

YOUR FUTURE NOW

The Newsletter for your pathways beyond Magna Academy Poole

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Year 10 Post-16 Pathways Support

We recognise that Year 11 is a very important year for students with GCSE and BTEC final assessments and important decisions to be made regarding their future pathways. Therefore, before they begin this crucial year, we wanted to ensure they were aware of some of the main courses available to them Post-16. We were delighted to welcome representatives from Poole and Bournemouth College, Kingston Maurward College, Amazing Apprenticeships and of course, Mrs Rodgers from Magna Academy Sixth Form with our sixth form students. All our guests were impressed with the questions that our students asked and the mature way in which they were thinking about their futures.



Owen Saunders handling a snake on Poole heathlands

Year 12 Work Experience



At the beginning of July our Year 12 students were lucky enough to secure a week of work experience. Placements ranged from local schools to outdoor activities centres and conservation work both here on Poole heathlands and over in Hengistbury Head. We were delighted with the feedback about how well our students performed on their placements, showing great initiative and fantastic communication skills. Owen even got to work with snakes on the heathland...he was very brave!

Year 10 and 12 Mock Interviews



We were delighted to welcome a team of eleven volunteers who willingly gave up their time to carry out mock interviews with all of our Year 10 and 12 students. The volunteers had varied backgrounds from Bournemouth University, parents of students at the academy or from local business Lush, who are our academy enterprise advisers.

The volunteers were all very impressed by our students. They had been well prepared for the mock practice and spoke eloquently about themselves and future plans. I think it is fair to say that a number of our students were quite nervous about this activity but they were proud of themselves afterwards and felt they had really benefitted from the opportunity.



Your Future in Creative Industries

Students at Magna Academy know that the Creative Industries creates tremendous wealth in the UK and employs many people over the globe. Students in Year 8 enjoyed a day learning about the work of a street artist and creating their own designs with his guidance and support. Year 9 students enjoyed their GCSE art taster lesson and were delighted that they had chosen to study this subject at key stage 4.



Enterprise Competition for Year 7

The Enterprise Competition was open to all students in Year 7 and the brief was to think of a way to improve or support the local community and then describe how funding would be raised to make this happen. There were some fantastic and creative ideas and we would especially like to thank **Lush** for their generosity with the prizes.



First place Hayden Bennett thought of introducing a LGBTQ+ cafe to the local area that could be funded by cookie sales to financially support his idea.



Second place
Felicity Towers
wanted to raise
funding for extra
teen therapy in
the academy and
a safe place to go
and Sophie Musial
was commended

for her outstanding idea for a summer uniform at the academy especially as its so hot in the summer.



Third Place Hollie Williams thought of the idea of a Wildlife reserve for relaxation, reflection and keeping animals safe from harm.

Key stage 3 Enterprise Club is back this term, days and times will be announced soon so look out for them!

Royal Navy Visit for Years 9 and 10

We had the opportunity to work with the vastly experienced members of the Royal Navy outreach group who came to the academy. They set up a scenario for students to provide aid for a Carribean Disaster. The students learnt that the Royal Navy carry out these actual tasks.

There were various activities from crossing a demolished building to walking the plank and building a new communication tower after it had been destroyed. This allowed the students to experience and demonstrate team building skills, plus skills in leadership and communication. These are all vital skills that students will need in their future pathways.

Karen Caller from the Royal Navy was impressed by the engagement and creativity of all the Year 9 and 10 students who were involved.



Evacuate the building



Walk the plank



Build a new communications tower

Year 7 Digital Skills Day

Year 7 students learnt how crucial it is to have up to date digital skills for their future pathways as 82% of all employment requires strong digital skills. The students reported that they had learnt new skills to support their learning and realised their relevance for not only completing their academy work, but for supporting their next steps into the workplace.





Premier League Inspires

Students in Year 8 have benefitted from working with the Premier League Inspires Education Programme newly introduced in 2019. The programme is aimed at young people aged between 11-25 to support their personal development by completing courses designed by the Prince's Trust. We aim to work with this organisation again next year and are hoping we will be able to take our students to the Vitality Stadium. Watch this space.