

Prospectus

Magna 6

OUTSTANDING

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to Magna 6, our **Outstanding Sixth Form** (Ofsted, 2023)

Magna 6 continues to grow from strength to strength, a testament to the hard work and commitment demonstrated by staff and students. At Magna 6, we are proud to offer a varied curriculum covering a range of both Academic and Professional pathways that can be tailored specifically to meet the needs of each individual. Students in our Sixth Form benefit from inspirational teaching and make excellent progress.

Making the correct choices at post-sixteen marks a crucial stage in your education during which you will be making key decisions about your future. Students in our sixth form get expert advice to help them decide on the most suitable next steps for them. ‘There has been a substantial increase in the number moving on to university, particularly to those that are the most selective.’ (Ofsted 2023)

We are dedicated to and recognised by Ofsted in equipping students to thrive in the fast moving, ever-changing world. We are committed, not only to providing the very best standard of education, but also the most effective pastoral support and enrichment opportunities.

A wealth of guidance provided by experienced staff enables each student to make the most of their abilities and talents, fully preparing them for the next stage of their journey. As a result, students studying with us at Magna 6 leave as mature, responsible, resilient individuals who have a genuine love of learning.



Mrs Stafford
Assistant Principal
Director of Sixth Form

Intellectual Curiosity

Curriculum- Where ambition meets opportunity

Students joining Magna 6 have a thirst for knowledge, a wish to develop their interests and skills and are open to new ways of thinking

There is a wide range of subjects and qualifications on offer, which enables students to create a programme of study that is most suitable for them and that will help them to thrive.

The **A level pathway** allows students to study three GCE A level courses with external examinations at the end of the two years.

The **BTEC pathway** allows students to choose from a selection of vocational qualifications with external assessments throughout the two years, as well as an examination element scheduled during the course.

Students may also choose to study a combination of BTEC and A level qualifications, allowing for an individually-tailored programme of study.

A Level	BTEC
Art	BTEC Level 3 Business
Biology	RSL Level 3 Diploma Creative and Performing Arts
Chemistry	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Music Practitioners (Performance)
English Literature	BTEC Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services
Geography	BTEC level 3 Sport
Mathematics	
Photography	
Physics	
Psychology	
Sociology	



Intellectual Curiosity

Curriculum

LIVINGSTONE ACADEMY 6TH FORM

Through a collaborative partnership, Magna 6 and LAB 6 (Livingstone Academy Bournemouth) provide students with an expanded choice of subjects, ensuring a richer and more tailored educational experience without compromising on academic quality.

Learners benefit from the exact same expert teaching and professional delivery they expect, supported by a seamless, academy-funded minibus service that guarantees free, reliable transport between sites.

> Sixth form students have exceptionally positive attitudes toward their learning.
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> Sixth form students follow a curriculum that far exceeds the qualifications they are taking. It prepares them very well for their lives beyond school.
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Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** is an additional qualification that forms part of our Magna 6 curriculum offer, and which enables students to further their learning and abilities beyond normal Sixth Form study.

Why is the EPQ is Important for Post-16 Students?

Intellectual Freedom and Exploration: Unlike standard curriculum subjects, the EPQ allows students to pursue a passion project on virtually any topic that genuinely fascinates them—whether that is artificial intelligence, astrophysics, historical philosophy, or modern pop culture. This freedom transforms study into a rewarding personal journey rather than just exam preparation.

What does the EPQ Involve?

- **The Project Format:** Students complete either a 5,000-word research dissertation or create an artefact/production (e.g., a piece of art, a charity event, or software) accompanied by a 1,000-word written report.
- **The Production Log:** A continuous log documenting project management, initial planning, research methodology, source evaluation, and reflections.
- **The Presentation:** A 10–15 minute presentation to a non-specialist audience detailing the findings, process, and self-evaluation.
- **Weighting & Points:** Graded A* to E, the EPQ carries up to 28 UCAS tariff points (equivalent to half an A-Level) and usually takes around 120 hours of independent work.

What are the benefits of the EPQ?

