



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on a few of the achievements of our students this year.

Academically speaking, our students have excelled across various subjects, and their commitment to their studies has been commendable. Whether it is in the sciences, humanities, arts, or sports, our students have demonstrated a passion for learning and a drive for excellence. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, the support of our dedicated teachers, and the nurturing environment we have cultivated.

Beyond the academic, our school community has thrived in extracurricular activities, sports, and the arts. Our students have showcased their talents in various competitions, performances, and exhibitions, representing our school with pride and achieving remarkable success. These experiences have not only enriched their lives but have also promoted important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Furthermore, our commitment to holistic development has been evident through our focus on character education and the social-emotional well-being of our students. We have implemented programmes and initiatives that promote empathy, respect, and inclusivity, creating a positive and supportive community. It is our goal to equip our students with the necessary skills and values to become responsible global citizens who contribute meaningfully to society.

As is always the case, we must say goodbye to a number of colleagues who are moving on to new pastures next academic year. We wish them well in their new roles and we look forward to welcoming a number of new colleagues from September.

Jeanette Bell, Head of School, has also taken the decision to move on from her post at The Magna Carta School in order to pursue new career opportunities, a decision which has been positively and mutually agreed by the Trustees.

Mrs Bell wishes to express her sincere gratitude to her colleagues for all of the support, dedication and hard work they have given to the school. She also wishes to thank the students and parents for their support and commented that she will miss both staff and pupils greatly.

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bell for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the school and Trust, and wish her the very best for the future.

The Trustees have asked me to assume the position of Executive Principal at the school and I am delighted to be continuing to work with Magna Carta in this new capacity. The coming academic year will be an opportunity to continue our relentless drive towards achieving excellence in all that we do in partnership with our students and all of our stakeholders.

Finally, a few matters of housekeeping:

- i. At the end of this letter is a copy of our term dates for the coming academic year (which is also available on the website [Academic-Year-2023-24](#) )
- ii. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the uniform code (which is also available on the website [Uniform – Magna Carta School](#) ); all students, without exception, will be expected to be in full school uniform from the beginning of the next academic year
- iii. Attendance remains a challenge which we must all work together to resolve. The single largest factor in the success or otherwise of a child at school remains regular attendance. Children who do not attend school regularly do not achieve the same success as those who do. Please ensure that holidays are booked outside of term time and that children only remain at home when their sickness is of a degree which warrants isolation.
- iv. There will be further significant works happening at the school throughout the summer meaning the site will largely be closed to visitors. Part of these works will mean the front of the school will no longer be accessible to vehicles. **Please note there will be no on-site parking for parents from 1 September 2023.**

Finally, we will be closed to students for an INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

- Students in **Year 7 and Year 11** will commence school at 08:45 on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**
- Students in **Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10** will return to school at 08:45 on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M del Río  
**Executive Principal & CEO**

# Academic Year - 2023 / 2024

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**Key**

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