

The MILLTHORPE muse

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

A message from Mrs Rothenburg

We've had another great week here at Millthorpe, and it really feels as though the term is now in full swing. I continue to be impressed by our students' enthusiasm and the way they demonstrate our school values every day. Currently, 99% of all entries on Class Charts are positive. This is something we should all be incredibly proud of, as it reflects the strength of our culture at Millthorpe.

It has been a pleasure spending time with our Year 11 students this week. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are meeting with every student to discuss their aspirations and explore how we can support them throughout their final year with us.

As part of this ongoing support, we held our Year 11 Information Evening for students and their families on Thursday 24 September. Thank you to everyone who attended. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure the very best outcomes for your child in their upcoming GCSE examinations. Full details can be found [here](#).

This week also saw the launch of our extensive enrichment programme. With more than 80 enrichment and intervention clubs on offer, there truly is something for everyone. I am especially proud that many of these clubs have been developed in response to student voice, and that a number are led by our students themselves. Our enrichment offer is genuinely unique and is something we are all very proud of.

A reminder that next Wednesday is our annual whole-school trip day. I know our students will have an amazing experience. For any students who are not attending a trip, we have a programme running in school, including bespoke activities and support for Year 11 students.

We also have our Year 6 Open Evening next week. This is always a special event and provides our students with the opportunity to take the lead, showcasing our wonderful school to prospective students and their families. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday for a **B Week**.

Karina Rothenburg

Principal

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ROAD SAFETY

Please help keep your child and other road users safe by considering the following when planning journeys to and from school:

Cycle safety

Please make sure your child's bike is safe and roadworthy before they ride it; and that they wear a helmet and reflective clothing while riding. Remind them to ride safely, in single file and taking care at junctions/crossings.

Dropping off/picking up

Please do not drop or pick up your child immediately next to the school gates on Philadelphia Terrace or Nunthorpe Avenue as this obstructs other road users and puts children at risk. Unless your child has an injury or limited mobility, they can walk a few, or even a few hundred, metres from somewhere it is easier and safer to pull up.

Idling

Please switch off your engine while waiting for your child - leaving your engine idling when parked is harmful and prohibited under the Road Traffic Act (1988) and Rule 123 of the Highway Code.

LOCKERS

All our Year 7 students who want them have now taken up a locker and we have a small number to offer to students in other year groups. Please complete this [short form](#) if your child would like a locker. If we are unable to meet all requests, we'll allocate lockers on the basis of year group (youngest first) and to support vulnerable students. Any remaining students will be placed on a waiting list and offered any lockers that become available throughout the year.

SPEAKER INSPIRES YEAR 9 STUDENTS

On Monday we welcomed Dr Delroy Beverley JP in to give a talk to our Year 9s. We were offered the opportunity for Dr Beverley to come in and host a Speakers for Schools talk by Futures For All, a charity giving state schools access to talks from today's leading professionals and academics.

Dr Beverley JP is a Yorkshire Business Leader and National Advocate for Social Mobility. He is the Chairman & Non-Executive Director of a variety of institutions, sits on the Bench of Criminal Courts, Ministry of Justice UK & Huddersfield Town Foundation. He is also a key member of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst's Independent Advisory Panel as well as sitting on the Lord Chancellor's Recruitment Advisory Board, amongst many other roles.

Dr Beverley talked about his experiences and life achievements, beginning as child of Jamaican parents who had come over on the S.S. Windrush and growing up in poverty. How he combined his schooling with a six-day week job on a milk round at the age of 13 with an aim to break the cycle of poverty and deprivation. He told of how he was the first of his family to go to university, and how he uses his mother's words of "aim high and help others along the way" have guided all his decisions. He linked aspirations to schooling and explained how education was important and when asked what he thought was the best job in the world, responded by saying to the students 'any job that makes you truly happy' and went on to give examples of what that meant. The real focus of the talk was that you can be whatever you want to be, and don't let barriers get in your way. Dr Beverley's talk was incredibly inspiring with one student approaching Dr Beverley at the end and saying "you are the most inspirational person I have ever met".

