



MAGNA NEWS

Spring Term: March 2024

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

We are thrilled to announce the release of the second edition of our improved newsletter for the Spring term. We continue to be impressed by the efforts and contributions made by our students and staff in upholding the values of our academy. We recognise that none of the achievements in classroom learning and extracurricular activities would have been as successful without the steadfast support of our parents and carers, for which we would again like to extend our gratitude.

This term at Magna Academy has been bustling with activities, events, and invaluable learning experiences. We take great pride in the accomplishments of our Year 9 students as they embark on their Options journey, marked by the highly successful and well-attended Year 9 Options Evening. Meanwhile, our Year 11 and Year 13 students are diligently preparing for their final examinations, and we wish them all the best with their revision and look forward to seeing some students over the Spring holiday period, for additional revision support.

The progress of our Year 7 and Year 8 students continues to impress, with an increasing number participating in our student leadership programme. Well done to Year 10 for their active participation in the knife prevention crime workshop held in February, and to Year 12 for their enthusiastic involvement in the Bournemouth University trip this term.

As we enter the Spring holiday, we extend our warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday to all families.

Ms Ullah and Ms Mitchell



We are delighted to announce that we raised a record high £334.62 for Red Nose Day this year. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our students who conducted themselves with incredible spirit during 'Wear Something Red' and lunchtime activities, donating generously for the privilege.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all of our staff who went above and beyond in planning, preparing and leading one-off lunchtime 'Beat the Teacher' activities that were thoroughly enjoyed by our students, not least by Mr Buller who took his third annual 'wet sponging' in front of an eagerly anticipated crowd. Thank you to all involved in the successes of the day, we are looking forward to next year already!



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STUDENT VOICE

On Thursday 22nd February, nine members of the Student Leadership Team represented the academy at the annual Aspirations Student Voice Conference. This year it was held at Jewell Academy in Bournemouth. Read more about this fantastic opportunity and the ideas discussed with Student Leaders [here](#).



On Tuesday 16 January, we were visited by BCP Youth Development worker Rebecca McDade. Rebecca led a seminar on all things UK Youth Parliament and 'Make Your Mark'. Read the full story [here](#).



After a tough campaign where Ryan C focused on the prevention and education of knife crime, Magna Academy are extremely proud to announce that Ryan has been duly elected as one of the two Members of Youth Parliament [MYP] for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP). Read the full story [here](#).



Ryan C and Mr Ginger have recorded an episode of the Aspirations Voice podcast where Ryan discusses the campaign which saw him elected as MYP for the BCP constituency. Use this [link](#) to listen to the podcast.





Year 12's trip to NASA Florida 2024. Read all about Oliver C and Tyler R's adventure [here](#).



During Apprenticeship Week we were delighted to welcome back former students, Jacob C and George D who talked about the engineering apprenticeships they have started at Superior Seals. Read more about it [here](#).



Two of our Year 12 students Amie T and Lydia H have secured a work experience placement during the Easter break at the House of commons. The girls have organised this placement by themselves and will be working with local MP Michael Tomlinson.



Congratulations to the latest winners of the Magna round of the Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED). Amie T, Karolina L and Evie W earned a very commendable runners-up award at the finals. They were presented their award by Dr Jeffrey Quaye OBE.



On 17 February, Year 12 student Zach B attended the first heat of Bournemouth and Poole's 'Battle of the Bands 2024' alongside fellow band member and former Magna Academy student Lewis B. Read more [here](#).



We welcomed Martin Amery of Mayfield Decking who presented the new AED (Aspirations Employability Diploma) project to Year 12.



A group of Year 8 students were invited by Bournemouth University to take part in their Empowering Women course. Read more about it [here](#).



Year 10 students have worked with Gareth and Rhiannon from the Premier League Inspires, on the Women in Leadership programme designed to empower young women to lead on and off the pitch. Read more [here](#).



Fifty Year 10 and Year 12 students from Magna attended the Careers and Apprenticeship Show. Thank you to the Bournemouth International Centre for hosting a great event. Read more [here](#).



National Careers Week plays a vital role in supporting individuals' career development, promoting economic prosperity, and fostering a more inclusive society in the UK. Read more about how we engage our students in this initiative [here](#).



Year 12 have been on two visits whilst finding out more about higher education. The first trip was to Bournemouth University for the annual UCAS Show. The second was a dual trip to both the University of Southampton and Southampton Solent University. Read more [here](#).



