



19th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### End of Unit 1 Term

As we draw near to the end of another term at Magna Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of this term's continued successes with you. It fills me with immense pride to witness the ongoing strides our students are making in embracing their self-worth, purpose and active engagement in their educational journey.

**Academic Achievements:** I am delighted to report that our students have shown remarkable dedication and passion towards their studies, and we have awarded over 16,000 House Achievement Points since the beginning of term. Our teachers continue to work tirelessly to provide captivating lessons and individualised support, enabling each student to reach their full potential. Our continued focus on checking understanding of learning has ensured that students are able to make good progress during their lessons, and that any important misconceptions are addressed and explored. We have been very impressed with the high standards of homework completed across all year groups and would like to take this opportunity to thank you at home for your efforts in reinforcing the 'look, cover, write, check' approach to self quizzing.

**Extracurricular Activities:** The diverse range of extracurricular activities available at Magna Academy continues to thrive. This term, we've provided more than 40 complimentary after-school clubs, including sports clubs and teams, performing arts and STEM activities. Our students have embraced opportunities for academic perseverance, teamwork and creative expression. It is never too late for students to sign up to our enrichment activities and the list of opportunities can be found on our website using [this link](#).

**Community Involvement and Personal Development:** Our academy community continues to embody the values of compassion, empathy and inclusivity. Notably, our Year 11 students

have been actively involved in volunteering at a residents' coffee morning, demonstrating a heartfelt commitment to extending positive impacts beyond the boundaries of our academy. Year 12 students have started their Futures education with enthusiasm. Recently, forty-four students had the opportunity to visit the local business, LUSH, and gained valuable insights into the diverse range of careers available within the organisation. Furthermore, all Year 12 students have participated in their inaugural Futures conference, where students were provided with a comprehensive overview of the multitude of pathways available after sixth form, along with practical guidance on building competitive CVs. These initiatives reflect our unwavering commitment to fostering community involvement and nurturing personal development among our students.

**Expectations and standards:** We greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring that students arrive at the academy in the correct uniform. This term, the standards have remained impressively high. Please be reminded that facial piercings, false eyelashes, trainers and hoodies are not permitted here. If a student requires a temporary loan of a uniform item for a day, we do have available options. In exchange, we ask for their mobile phone, house keys, or airpods as collateral until the item is returned to us. If your child has borrowed something from the academy this term, please make sure they have returned it. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to upholding our standards.

**Attendance Matters:** I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the crucial importance of regular attendance. Consistently high rates of attendance are fundamental to achieving academic success and personal growth. Students who attend less than 90% (one day of absence per fortnight) are shown to perform one grade less per subject than their peers in Year 11. Excellent attendance enables students to fully engage with the learning process and build a strong foundation for their future endeavours. We are pleased that attendance rates currently surpass regional and national averages and we would like to thank parents and guardians for their continued support in this matter. Your partnership in ensuring your child's punctuality and attendance is greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming Events and Initiatives:** Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events and initiatives planned for the next term, which we believe will further enhance the educational experience of our students. Some of the exciting events we have scheduled for the Unit 2 term include: Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 9th November; our next Parent Forum meeting on Thursday 16th November (5-6pm); our fantastic PTFA's Festive Friday evening celebration on Friday 24th November (5-7pm); Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th December (4-7pm); and our Christmas Performing Arts showcase celebration on Thursday 14th December (6-7pm). More information on these events, and additional events and trips, will follow in the next half term. We encourage your active participation and support in these endeavours.

Your continued support and trust in Magna Academy are deeply appreciated. Together, we cultivate an environment that nurtures learning, fosters growth and shapes responsible, compassionate young individuals.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful half term.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms C Mitchell

Associate Principal

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Ms N Ullah

Executive Principal