too far away for the daily journey to be reasonable.

### FLEXI-BOARDING

Our most flexible boarding option can offer pupils the chance to enjoy one-off stays or regular short-term stays to suit the individual needs of the family (subject to availability).

Pupils who flexi-board may stay a set number of nights a week, or may vary their nights as they see fit, with others popping in only occasionally. Flexi-boarding allows any day pupil to enjoy the facilities and companionship of our boarding houses through the experience of shared activities, to have a sleepover with friends, to solve the problem of needing to stay at school late on a particular day, or simply to assist parents who might have a short-term commitment that takes them away from home.





## OLD MINSTERIANS

# The Old Minsterians Alumni Association

When pupils finish their studies at Lincoln Minster School they automatically become an Old Minsterian and remain part of our community for life.

We want Old Minsterians to be an integral part of the future of our school. Former pupils can return as a member of our alumni to recount their school days to our current pupils, share their experiences since leaving Lincoln Minster School, talk about the careers that have followed, or even offer work

experience to our pupils within the companies they are working for.

From the North Pole to the Far-East, our alumni work in exciting careers all over the world. We have a dedicated alumni profile gallery online where past pupils can talk about their life after school and see what their classmates are up to now.

We host a number of exciting events for past pupils each year, from relaxed gatherings or social occasions and networking sessions. We warmly welcome our alumni to get involved and to keep in touch.





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I am extremely proud to say that I attended Lincoln Minster School from the tender age of 4 all the way to 18! The Minster School gave me some of the most exciting, challenging and shaping years of my life that I will always treasure.

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**ELIZA BUTTERWORTH**  
**CLASS OF 2011**

Actress in a number of major television series and Royal Academy of Dramatic Art graduate



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Without a shadow of doubt my time at Lincoln Minster School helped me get to where I am today.

The support I received from the School was more than I could have hoped to get which did allow me to focus on racing. There was of course an expectation that I worked hard while I was there!

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**JACK HARVEY**  
**CLASS OF 2012**

Racing driver in the Verizon Indycar Series



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I qualified for my first senior international team when I was 15, my first World Championships aged 16 and my first Olympics aged 17. These competitions obviously coincided with important exam periods at school, but my teachers at Lincoln Minster School were absolutely fantastic in ensuring I had everything I needed to be able to succeed in both education and sport.

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**ELIZABETH SIMMONDS**  
**CLASS OF 2012**

Mentor and World Class Athlete



## Global Vision

At Lincoln Minster School, we have established strong relationships with the City's two universities, Bishop Grosseteste University and the University of Lincoln, and we actively engage our pupils in opportunities and experiences at both.

Senior pupils can attend first year undergraduate lectures at the universities to help them understand the difference between a learning and teaching environment at school and a lecture setting at university.

Additionally, all our Sixth Form pupils are members of the University of Lincoln Library and Resources Centre, which allows them to access thousands of online and hard copy resources. This helps our pupils when researching content for their Extended Project Qualification, which our pupils commence in Year 12.

The School is an inclusive and diverse community: our pupils join us from all around the world.

We learn from and celebrate cultural diversity at the School, embracing significant international events through themed meals and other celebrations. International pupils blossom under the bespoke support they receive from dedicated staff, with each individual need, both pastoral and academic, being addressed personally and empathetically.

The varied curriculum and wide range of co-curricular activities on offer links to the universities as well as dedicated ESOL lessons and celebrations of different cultures, enabling international pupils to thrive in our diverse educational environment.



## Parent Community

Friends of Lincoln Minster School (FoLMS) connects all those who are a part of the school to offer their support in a variety of social and fundraising events.

FoLMS is a friendly and informal voluntary body of parents who have children at the school.

The FoLMS community holds a variety of annual events which raise funds, to help provide our pupils with extra facilities. All parents are automatically members of FoLMS and are warmly welcomed to become as involved as they like.

By getting involved in FoLMS, parents have the chance to meet new people, make a difference and to enrich the School for the benefit of the pupils.

As a member of the community, parents will have the opportunity to help at School events or even organise a Summer Ball. Past projects have included fundraising initiatives, holding regular activity afternoons and equipping the Resources Room for the Senior School.







## HOW TO APPLY

# Step inside our diverse and welcoming community

Once you have decided to join the Lincoln Minster School family, our staff will support you throughout the entire application process.

We welcome pupils who will support the aims, ethos and expectations to which we aspire. We are confident that we can fully provide any pupil with a true education for life in line with their potential.

### APPLICATIONS

You can apply online, or simply contact our Admissions team on:  
**01522 551300** or email  
[admissions@lincolnminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@lincolnminsterschool.co.uk)

### FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at:  
[communications@lincolnminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:communications@lincolnminsterschool.co.uk)  
or by calling **01522 551300**.

The school's policies, including those referring to equal opportunity and disability, are available on request. Admission will be subject to the availability of a place and the fulfilment of the current admission requirements.

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The school has so many positives... friendly, welcoming and nurturing.

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PARENT 2022

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Our daughter loves coming to school every day. Thank you for creating an environment in which she feels happy, safe and cared for.

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PARENT 2022





**Finalist** in the national Independent Schools of the Year Awards (2022) for Student Wellbeing

**UK top 40** Preparatory School (The Times Parent Power Guide 2023)

**Shortlisted** in the national Independent Schools of the Year Awards (2022) for Sporting Achievement

**Great Careers Provision** - Awarded the National Quality in Careers Standard for our careers education.

## LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL

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