

7th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful half term and it was brilliant to see the students return on Monday with a real sense of self worth, purpose and engagement for their studies and extracurricular activities.

### **Remembrance**

Students and staff will mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November through a two-minute silence on the academy playing fields. I have no doubt that our students will demonstrate their empathetic nature and understanding regarding this important event. Students who are part of groups such as the cadets will be able to wear their uniforms proudly. Poppies are on sale each morning and there will be further events, including assemblies led by Year 12 students, focusing on this year's theme of 'Service not Sacrifice'

### **Student Leadership Team update**

We are delighted to share the latest updates from our Student Leadership Team as we begin another exciting and purposeful year at Magna Academy.

Over the summer, we appointed our new Year 11 Head Prefects, Lottie S and Hannah G, alongside Deputy Head Prefects, Maya C and Sophie R, who have already shown great dedication in their roles. Supporting them are our new House Captains: Noah C and Damian B for Anning, Mirela M and Sam C for Webster and Holly K and Simon J for Talbot.

Our Sixth Form leadership teams have also been confirmed for 2025. Leading as Year 13 Presidents are Nathan B, Liliana T, Ruby U, Aidan C and Moss B, who continue from their excellent work as Vice Presidents last year. Our newly appointed Year 12 Vice Presidents - Rory S, Victoria P, Maria M, Claire P and Merin R - will work closely with them to oversee key areas across the academy and drive student-led initiatives forward.

This half term, the focus has been on two major campaigns. Firstly, our student leaders are encouraging entries for the Remembrance Day Poem Competition, a creative opportunity for students to reflect on remembrance in a personal and meaningful way. Secondly, preparations are



underway for the return of our Christmas Hamper Reverse Calendar Appeal in partnership with Hope for Food. After last year's incredible success, collecting over 850 items, we are ambitiously aiming to exceed 1,000 donations this year. The Sixth Form Presidency Team are planning and coordinating the campaign launch, with tutor representatives playing a key role in motivating their tutees to contribute. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents in advance for their generosity - your support will make a real difference to those in need within our local community.

Student leaders are also continuing to shape academy life through meaningful dialogue with senior leadership. Following recent discussions around improving the canteen queuing system to ease congestion and improve flow, teams are now preparing further proposals focused on book selections for the new library and the structure of end-of-term celebration assemblies, both of which will be presented to SLT later this term.

Finally, our Sports Leaders have been strengthened this year with new recruits, bringing the team to a total of 19 students. They have been busy preparing warm-ups for the upcoming House Cross Country event and will soon be working alongside SLT to discuss the introduction of the new Magna PE kit.

It has been an inspiring and proactive start to the year, and we are incredibly proud of the leadership, maturity and enthusiasm our students continue to demonstrate. The future of student leadership at Magna Academy is looking very bright indeed.

### **House Shield Update**

The winners of this year's house shield will win the opportunity to take part in a trip to Thorpe Park during the next academic year, alongside the coveted House Shield Trophy. Students earn achievement points through positive behaviour, engagement in learning, excellent attendance and participation in house competitions and at enrichment clubs. The current House Shield standings are as follows:

**1st: Anning**

**2nd: Webster**

**3rd: Talbot**

### **Festive Friday**

The PTFA are delighted to bring you a jam-packed Festive Friday. It will be full of festive games, food, entertainment and music - a wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit and start your Christmas shopping. **The event will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November from 5:00pm until 7:00pm** with the popular Tombola, face painting, craft stalls and much more.

The PTFA are requesting support for the raffle event and would welcome any donations, for the raffle they are looking for donations in your child's house colours:

Talbot - Green  
Anning - Purple  
Webster - Red

These will then be made into a hamper by the House Captains.

They would also like donations of:

Bottles - in all shapes and sizes, drinks, toiletries (like shampoo) etc.  
Books and Unused Gifts - Toys, games, puzzles, soft toys etc.  
Chocolate - for the popular chocolate tombola

### **Calendar reminders**

Friday 28th November - INSET Day  
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Monday 1st December - INSET Day  
Thursday 4th December - Year 11 parents evening  
Tuesday 16th December - Year 13 parents evening  
Friday 19th December - Last day of term. The year group departures will be staggered from 12:30pm-12.40pm, with our eldest students leaving first.  
Monday 5th January - INSET Day  
Tuesday 6th January - First day of Spring term for all students

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Midworth  
Principal