



# MAGNA NEWS

**Autumn Term: December 2023**

## **MESSAGE FROM MS ULLAH, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL & MS MITCHELL, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL**

We are thrilled to present our new, improved Magna newsletter and extend our congratulations to all students for a highly successful Autumn term. We take immense pride in the accomplishments of both our students and staff, who consistently embody our core principles of self-worth, engagement, and purpose.

Beyond their dedication to academic pursuits, we are pleased to note that Magna continues to provide a diverse and enriching extra-curricular program. We have an overwhelming number of students who have already engaged in clubs or events – well done to all! As we look forward to the New Year, we hope to witness even more students participating in these activities and events.

We are particularly impressed by the collective efforts of our students and extend our gratitude to our staff for their hard work, contributing to the success of this academic year. Additionally, we would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our parent community for their unwavering support. We are thrilled to share a glimpse of some of the activities and accomplishments we have achieved since the start of the academic year.

Ms Ullah and Ms Mitchell



## **REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

Magna Academy came together as a community for Remembrance Day. The whole Academy gathered on the running track where the Year 11 Head Prefects, Connie T and Ryan C, read The Exhortation and the Last Post was played by Miss Giles. Students demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout and many staff and students found the ceremony very moving.

Read the full story [here](#).



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# STUDENT VOICE

During Anti-Bullying Week, Magna held assemblies where our Student Leaders spoke and recruited our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



Whilst bullying at Magna is rare, as stated in our recent Ofsted report, if you do need to report anything, please use our dedicated email:

[antibullying@magna-aspirations.org](mailto:antibullying@magna-aspirations.org)



Mr Ginger meeting with our Anti-bullying Ambassadors



Throughout the Autumn Term, the Student Leadership Team has sustained and built upon the momentum created during the previous academic year, further expanding its reach.

To read about what the Student Leadership Team has been doing throughout the Autumn term, including our very successful charity hamper competition, please click [here](#).



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## NASA Houston 2023

Read the Mission blog [here](#).



November's **Sixth Form Open Evening** was our busiest to date.



The **Big Sleep Out** raised nearly £1000 for the YMCA. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ym-cabmagnaacademysleepeasy2023>

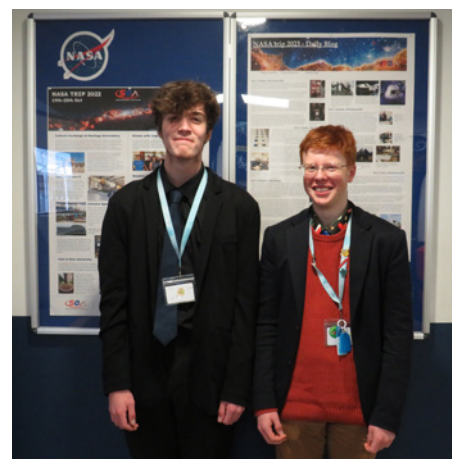


Well done to the winners of the Magna Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED). They will now compete against the other Aspirations Academies to find the overall winner. Read more [here](#).



Sixth Form Induction Day activities with **Land and Wave**. Congratulations to Year 12 students on their successful transition. We eagerly anticipate your future success and achievements.

Congratulations to Oliver C and Tyler R who, after a very competitive selection process, have been chosen to represent Magna Academy on the next NASA trip in February. Have a fantastic time in Florida!







Year 12 students visited **LUSH** to celebrate National Manufacturing Day 2023. They toured the departments that produce LUSH's fresh, handmade products. Students learnt about how the products are made, and had a chance to get hands-on. It was a fantastic experience to learn more about the business and what it means to be a handmade manufacturer. Students met representatives from Retail, the Buying team, Earth Care team, Digital, 3D Printing team and the Process Improvement Team.



