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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the academy as we approach the end of the first Spring half term. Your ongoing partnership is deeply appreciated, and we take great pride in our students' consistent demonstration of our core values: self-worth, engagement and purpose. As we approach the end of this half term, I wish to highlight some of this year's accomplishments and provide valuable information to parents and carers on the term ahead.

Teaching, Learning and Enrichment

Our academy remains dedicated to ensuring that every student possesses the essential knowledge and skills for success. We continue to be deeply impressed by the collaborative efforts of both staff and students, all working tirelessly to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. We maintain a strong focus on Assessment for Learning to accurately gauge student understanding and foster active engagement. Whenever necessary, we offer additional support tailored to individual learning needs, informed by our ongoing assessment during lesson time. Our staff have also been diligently preparing and delivering Year 11 and Year 13 Raising Achievement sessions in anticipation of their formal exams. We are delighted to witness such a strong turnout from these students, demonstrating their commitment to academic success.

With over 40 extracurricular clubs available, our students continue to have ample opportunities to participate in various enrichment activities. Furthermore, we've appointed over one hundred student leaders, including newly designated anti-bullying ambassadors, to ensure that student voice resonates throughout all that we do. Additionally, many of our students actively participate in the primary school reading programme and Sixth Form mentorship initiatives, showcasing our commitment to community engagement and student leadership development.

This term has also seen a range of enriching experiences and visits, including well-attended parents' evenings, visits to Bournemouth University, numerous sporting events, an insightful online workshop led by Sir Ian Livingstone on 'the power of play,' Math Challenge events, captivating performances of Beauty and the Beast, participation in the UK Youth Parliament, and an unforgettable trip to NASA, among others.

Staffing Updates



I'm pleased to report that we maintain a stable and low staff turnover rate. Nonetheless, we acknowledge that professional growth and personal circumstances may prompt some staff members to explore new opportunities.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr Clark for his dedicated service and support to the academy and our students. Due to relocation, Mr Clark will be departing Magna Academy as of the end of this half term, but we are pleased to announce that he will remain within the Aspirations Trust. Stepping into his role, we warmly welcome Mr Tewkesbury as our new Vice Principal overseeing Behaviour and Attitudes. We are confident that Mr Tewkesbury will uphold our high standards and expectations with excellence. Additionally, we bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Morland as she embarks on her maternity leave. We extend our best wishes to Mrs Morland and eagerly anticipate news of her growing family. Mr Smalling, who is assuming some of Mrs Morland's teaching responsibilities, has already commenced his role at Magna Academy and has swiftly established positive relationships with both students and staff.

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 and we urge parents to ensure that these standards continue as we progress through the Spring term. 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 earphones as collateral until the item is returned to us. Thank you again for your cooperation and commitment to upholding our standards.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives

We have a number of events and activities planned for the upcoming term. The second set of Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations will commence during the first week back. Additionally, our Empowering Young Women programme will continue at Bournemouth University on Wednesday 21st February and Wednesday 20th March. Furthermore, the next Parent Forum meeting, which will focus on Teaching and Learning as well as homework, is scheduled for Thursday 29th February. Concurrently, the Year 9 Options process will be in full swing, featuring a parents' evening on Thursday 7th March, and a dedicated Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 14th March.

A reminder that the new term starts at 8:27am on Monday 19th February with students returning on week 1 of their timetables

We wish all students, and their families, a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely



Ms C Mitchell

Associate Principal



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Executive Principal