- **Lower Alternative University Offers:** Many UK universities highly value the EPQ and issue alternative or reduced grade requirements to applicants who achieve a high grade in it (e.g., receiving an AAB offer instead of AAA if they achieve an A in the EPQ).
- **Preparation for Higher Education Skills:** Unlike standard school exams, the EPQ mimics degree-level independent learning. It teaches essential academic skills including:
  - Formulating a focused research question.
  - Gathering, evaluating, and citing academic sources.
  - Structuring long-form academic papers.
  - Self-directed project and time management. and reflections.
- **Application & Interview Material:** The EPQ provides concrete evidence of passion for a subject. It yields tailored content for personal statements and offers an ideal talking point during competitive university admissions or job interviews.
- **Performance Boost in Other A-Levels:** Research indicates that the research, critical analysis, and self-management skills learned during the EPQ positively transfer to other subjects, often helping improve overall A-Level performance.



Aspirations Employabilty Diploma (AED)

The Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED) is a programme unique to the Aspirations Academies Trust. It gives Post-16 students a real-world understanding of modern industries and future career pathways.

At Magna 6, students work in teams to tackle real-world industry challenges designed directly by our local employer partners. Magna 6 connects students with local employers, giving them the opportunity to solve authentic, team-based workplace challenges.

Magna 6 has collaborated with a wide range of local organisations to design projects based on employability challenges.

We have worked with:

- Bournemouth University
- AFC Bournemouth
- The NHS
- Lush
- Mayfield Decking

As a father of two teenage boys, I'm all too aware of how rapidly the expectations placed on young people are changing. What I think is brilliant about the AED programme and why I am pleased to support it, is how well it complements their academic studies and offers the students real-world, tangible experiences that will prove invaluable when they enter the world of work.

Matt Desmier
Business Manager



As Enterprise Advisor to Magna Academy, it is my responsibility to help students develop their understanding of professional behaviour, performance and delivery. Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED) is a unique programme to Magna Academy which enables students to practice and demonstrate core skills such as communication, critical thinking, and creativity. We achieve this through projects which immerse students in real life work situations testing their character and ability to collaborate.With increasing competition in the employment market, we want to equip students with transferable skills to support their academic qualifications giving them a competitive edge.

Martin Emery Enterprise Adviser
& CEO of Mayfield Decking





Annabel Platt
Communications & PR Coordinator of Lush

"Working with Magna Aspirations on their Year twelve project was fantastic. The students took the brief and developed insightful product and marketing campaign ideas. As a local business, founded by a group of creatives and friends, Lush has a strong passion for developing, growing and connecting with the next generation of talent here in Dorset. Strengthening our connection with Magna Academy over the course of the academic year was an absolute pleasure, and we hope it helped the students with real world examples of product campaign ideation."

Aspirations Employabilty Diploma (AED)

Why do we do this?

Recent government guidance and labour market research place transferable "Power Skills" at the centre of future employability. As workplace automation and AI handle routine tasks, human-centred capabilities have become the primary indicator of long-term career success.

Here is why each of the Magna 6 Power Skills is essential for future employment:

- Communication: According to the UK Department for Education's (DfE) framework for transferable skills, effective communication—both verbal and written—is a top priority for over 90% of employers.
- Collaboration: UK government workforce research highlights teamwork as a critical skill required across almost every sector.
- Creativity: Research into future labour markets indicates that creative thinking is key to driving innovation.
- Character: Government employability frameworks emphasize work-related behaviours such as resilience, integrity, self-management, and initiative.
- Critical Thinking: High-level problem-solving and analytical reasoning consistently top employer skill demand indexes.

Students initially participate in collaborative team competitions within their respective academies. Winning teams from each Aspirations Academy then advance to present before a panel of industry professionals.





Leadership, Community and Competition

Magna 6 students are strongly encouraged to engage in varied leadership opportunities, offered to enhance their Sixth Form provision.

Student Union

Sixth Form students have a very important leadership position within this system, acting as School presidents and Vice Presidents, who will be role models to other academy students.

It is our collective expectation that Magna 6 students lead by example participating in a variety of academic, creative and sporting events throughout their programme of study.