As part of their extended sixth form induction, Year 12 students have had their first conference about their post sixth form choices. Year 12 students have started to research university courses and are learning about how to put together the most competitive applications. Following a presentation from Joanne at **ASK Apprenticeships**, students also gained a further insight into other possible post Year 13 pathways, aside from university.

Current Sixth Form students were grateful to engage in conversations with former students. Our alumni really make a difference in terms of promoting aspirations among current students and being effective role models to both our Sixth Former and younger students.



As part of **Parliament Week**, all students took part in workshops led by their tutors. These workshops examined parliament, past and present. Key stage 3 students also took part in a debate where they discussed what characteristics would best suit Members of Parliament. The students had great ideas and were keen to debate whether education, or life experience, are more useful qualities.



Alice Emery from **Southampton University** gave a talk to Year 12 students on Competitive Applications. She emphasised the importance of wider research and enrichment in year 12 to make the best applications for both university and employment.







# ASPIRATIONS



Save the Children

Lydia H (Year 12) and Leanne A (Year 10) organised a very successful cake sale at Festive Friday to raise funds for Save The Children.



Congratulations to Sophie, Amelia and Pearl on being appointed as our first Aspirations Trust Student Leaders. Read the full story [here](#).



Mark Chivers from Zero Carbon Dorset did a presentation to our Magna Climate Change Makers group. All students made excellent contributions and continue to develop our environmental strategy.

The Student Leadership team delivered the contents of the Christmas hampers to Ciygate Church. The response from students this year was incredible.



Some of our Performing Arts students enacted a fantastic courtroom drama at the official opening of Livingstone Academy, Bournemouth.



Students from Magna Academy put on a fantastic performance as part of the Poole Schools Music Association Christmas Concert at The Lighthouse.



Arnav S became Magna's best ever performing student at the UKMT Senior Maths challenge. Read more details [here](#).



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# TEACHING & LEARNING – ART

Take a look at the amazing work created by students in Art this term



Gaudi inspired mixed media - Year 7



Poole and Bournemouth Collages - Year 8



Victoria P, Still Life painting - Year 10



Chloe B, Self Portrait - Year 11



Chalk and charcoal eyes - Year 9



Harvey P, Photography - Year 10



Harvey P, Photography - Year 10



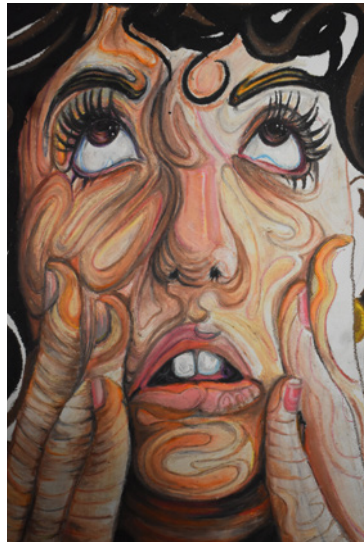
Elizabeth R, Photography - Year 11



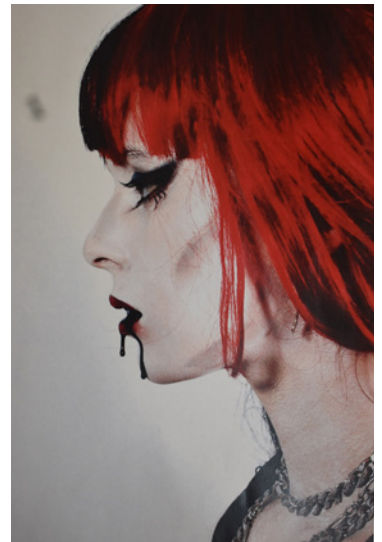
Rachele P, Pencil Study - Year 12



Rachele P, Photography - Year 12



Jada M, Oil Pastel Portrait - Year 13



Izzy P, Photography - Year 13



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At Magna Academy, we believe parents and carers play an important part in our students' academic lives so we seek to work closely with you to ensure the success and well-being of our students. Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) work tirelessly to raise funds and provide additional resources for the students such as outdoor seating, performing arts scripts and transport for enrichment activities not on the academy site.



