



21st October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 7 APO Report

Your child will be taking home a printed copy of their assessment point zero report today. You can also access this report by using your parental Progresso login.

In this report your child's tutor has shared with you the following holistic assessment regarding their first half term with us at Magna Academy:

- Summer Activity Tasks
- Attitude to Learning
- Equipment and Uniform
- Homework
- Overall Transition into Year 7

Your child's Tutor has used the following criteria to summarise the progress your child has made so far: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory or N/A used for students where it is not possible to provide an assessment due to extenuating and known circumstances.

In addition to the above, we will also be reporting on the following:

- Attendance and Punctuality figures
- Total Positive and Negative Points
- New Group Reading Test (NGRT) & New Group Spelling Tests (NGST)
 - You will see what your child's reading and spelling age is and their actual age at the time of the test. For example, 14:11 means 14 years and 11 months.
 - For students who have a significantly lower reading and spelling age compared to their actual age, we have put in intervention to address this gap. This may have been in the form of the Lexia intervention group for 30 minutes per day, during DEAR or the Direct Instruction (DI) groups that happen during English and Maths timetabled lessons. Direct Instruction is a teacher directed method. This means that the teacher stands in front of a classroom and presents the information. The teachers give explicit, guided instructions to the students. Teachers match the type of instruction to the bespoke task it suits modelling the skills students have to learn to access the curriculum and its assessments in later years.

- Reading and spelling ages will be reviewed and monitored regularly as slight fluctuations can occur. This is to ensure that students are making strong progress with their reading and spelling, as this is an important part to access our varied and ambitious curriculum.

As you are aware, in mid September your child successfully completed a series of GL CAT4 Cognitive Abilities Test. The outcomes have allowed us to carefully identify students requiring intervention, additional SEND provision, subject grouping and the initial stages of establishing targets for the end of Key Stage 4. Subject leads have worked extensively with our pastoral and phoenix teams to ensure students are strategically placed in the most appropriate teaching groups to suit their needs.

You can access your child's new groups by using your parental Progresso login and checking their newly allocated timetables. Subjects groups and their codes are displayed in the following format on a students timetable:

Subject	Grouping description	Code 1	Code 2	Code 3	DI (Direct Instruction)
English	Top group, 2 mixed ability and 1 DI groups	7F-EN1 7S-EN1	7F-EN2 & 7S-EN2 7F-EN3 & 7S-EN3		7F-EN-DI 7S-EN-DI
Maths	Top group, 2 mixed ability and 1 DI groups	7F-MA1 7S-MA1	7F-MA2 & 7S-MA2 7F-MA3 & 7S-MA3		7F-MA-DI 7S-MA-DI
Science	Mixed ability not in tutor groups		7F-SC1, 7F-SC2, 7FSC3 7S-SC1, 7S-SC2, 7S-SC3		
French	Top group and 2 mixed ability groups	7F-FR1 7S-FR1	7F-FR2 & 7S-FR2 7F-FR3 & 7S-FR3		
Spanish	Top group and 2 mixed ability groups	7F-SP1 7S-SP1	7F-SP2 & 7S-SP2 7F-SP3 & 7S-SP3		
Others	In all other subjects students will continue to be taught in the groups they were allocated when they arrived in September. These groups are mixed ability and mainly taught in tutor groups.				

Teaching groups will be reviewed again after students receive their assessment point one report on the 19th January 2022.

There will be a subject parents' evening on Thursday 4th November; from 4-7pm, where students and parents/carers can meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss their current performance and agree on targets for improvement. The Year 7 subject parents evening will be held in a virtual format using an online booking system. This system allows parents/carers to choose their own appointment times with teachers and will receive an email confirming their appointments. Appointments may be booked from 8am on Friday 22nd

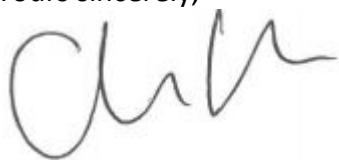
October. Please visit <https://magna.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and log in using their child's details. You can also find this page on the academy website under useful links. A guide to setting up appointments may be found [here](#).

Please find below the key assessment dates for Year 7:

Date	Description
4th Nov	Virtual Parents Evening (4-7pm) (online bookings open Friday 22nd October)
19th Jan	AP1 Reports Distributed and Subject Group Changes
7th-11th Feb	GL CAT 4 and NGR/ST Assessments
3rd-6th May	GL CAT 4 and NGR/ST Assessments
6th-10th June	Effective Revision Week in Lessons & Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs)
20th-30th June	End of Year Examinations
19th July	AP2 Reports distributed and Subject Group Changes made ready for Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We hope that our students and their families enjoy a well deserved half term break and return back to the academy ready to embark on an action packed second part of the autumn term. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor using our [email contact service](#).

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Buller
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