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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Parliament Week Monday 6th - Friday 10th November 2023**

I am writing to inform you about how Magna Academy will be commemorating Parliament Week this year. Parliament Week is an annual series of events in the United Kingdom, aimed at fostering interest in parliament, politics and democracy. It encourages young people and the public to actively engage with the UK's democratic system and institutions

During afternoon tutor sessions, tutors will guide their groups through informative and interactive presentations about Parliament, both its historical context and its current relevance. This will not only serve as a reinforcement of students' prior knowledge acquired in their British Values, Citizenship and history lessons, but also keep them updated with recent parliamentary developments.

On Tuesday 7th November, Magna Academy will host a parliamentary-style debate for Key Stage 3 students from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. This event will be held in rooms F6 and F7, and will be supervised by Mrs Chivers in the English department.

Students will have the opportunity to select a debate topic from the following options:

- Headline Inflation - Exploring Solutions
- Politicians - Ensuring Accountability

The debate will be facilitated by age-appropriate resources from Topical Talks, a programme initiated by the Economist Educational Foundation. This programme equips young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the current era of misinformation, environmental challenges and polarisation. They will examine how each topic impacts them and how they can effect change, considering various perspectives on the chosen subject.

Participating students will develop skills in public speaking, active listening, problem-solving and creative thinking. Throughout the session, they will learn how to express their opinions in a respectful manner, understanding that their viewpoint holds value in these discussions.

If your child wishes to participate, they should inform their tutor by the end of Friday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Stafford'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mrs Stafford

Assistant Principal