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Magna 2024 Performance



Lead cast members Sophie R, Lucy M and Sam D had a fantastic write up in DorsetBizNews which you can read [here](#). Well done to all the Magna students who took part in this fantastic performance.



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ASPIRATIONS



Members of the Magna Academy Table Top Games Club enjoyed the Livingstone Lecture on 'Living the Dream'.



Magna Year 9 boys football team won a close fought Aspirations derby to secure a place in the quarter finals of the Dorset County Cup.



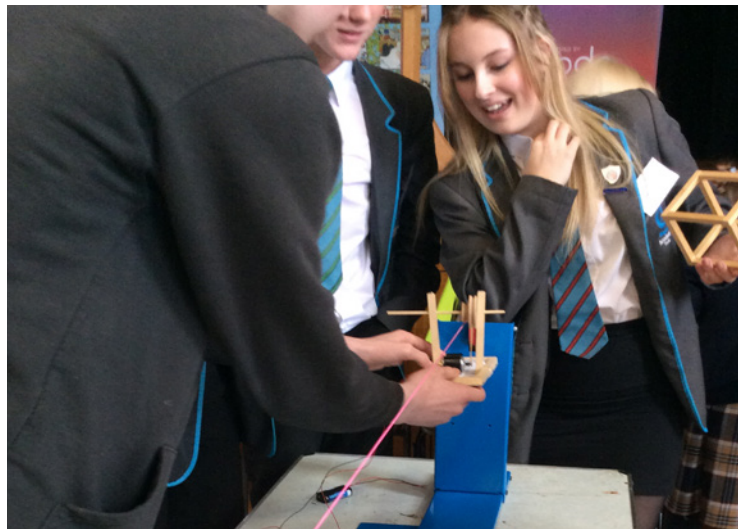
The Dorset Heath Partnership led an Arson Prevention Workshop for Year 8 students. Read more [here](#).



Magna Sports Captains took part in our first ever Level 2 Sports Leadership Award with Mr Law. Read all about it [here](#).



Zoe F in Year 7 has been learning the Violin for 4 years with our Violin teacher, Ms Ince. This term she has taken and passed her grade 1 Violin exam. Zoe is involved in many of the academy's music and drama activities. In fact this led her to having to record her violin exam in her Beauty and the Beast costume which must have been a little bit of a surprise to the examiner! Well done Zoe, we look forward to seeing you progress even more in the future.



Mr Crabb and Miss Beaven took eight Year 10 and four Year 9 students to the annual Rotary Club Technology Tournament. To see how they did, click [here](#).



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TEACHING & LEARNING – Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

French Pen Pal Project:

Bonjour tout le monde! We're thrilled to share an exciting update on the French Pen Pal Project our Year 9 students have been enthusiastically participating in at Magna. This term the students of 9F-FR1 have been connecting with pen pals in Lyon, France to practice their language skills and foster cultural understanding. This involved exchanging letters in an authentic way to get to know their pen pals as well as, exchanging videos and forming a panel to ask and answer questions such as discovering differences and similarities of what school is like in the UK and France. The exchange of letters and videos has not only enhanced their French proficiency but also enriched their global perspective. We look forward to the continued success of this project in the coming term, as students plan to produce a school video tour of Magna for their pen pals as part of their research project.



Language Learning enrichment opportunities:

Students asked for a German Club and we delivered! We are delighted to share that our German club has been a resounding success this term! Our vibrant German Club provides an exciting opportunity for language enthusiasts to immerse themselves in the wonders of the German language and culture. From interactive language lessons to cultural activities, students can explore their interests and forge connections with like-minded peers. Join us as we embark on this exciting linguistic journey together!

Learn to speak

GERMAN

Every Tuesday
3-4 pm
In the library
All students are welcome

Introductory Club covers:
Conversational skills Cultural information
Basic grammar Pronunciation

Club Duration - 1 h from 3-4 pm

for more information please contact Mrs Saidi

Year 11 Spanish Memrise Competition:

Our Year 11 students have been competing in a Memrise competition throughout the term, reaching for the top of the leaderboard. This platform has been instrumental in supporting their language revision studies, helping them to reinforce vocabulary and grammar concepts in an engaging and interactive way. 11A-SP winner is Kaiyen P, with 11B-SP to be announced after the easter break.