This year's **FESTIVE FRIDAY** organised by the Magna PTFA was a great success and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a fantastic evening and raised almost £2000 for the academy!







# HOUSE NEWS



Heading in to the Christmas break, Anning have the lead in the House Standings. Can they make it 2 years in a row in 'The Race to Thorpe Park'?



The MFL Calavera House Competition was very popular, with winners from each year group. Read all about it [here](#).



After the 3rd time of trying, Isaac R (Year 9) was the winner of the most recent Stop Motion Animation competition. Well done Isaac.

Anning House had a fantastic day out at Thorpe Park after winning last year's House Shield. Read all about it [here](#).



Our Christmas Hamper competition had some amazing entries.

The winners were:

8F-FFG, 9S-BHY & Year 12/13.

All 3 Tutor groups win a festive treat.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAGNA ACADEMY PRESENTS**

**Disney**  
**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
1 Act, Book Musical, Rated G **JR**

**Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th February**  
7pm 'til approx 9pm  
(interval of 20 mins with refreshments)  
Doors open 6:40pm  
Tickets £6 (4 in a group £5 each)  
Online sales only through Your Box Office  
<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/magna-academy/980-beauty-and-the-beast-jr>

Music by Alan Menken      Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice      Book by Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised with performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

Beauty and the Beast tickets are now on sale, through Your Box Office only. [Click here](#) for tickets.

**CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE**  
**Thursday 14 December 6pm**

**Free entry + donations welcome**  
**Refreshments will be available**



Come and enjoy our Christmas Showcase which is organised by the Magna Performing Arts Department. Entry is free but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

The Sixth Form      Thursday the 14th of December

**Christmas Social**

<b>Schedule of Events</b>	<b>Prices</b>
15:25 - Doors Open	£1.00 - Soft Drinks
15:30 - Team Allocation	£0.20 - Entry to Win the Sweet Jar
15:35 - Team Bases	The Microbuffet is Free!
↳ Gingerbread Decorating	
↳ Pin the Nose on the Reindeer	
16:25 - Social Period	
↳ Karaoke	
↳ Photo Booth	
↳ Microbuffet & Drinks	
↳ Win the Sweet Jar	
17:00 - Christmas Quiz	
17:20 - Prizes & Awards	
17:30 - Event Ends	

*Don't forget to wear your best and bring your festive cheer!*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 DECEMBER	13:00	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
18 DEC-1 JAN		CHRISTMAS BREAK
2 JANUARY		INSET DAY
3 JANUARY		FIRST DAY OF WINTER TERM (WEEK 1)
11 JANUARY	16:00-19:00	YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING
18 JANUARY	16:00-19:00	YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING
1 FEBRUARY	16:00-19:00	YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING
12-16 FEB		HALF TERM
19 FEBRUARY		SIXTH FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE

22 FEBRUARY	16:00-19:00	YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING
7 MARCH	16:00-19:00	YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING
14 MARCH	18:00-20:00	YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
21 MARCH	16:00-19:00	YEAR 11 & 13 PARENTS' EVENING
28 MARCH		LAST DAY OF WINTER TERM

View the full Magna Academy website calendar [here](#).



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# PARENT FORUM

The Parents' Forum is a meeting for ideas, development, support and review. It enables direct contact between the parent and the academy. This meeting is an open forum and we welcome all parents/carers to attend.

## Parent Forum Meeting Dates

Meeting	Development Item	Date
Unit 1	Know More, Remember More	21/09/23
Unit 2	Rewards and Arbor App	16/11/23
Unit 3	Personal Development and PSHE Programme	25/01/24
Unit 4	Teaching and Learning Strategy and Homework	29/02/24
Unit 5	SEND Update	09/05/24
Unit 6	Structured End of Year Review	20/06/24



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