It was a pleasure to welcome him to our school and he in turn spoke highly of all our students, and how they really engaged with his style of questions and answers.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 30 September

Whole school trip to Flamingo Land/Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 1 October

Year 6 Open Evening

As in previous years, school will close at 1.45pm so colleagues can prepare for this important event

Wednesday 21 October

School breaks up for Half Term

ASSEMBLY SHOUT-OUTS

This week from English: [Assembly shout-outs Week 3: English](#)

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIPS

Click here for a copy of the information about the trips to [Flamingo Land](#) and [Yorkshire Wildlife Park](#) next Wednesday.

DRINGHOUSES AND WOODTHORPE NEW VISUALITY

Well done to Ben Sehnal in Year 10 who has been named Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Young Artist of the Year! See full details in the [New Visuality newsletter](#).

SEND CENTRAL

Latest information from SEND Central:

[Weekly Calendar](#)

[Think Together](#)

[One-off sessions](#)

POST-16 OPTIONS

[Open Evenings](#)

[Preparing for Adulthood Event](#)

ONLINE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Remember that you can access a range of information to support both students and their parents/carers via our [online support app called Padlet](#).

Padlet signposts the user to a range of websites and resources, providing support and advice relating to mental health, exam stress, online safety, self care, managing emotions, young carers, family support and more.

You can visit the Padlets by scanning the QR codes here.

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MILLTHORPE STUDENTS EXPLORE CREATIVE CAREERS AT YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY



Following the success of our 'Opening Doors – REACH' Art workshops and public exhibitions, 40 students from Years 8, 9, and 10 were invited to an exclusive Creative Careers Fair at York St John University (YSJU).

Campus Tour & Careers Talk

After a tour of the campus and the new YSJU Design Centre, students attended a talk by Sarah Edmunds Moss on creative degree options, graduate careers, and local art opportunities like the National Saturday Art Club.

Hands-On University Workshops

Guided by YSJU tutors and technicians, students got hands-on experience in real university studios:

- **Sculpture:** Crafted clay vessels featuring cutting-edge image transfers.
- **Printmaking:** Designed and printed multi-stage lino prints.
- **Textiles:** Created natural-form textured prints on fabric.
- **Photography:** Experimented with composition to capture "light angel" photos.

Life as a Uni Student & Future Projects

To round off their experience as "students for a day," the group enjoyed lunch in the YSJU canteen before thanking their hosts for an inspiring look into higher education.

Looking Ahead: We are thrilled that YSJU has invited Millthorpe to join the Cultural Passports project in Spring 2027. This York Creative Futures initiative will bring professional artists into school to deliver free 2-hour weekly creative workshops for our KS3 Enrichment offer. Look out for further details later this term!



YORK ACORN UNBEATEN!

Congratulations to Y9 students Roddy G, Will S, Alf A and Franky M who completed their rugby league season with York Acorn going unbeaten across the whole season. They won all 14 games, scoring 522 points and conceding just 78. Well done and "Up the 'Corn!"

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FAIRNESS | HARD WORK | AMBITION

The Attendance of **OUR** students makes a massive difference to GCSE grades.

We have analysed the data from last year's Year 11 students and it tells us:

ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE GCSE GRADE
100% attendance	5.77
95-99.99% attendance	5.76
90-94.99% attendance	5.09
80-89.99% attendance	3.98
below 80% attendance	2.50

This is just another reason why we want to see you every day.

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SEPTEMBER Attendance Reward Event

Qualifying Window: 9th September to 7th October

— Attend for 20 days in a row to qualify for —

Popcorn and Pictures!'

— Enjoy a film chosen by students
with popcorn and a soft drink! —



★ If a student does not attend for all 20 days, they will still be able to participate ★
if we receive medical evidence for absence,
or if absence is for an unavoidable reason that we are aware of. ★

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