11B-SP current leaderboard

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| 1st | | Izzy_Butler | 410,456 |
| 2nd | | shania_pereira1 | 216,256 |
| 3rd | | Ephram_Matocha | 76,736 |
| 4th | | 19akafle | 60,077 |
| 5th | | Leah_Peacock | 50,846 |

As we celebrate these achievements, we extend our gratitude to our dedicated students and supportive parents for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to language learning.

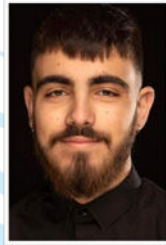
MAGNA ALUMNI

At Magna Academy, we continue to be proud of our student's even after they have left the academy, and we love to share their achievements with the wider community.

Below are two posters celebrating the achievements of recent alumni Dario and Lucy. They are displayed on our new noticeboard close to the Performing arts department, and are also now featured on our website Destinations page, which you can view [here](#).

Thank you to both Lucy and Dario for sharing their stories with us and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Life After Magna: Performing Arts Dario Palitta



I came over to England from Sardinia in 2014 which is when I discovered Performing Arts. I joined Magna in 2015, and had only one drama and music lesson a week. However, it was enough for me to fall in love with the Arts and I decided to choose Music and Drama as two of my GCSEs.

Throughout my time at Magna Academy, I understood that Performing Arts was something I wanted to do as a career. I loved performing in Magna Shows such as 'Teachers' and 'Shakespeare Night' and also actively engaged with musical performances such as Festive Friday. I loved to play the Bass guitar. With the help of Mrs Webb and Mrs Giles, I was able to progress through to studying performing arts at Bournemouth and Poole College as Magna Academy did not have a sixth form then. Whilst at Bournemouth and Poole College, I was lucky enough to be in a variety of productions such as: Twelfth Night which was a performance aimed for younger children, The Exam, Footloose, Sister Act and many more. After having been in such a wide range of performances, I was able to understand what kind of performer I wanted to be, and during my time performing as Willard in Footloose the Musical, I made the decision that I want to study musical theatre full time.

Currently I am in my second year at Arts University Bournemouth studying Musical Theatre. In my first year, I worked alongside a professional director for a few weeks on Company the Musical, with 5 public performances at the end of it. This helped shape me into a better performer and gave me a good understanding of how actors should be moving in the industry. Furthermore, this year we are working on our own scratch piece of theatre, which is going to be performed at the Black Cherry Café.

My time at Magna Academy was cut short due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, and moving into the performing arts industry at this time was difficult, however, the performing arts industry has since bounced back and I am grateful to be a part of it. I love the fact that Magna Academy has a Sixth Form for Performing Arts now, I would have definitely stayed on after my GCSEs if this was an option!



Life After Magna: Performing Arts Lucy Neilson



After leaving Magna, I studied for a BTEC qualification in Performing Arts at Bournemouth and Poole College, as Magna Academy did not have any sixth form courses in Performing Arts in 2018.

This then led me to do a Foundation Degree in Contemporary Theatre with Arts University Bournemouth (AUB). Here I was involved in a number of performances including original plays written especially for us by working playwrights. I was also involved in a production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, where I go to play the antagonist Nurse Ratched which has been my favourite role to date!

During my Foundation Degree, I also gained many skills outside of acting, from movement and voice lessons, to being a producer on a charity performance at the Black Cherry Theatre.

I am now completing a third year, top up course, which will give me a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Performing Arts. I am currently directing a play with a student cast, which is an amazing new experience for me as I have not directed before.

When I have finished my degree, I am going to complete a PGCE qualification, so that I can teach drama in secondary schools, and share my passion and knowledge of Performing Arts with the next generation of performers.



Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
by Dale Wasserman



Emina in The Weaker Force
by Jon Nicolas



The Magna Academy PTFA are always on the lookout for new members. Please contact them directly using this email:

Magna.Academy.Poole-PTA@outlook.com

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.

The next PTFA meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 1 May, 5-6pm. Everyone is welcome.