International Students

Magna 6 warmly welcomes international students from all over the world into our Sixth Form. These students access our varied curriculum and enrichment programme for the duration of their placement and receive all the support required to be successful.

At Magna 6 we strongly believe that hosting global students allows lifelong friendships to be developed. We facilitate shared learning experiences, both in and outside of the classroom, for all students creating international understanding and collaboration.

NASA

Each year, Magna 6 students can apply for the prestigious, fully funded Aspirations Academies Trust NASA trip! Students first go through our academy's selection process before progressing to the final stage, where they are interviewed alongside successful applicants from other Aspirations sixth forms. The final selection is then made from this outstanding group of students.

A truly money-can't-buy opportunity that is quite literally out of this world!



Tutor Programme and Wellbeing

Our students' wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do; we believe their happiness and confidence are key to their success.

Belonging is created when students feel known, valued, included, supported, challenged and celebrated. Tutor time is one of the most important opportunities to build this culture every day.

We promote a culture where every student feels safe, supported, valued and able to thrive. Our approach to belonging will support our students' wellbeing. In addition we follow the framework below –

Wellbeing is fundamental in education because it directly impacts a student's ability to learn, grow, and thrive. When schools prioritize emotional security and mental health, students demonstrate improved concentration, higher academic engagement, and stronger problem-solving skills. Moreover, fostering a supportive environment builds resilience against stress, encourages regular attendance, and cultivates a sense of belonging—equipping young people with essential self-care habits and emotional tools that support lifelong success.

> Sixth form students have high attendance and relish their time in school.
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Bursary Fund

The **16-19 Bursary Fund** aims to help young people facing financial hardship to stay on in full-time education.

Students may use bursary payments for transport, educational visits and equipment. Students may also apply for a contribution towards business attire.



Futures

Magna 6 students have a full programme of support towards their post-18 transition to university, an apprenticeship or employment.

All students will learn about the different pathways available to them from a wide range of external stakeholders and former students. Students are challenged to have high aspirations in their individual post-18 routes.

Our advice and guidance is extensive and includes:

- Workshops and mock interviews for all with local employers and business people
- CV and personal statement writing workshops
- Work experience and many opportunities for voluntary work
- A weekly Futures session included in the tutor programme
- Numerous guest speaker advertising opportunities
- A visit for all students to two contrasting universities
- An effective Oxbridge and Early Applicants Programme

> The careers programme motivates and excites pupils. It helps them understand the link between school and their future.
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Magna 6 Passport

The Magna 6 Passport provides full wrap around care, support and guidance as you make the transition from Year 11 to Magna 6. Following Open Evening we do not leave you to navigate your application and preparation alone, the Magna passport is an active, guided pathway.

Start Starting Point Open Evening: October
Discover Magna 6, meet our expert teachers and start planning your route.

Guided Application: December: January
Apply with a member of the senior team to make your application to Magna 6. Receive individual professional advice to align with your ambitious future.

Introductory Classes: December
Experience Magna 6 learning and gain reassurance of your Post 16 pathway.

Ambitious Futures Presentation and workshop
A strategic planning presentation designed to map out your long-term career goals early, giving you a major head start on applications for top universities and competitive degree apprenticeships.

