FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026

The MILLTHORPE muse

A message from Mrs Rothenburg



Thank you to all the students and families who attended our Year 8 Progress Evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many families in school for this important event and to have the opportunity to discuss students' progress and achievements.



This week, it has also been a pleasure to meet with so many Year 7 students during their one-to-one meetings and hear about their experiences of secondary school so far. Students spoke positively about how well they have settled into school life, how much they are enjoying their lessons, and how appreciative they are of the wide range of enrichment opportunities available at Millthorpe. It was a real joy to catch up with them and hear them speak so enthusiastically about their experiences since joining our school.



A huge thank you to Joely, Frank, William, Catherine and Stanley, who performed "The Last Post" at 11am in various locations around the school as part of our Remembrance commemorations. Their performances were both moving and respectful. Thanks must also go to all of our students, who conducted themselves impeccably throughout the day and showed great respect during the acts of remembrance.



Kavina Rothenburg, Principal

9 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Wednesday 9 December we will be offering a Christmas roast (chicken or vegetarian) with all the trimmings plus a festive pudding. The price will be the usual meal deal price of £2.85 (opting for chicken instead of turkey has enabled us to keep meals to this price to allow as many children as possible to join in).

Please book your child's meal on ParentPay as soon as possible and by 1 December at the latest. If your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete this short form to confirm their dinner. As usual, this will be the only food option for lunch on that day, so please remember that you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch if they aren't having a Christmas lunch.

Students can also choose to wear a Christmas/festive jumper or top on this day to help raise funds for our Save the Children Christmas appeal (normal uniform on the bottom half please). You will be able to make a recommended donation of £1 (or more) via ParentPay nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Millthorpe's annual Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of December at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay for £5 for adults and £3 for under 16s. We very much look forward to welcoming you for a musical start to the festive period.

SCIENCE CLUB AWARDED BRONZE QUALITY MARK!

We are thrilled to announce that the Millthorpe KS3 Science Club has officially been awarded the Secondary Bronze STEM Clubs Quality Mark by the National STEM Learning Centre! Following an assessment of our submission, the assessor commended the club for actively engaging students with a rich variety of hands-on project activities designed to build deep knowledge and a genuine love for STEM.

The assessor highlighted the "wonderful array of project activities" on offer, noting how the club strives to do the very best for all involved. As you can see in the photo below, some of our members are proudly displaying their new award! This recognition is a fantastic celebration of our students' ongoing curiosity, enthusiasm, and hard work in science - well done!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2 December
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9 December
Year 11 Progress Evening
Christmas Dinner
& Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 December
Production of Frozen

Friday 18 December
School breaks up for Christmas holiday

CONTACT

A reminder to use admin@millthorpe.elt.org.uk when emailing the school for the first time about an issue or query, so your message can be directed to the most relevant person.

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Year 7 Boys

On Monday 9th November, Millthorpe Y7 boys football team played Bootham at home. The boys played some absolutely outstanding football and ran out comfortable winners, 7-1. They played the game in exceptional spirits and Head Coach Mr Baybutt was delighted with them (he may have even tweaked a hamstring doing a celebratory cartwheel!)
Goalscorers - Elliot D x 3, Harry W x 2, Rafa VS and an own goal (that was the hard work of James B).

So many positives to take from the game - Bobby O was commanding at the back, Alfie P's positioning and reading of the game was second to none, Ethan "Baller" B was a constant option on the right hand side and six very well taken goals.

Player of the Match - Hat-trick Hero Elliot D.



Huge thanks to Harry N in Year 10 who refereed the game, and to his Assistant Referee Ethan O. Thank you to everyone who came down to support the team. Next up - Fulford in December.

Y11 Boys

Last week, the Year 11 boys completed an impressive win over a strong Manor side, showing great resilience to record a 2-1 scoreline. The team made a lively start in the first half, registering two goals through Jacob A and creating a number of other chances. Manor regained some of their composure in the second half and pulled one back but Millthorpe dug deep and held on for the win. Finn M worked tirelessly as the target man up front and there was some dogged defending at the back, with Joe V standing out at Centre Back. Keep up the great work boys!

ASSEMBLY SHOUT-OUTS

This week's shout-outs are from the Drama department: Drama Shout-outs

CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

From Monday 16th November to Friday 11th December, all students will be awarded a virtual raffle ticket for the Millthorpe Christmas Attendance Prize Draw for every day that they attend school. The more sessions they attend (there are two per day, morning and afternoon), the more raffle tickets they will receive. They will also receive extra raffle tickets for attending for a full week (5 days/10 sessions) and attending every day during the qualifying window (20 days/40 sessions). You can now track your child's attendance on Class Charts and can read full details here: The Christmas Attendance Prize Draw 2026

On the final day of term (Friday 18th December), all students who attend that day will be able to enjoy a reward event to celebrate a great first term. This will not be linked to attendance or anything else. If they are in school that day, they can come along and have fun.

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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CULTURE AND BELONGING PROJECT AT MILLTHORPE

We are excited to have officially launched our Culture & Belonging project at Millthorpe School, with an incredible 65 students signing up to become our first Culture Ambassadors!

Mrs Pennington and Miss Boyd have now met with all 65 ambassadors and proudly presented them with their certificates and badges. We are also delighted to have members of staff volunteering as Culture Ambassadors, making this a whole-school initiative.

Together, we will be developing ideas and activities in the lead-up to Culture Day, celebrating the diversity, experiences and stories within our school community.

We warmly welcome parents, families and our wider communities to get involved, whether by sharing a family recipe, delivering a lesson or workshop, or simply sharing a little about your culture and traditions.
We can't wait to see what we can achieve together!

One School. Many Stories. One World.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Are you a parent or carer?
Looking to support other parents & families?

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We're looking for parents and carers to become group leaders to deliver EPEC parenting courses in your local area. As a volunteer group leader you will help families thrive while gaining new skills, building meaningful connections and boosting your own confidence.

As a Parent Group Leader, you will:

- Receive full and comprehensive training (over 10 weeks)
- Lead a parenting course to support local parents and families
- Make a real difference in your local community with a group of like-minded parents
- Have the opportunity to attend additional training within the Council
- Receive ongoing supervision and support from your local Family Hub team

Once you have completed your training, then you and another parent group leader will deliver the courses to other parents in York.
Lunch, travel and childcare costs are covered during both training and course delivery.

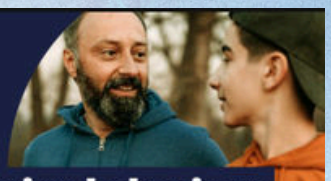


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Kinship

For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



Managing challenging behaviour with children in kinship care

Workshop in York

Are you raising the child of a relative or family friend?
We're hosting a free workshop for kinship carers, where you can explore reasons why your child's behaviour may be challenging, and develop strategies to effectively manage it.

Thursday 3 December | 10am - 1pm
St Saviourgate Venues (Fulford Room)
Central Methodist Church
St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Connect with kinship carers like you
- Gain helpful strategies and support

SCAN ME!

We'd love to see you there!
Registration essential. Click/scan the QR code to sign up, or contact workshops@kinship.org.uk to find out more.

Charity Registration: 1093975

