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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 Futures Education**

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming programme of futures education for your child in Year 11 and to share resources which can be used when supporting your child in their Post-16 choices.

Firstly, I would like to invite your child on a visit to Bournemouth University on Wednesday 12th January. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to have a tour of Bournemouth University Campus, gain an understanding of higher education and learn of the benefits of studying for a degree. When making Post-16 choices, it is always beneficial for young people to consider their longer term education and career progression. If your child would like to go on this visit, please complete the consent form and make payment via ParentPay before Tuesday 4th January. There is a small cost for the coach travel of £2 per student for this trip.

We wish to make it clear that no student will be denied participation in an educational visit on the grounds that no contribution has been received on their behalf. If, however, insufficient funds are received, the visit may not be able to take place.

You will remember that your child had futures education provision at the end of Year 10 with a Post-16 choices fair, a presentation on apprenticeships and an opportunity of a mock interview with an external visitor to the academy. Following on from this provision, students in Year 11 will be covering this programme in the coming weeks during their personal development lessons in DEAR time;

- What are the main Post-16 choices?
- What are A-Levels and BTECs, what are the differences and where can I study these?
- What is higher education and what are the benefits of studying towards a degree?

Students will also have an opportunity to register with Careerpilot, an online platform offering a wealth of impartial information about routes to higher-level study in the South of England. It helps students identify their GCSE, Post-16 and Post-18 options, with sections dedicated to a variety of qualifications, finding providers, researching courses and job sectors.

In the final week of this term your child will be bringing home some resources to help support decisions about future pathways. These resources come from the Southern Universities Network (SUN) and from Magna Academy. SUN has produced two guides about university life and choosing university courses, one aimed at parents and one for students in Year 11. Additionally, during personal development sessions, students have been given a booklet to support their Post-16 decision making. All of these resources can be kept at home, so please do ask your child to view these.

Lastly, on Monday 13th December, we are delighted to be able to offer all of our Year 11 students a taster lesson in our Sixth Form hub. During this lesson, students will receive a presentation from Assistant Principal, Mrs Rodgers and hear from our current students about what being a Sixth Form student at Magna Academy is like. Please can I remind you that the application deadline for Magna Academy Sixth Form is Friday 21st January. The form can be found [here](#).

I shall keep you informed of any further events or visiting speakers supporting our Post-16 education. I attach some information which I hope you will find helpful when supporting and guiding your child in their Post-16 choices.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Stafford  
Assistant Principal