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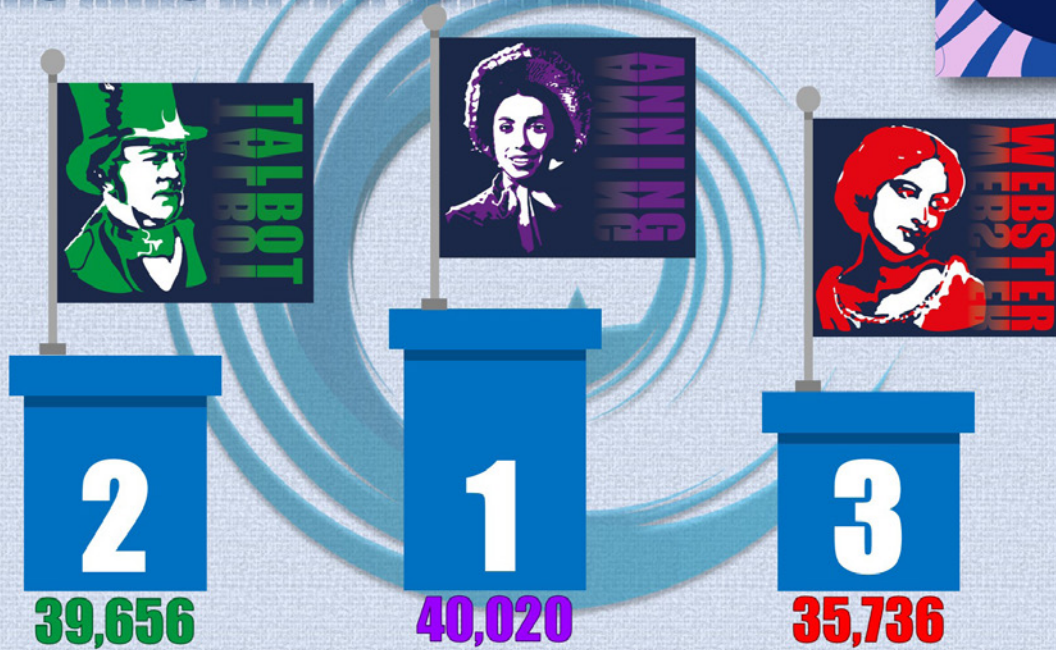


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HOUSE NEWS

'Race to Thorpe Park' - 18 March 2024 Anning cling on to a small lead



MAGNA GEOGRAPHIC – DUE APRIL 16

- Use your phone or camera to take a photo that “inspires, informs and awes”: the criteria that National Geographic uses in their photo contests
- The subject must be either: **people, animals** or the **natural world**
- You **can** enhance the photo after it is taken e.g. editing contrast, brightness, saturation etc.
- You **cannot** create a fake photo e.g. copy and pasting in people/animals/things that weren't in the original
- You **must** have the consent of anyone who appears in your photo, if your subject is “people”

Submit through Google Classroom link

8-17 March
British Science Week 2024

celebrating the diverse people and careers in science & engineering
#SMASHING STEREOTYPES
@ScienceWeekUK

Poster Competition:
“TIME”

5 HAPs for each entry
15 HAPs for each year group winner
10 HAPs for each year group runner up
Year group winners will be submitted to the national competition
Deadline Thursday 14 March (please hand to your tutor)

The results of the British Science Week poster competition will be announced after the Easter break.



The Great Writer's Race competition is ongoing until the end of the year. Winners will be announced during the Celebration Assembly at the end of next term.

Tutor Suggestion Box Decoration - Results

Thank you for all of your suggestion box submissions. All students belonging to tutor groups judged to have made a 'substantial effort' with decorating their box have been awarded with 10 HAPs. The top 3, as judged by the presidency and prefect team, are as follows:



1st place - 9BHY (100 Talbot HAPs)

"This box was the winner because it reflected the house values and had personal touches from the tutor group making it identifiable and relatable - excellently executed!" Sixth Form Presidents



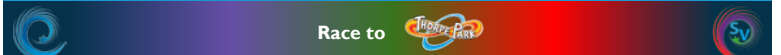
2nd place - 9AHN (50 Webster HAPs)

"The second place box is a model of collaboration and engagement, with every student involved in its creation. Simple yet effective." Sixth Form Presidents



3rd place - 9RGD (25 Talbot HAPs)

"In at third, this box is an innovation of both design and form and arguably the most aesthetic entry. However, the concept's practicality denied them of victory." Sixth Form Presidents



ADVENTURE PIRATE

Wednesday 13 March was Young Carers Day, as part of this, Magna took eleven students to Adventure Pirate in Lytchett Minster. Students learned bushcraft and archery, and took part in team building games. It was a great day and all the students were extremely well behaved. A Year 7 student described the outing "it was a really good day, I really enjoyed the games with James".



