

20th January 2023



Dear Parents

Re: Term 3 Update

As Term 3 is now well underway, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on some developments at the Academy. Firstly, the standard of student uniform is very good indeed, thank you so much for your support with this.

Proposed Strike Action

You may have heard in the news that one of the teaching unions has voted to take strike action on Wednesday, February 1st. I want to reassure you that all Magna Learning Partnership Academies will remain open that day. Whilst we do not yet know what specific effect the action will have on individual academies in terms of absent staff, our aim will be to keep as many children in school as we safely can and to make certain year groups, such as Years 2, 6, 11 and 13 a teaching priority. Children and young people in receipt of the pupil premium, together with those with special educational needs will also be taught in person.

When we have more information around the numbers of staff on strike and can, therefore, plan the day on February 1st, we will let you know. This may not be possible to do until a couple of days before the planned action, so it may be necessary for you to plan childcare if necessary.

Mrs S Busby – CEO, Magna Learning Partnership

Value Pins

Last week in assemblies I introduced our new 'Values Pins'. These are badges which are displayed on blazers for students who demonstrate our Academy values. Students will be hearing the full details of how they can gain these pins in tutor time and I look forward to seeing which students will be the first to be awarded these in the near future!

Annual Parent Survey

I am delighted we are now officially an oversubscribed school and have received lots of positive feedback from parents and our local community. Issues arise in all schools and hopefully these are dealt with quickly and effectively. As a Trust we ask all stakeholders to complete a survey once a year and it is very quick to complete. This provides useful information and compares schools across the Trust. Please click on the link to complete the survey - [MLP Parent Survey - January 2023](#). Thank you in advance.

Communication

ClassCharts is now well embedded with the majority of families using it every day to see information via announcements and positive and negative behaviour points. Messages are very easy and effective. From this term we will be using ClassCharts as our main method of communication with fewer emails and text messages. If you have any problem at all accessing ClassCharts the Main Office will be happy to get you logged in.

Staff will aim to reply within 24 hours and only in working hours, so if you send a message over the weekend it is unlikely to be read until Monday. Please also bear in mind that if a teacher is teaching

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all day it could be Tuesday before you have a response. If it is anything urgent, please do call the Main Office who will help you.

Breakfast Club

Our new breakfast club has launched and a number of students are taking advantage of this provision every day. All students are welcome to come to Dining and enjoy a free bowl of cereal or a bagel. A good breakfast really helps students to learn well in the mornings, so if your child comes to school before eating then do encourage them to come and get some breakfast in school from 8:00am.

MLP Charity Day

Once a year our whole Trust comes together to support a charity and this year we are supporting the Salisbury Food Bank. We are once again asking for students to bring in at least one item of food. The date for this will be Friday, 3rd February, but we will continue with normal uniform on this day. All students will be eligible for a free non-uniform day on Friday, 10th February which is the last day of term. Please also see the attached flyer.

Term 3 Dates

23 rd January	Calshot Parents Information Evening at 5:30pm
2 nd February	Extended Learning Day 2
3 rd February	MLP Charity Day – Salisbury Food Bank
8 th February	MLP Engineering Challenge Day
10 th February	Close of Term 3 – Non-Uniform Day

Enrichment for Term 3

I am delighted to see more students than ever are attending enrichment after school. The current clubs are listed below; please encourage your child to take part in some after-school activities if it is possible. There is no charge for any session and no need to sign up in advance.

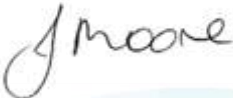
Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff
Trampoline Small Gym	GGH	Darts Fitness Suite	PRA	Fitness Fitness Suite	HIN
Badminton Sports Hall	HIN	New Age Kurling Sports Hall	BRE	Football Sports Hall	PEA
KS3 Jewellery Making Dining	LEY & ROC	Art Club AR2	SHI	Choir MU1	FIL
Ensemble Club Music	COR	Film Club P4	HAZ	Girls Club Performance Hall	ROC
		D of E A5	JON	Science Club	GOU
		Coding Club A1	External	Drama Club Performance Hall	LEY
		Card Club A2	MDD		
		Retro Games Club MU4	FIL		

* Homework club with Mr Rose on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday in the Hub, welcome to all years, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

* Choir Club with Mr Filer & Mr Corcoran Wednesday Lunchtime

If you would like to meet with me at all, then please do get in touch via email or call the Academy Office between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'J' and a clear 'Moore'.

Mrs J Moore
Headteacher

