



THE MINSTER SCHOOL

Aims

The Minster School was founded as the choir school of York Minster “to provide an education for children that is consonant with the principles of the Christian religion as received and taught by the Church of England” (*extract from the Cathedral Statutes*). However, the school is home to pupils whose backgrounds include many faiths and none.

We offer an education that is rooted in traditional, family values and imbued with a spirit of tolerance and respect for the individual. Aspirations and expectations are high and our pupils respond accordingly but each child is valued for what he or she brings to the wider school and Minster community.

We aim to create an environment where:

- every child feels safe and happy
- politeness, good manners and care for one another are the norm
- scholarship and endeavour are valued and celebrated
- talent and individuality is fostered and encouraged
- cultural diversity is recognised and valued

It is our aim that every child should:

- fulfil their potential in whatever sphere
- be enabled to enjoy a wide range of educational experience
- feel that their contribution is acknowledged and recognised
- have an understanding of their role as a member of the wider community
- develop a caring attitude for, and sense of responsibility towards, others

We aim to provide:

- a rich and broad curriculum
- teaching that has depth based upon specialist skills and experience
- teaching that balances modern practice with tried and tested values and methods
- suitable resources and support for all ability levels
- opportunities to participate in high quality sport, music and the arts

It is our aim that our pupils:

- make good educational progress
- are well prepared for the next phase of their education
- become well-rounded individuals with a sense of self-worth
- fulfil their own academic potential
- become enquiring learners who show an independence of thought

We aim to educate the whole child: mind, body and spirit.