Thank you once again to Insight Security/Insight Medical Services for their kind donation of Easter Eggs for our young carers at Magna Academy.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday 29th April

1:45-2:55pm

Guest Speaker

Danny Dorling



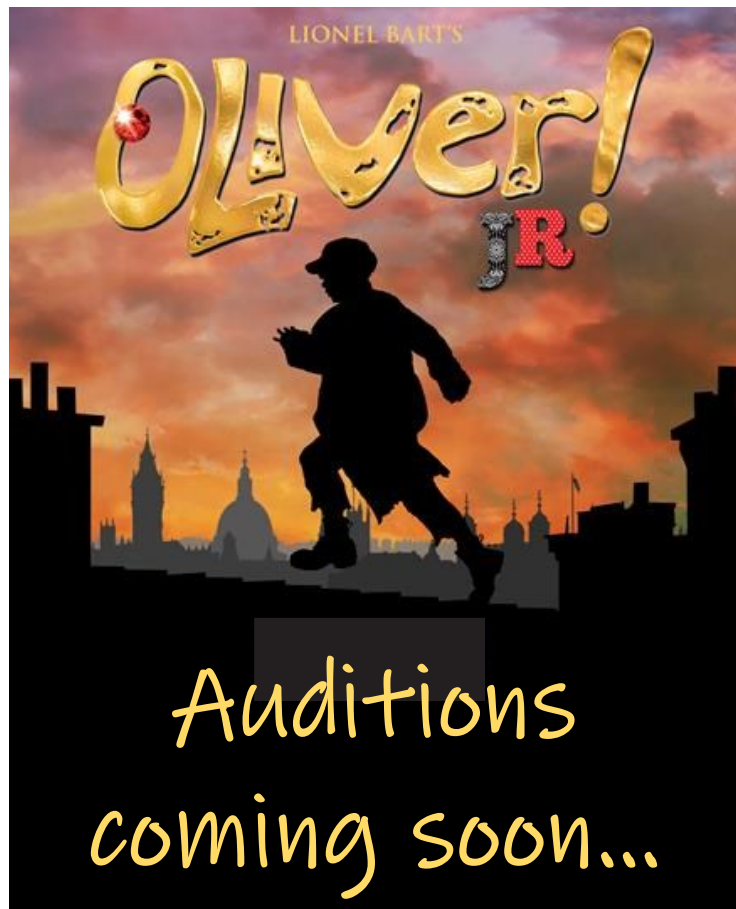
Professor of Geography at University of Oxford
Author of 'Shattered Nation', 'Finntopia' & 'Slowdown'

**"A shattered nation and a slowing down planet:
inequality, climate crisis and hope"**



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On Monday 29 April we are going to be hosting Professor Danny Dorling, professor of Geography from Oxford University. We will be inviting students from neighbouring schools to attend as well as our students.



**Auditions
coming soon...**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 28 MARCH | 15:00 | LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM |
| 29 MARCH | | GOOD FRIDAY |
| 1 APRIL | | EASTER MONDAY |
| 2-12 APRIL | | EASTER BREAK |
| 15 APRIL | | INSET DAY |
| 16 APRIL | | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM |
| 3 MAY | | PASSPORT TO PROM DEADLINE |
| 13 MAY | | YEAR 11 & 13 STUDY STAY BEGINS |
| 27-31 MAY | | HALF TERM |
| 20 JUNE | 19:00-23:00 | YEAR 11 PROM |
| 21 JUNE | | YEAR 11 & 13 STUDY STAY ENDS |

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| 24-28 JUNE | | YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE |
| 25 JUNE | | YEAR 11 SIXTH FROM INDUCTION |
| 27 JUNE | | YEAR 6 MEET THE TUTOR EVENING |
| 28 JUNE | | YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY |
| 10 JULY | | YEAR 9 OPTIONS INDUCTION LESSONS |
| 18 JULY | | HOUSE FESTIVAL |
| 23 JULY | | ACADEMY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY |
| 15 AUGUST | | A LEVEL RESULTS DAY |
| 22 AUGUST | | GCSE RESULTS DAY |

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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