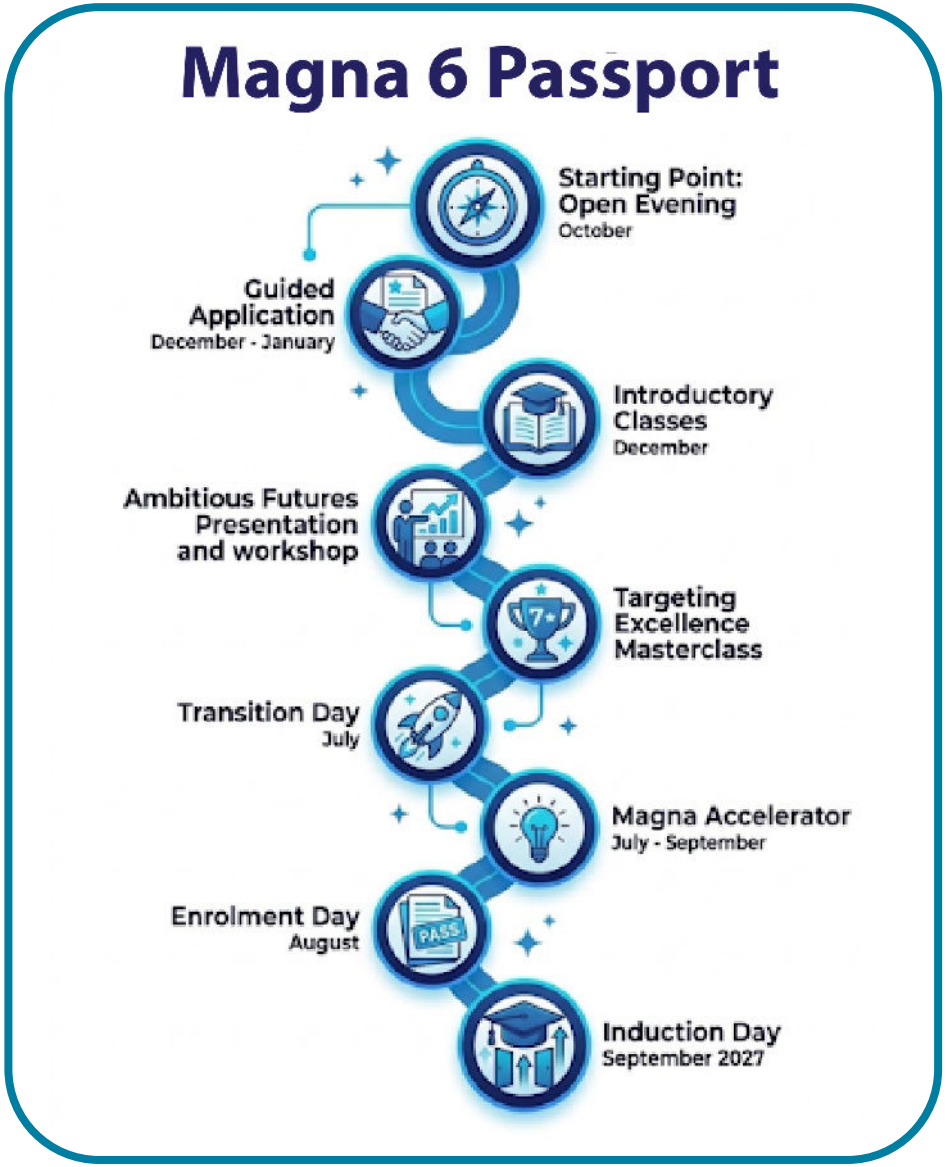
Targeting Excellence Masterclass
Elevate your GCSE performance to Grade 7 and above. Learn top-tier revision and exam strategies and launch your Magna 6 journey from a position of strength.

Transition Day: July
Experience interactive subject sessions, meet your future tutor, and preview the independence and atmosphere of Magna 6. Discover access to the Magna 6 bursary to be financially ready and secure.

Magna Accelerator: July- September
Uncover key subject insights, test your critical thinking, and start exploring the concepts that drive your future field by completing some subject based exploratory tasks.

Enrolment Day: August GCSE results day
Celebrate your GCSE success and finalise your Sixth Form journey.

September 2027: Induction Day
Let your Magna 6 journey begin!



Student Perspectives

Here are the views of some of our past Magna 6 students:

"As a former Magna student, the Magna 6 is a fantastic learning environment with enthusiastic teachers who are highly dedicated to deepen your knowledge of A-Levels."
Jacob

"Even though I am new to this country and this school, I very quickly felt like I was a part of Magna 6."
Josiane

"Sixth Form at Magna gives you more freedom. It makes you feel more confident too about that new form of independence."
Charlotte

"There is lots of space to work - the Sixth Form hub, Science open areas, etc. The teachers are very enthusiastic and motivated to help you realise the best of your abilities while also making the subject interesting. Teachers are also very informative, giving you a clear idea of the work you have to complete and the standards to set yourself, which is really helpful."
George



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