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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we conclude this half term, I am writing to reflect on what has been a truly exceptional and rewarding start to the academic year. The dedication, enthusiasm and exemplary standards demonstrated by our students and staff have made for a remarkably productive period across the entire academy community.

Achievement Points Standings

Competition has been vibrant across all three schools this term, showcasing our students' drive, positive conduct and commitment to excellence. The current standings are as follows:

- **1st Place:** Anning = 11,680
- **2nd Place:** Talbot = 10,469
- **3rd Place:** Webster = 9587

We extend our congratulations to Anning House for securing the lead, though with many events and achievements ahead, all remains to be played for in the upcoming terms.

Academic Progress & Attendance

Throughout the past weeks, it has been a privilege to observe high levels of student engagement across all subject areas. Our pupils continue to demonstrate commendable pride in their work and high aspirations for their personal growth.

Furthermore, we are pleased to report excellent attendance levels this term. Consistent attendance is fundamental to academic achievement and personal development, and we extend our sincere gratitude to parents and carers for your ongoing support in ensuring students arrive punctually and prepared for learning each day.

Year 11 and Year 13 Focus

Our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts deserve particular recognition for their outstanding approach to this critical academic year. They have demonstrated impressive maturity and focus, setting a superb standard for the rest of the academy.

Upon our return after the half-term break, Year 11 and Year 13 students will commence their key mock examinations. We ask for your support in ensuring that students use the upcoming break effectively, balancing necessary rest with a structured revision schedule to ensure they approach these assessments with confidence.

Trips, Events & Enrichment

Over the course of this half term, we have been delighted to offer our students an array of enriching out of classroom experiences designed to inspire curiosity, foster teamwork and deepen learning. The academic year started with our fantastic Year 7 welcome trip, where 98% of our newest cohort took part in a vital bonding experience to support their transition into secondary school.

Beyond core academic visits, students across all key stages embraced a wide variety of enrichment opportunities. Sixth Formers demonstrated leadership and resilience through UPS outdoor adventurous activities and the Magna Academy Sleepout, while others explored University opportunities, key STEM careers at the Dorset Innovation Park and applied real-world mathematics at the Haynes Motor Museum. Alongside competitive regional sports fixtures and celebratory reward trips to Thorpe Park, over 500 individual students actively represented our academy this half term. We are deeply grateful to our staff, whose hard work and dedication bring these inspiring opportunities to life.

Enrichment participation is soaring this term, with 45% of all students already taking part in at least one activity and an incredible 2,375 total sessions attended so far. This growing enthusiasm is boosted by an exciting increase in the number of enrichment activities offered by staff. Some exciting new activities include Judo, Gardening, Philosophy & Debating and Flight Club. Our aim is to offer opportunities beyond the classroom for students to build skills, explore new passions and connect with their peers. Keep a close eye on the school facebook page for regular updates on enrichment activities.

Key Dates and End of Term Arrangements

Please take note of the following important dates for the remainder of the term:

- End of Half Term: The academy will close to students on Thursday 22nd October.
- INSET Day: Friday 23rd October is a designated staff training (INSET) day, and the academy will be closed to all pupils.
- Return to Academy: The academy will reopen to all students on Monday 2nd November.

On behalf of all the staff at Magna Academy, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support. We wish you and your family a restful and safe half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Midworth
Executive Principal