



MAGNUS CHURCH
OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



Determination | Integrity | Ambition | Humility | Compassion

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to my school, Magnus Church of England Academy, of which I am very proud. We are part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi Academy Trust and have a distinct Christian ethos built on our values of Determination, Integrity, Ambition, Humility and Compassion which underpins everything we do.



Since joining the school in September 2016 I have had one goal in mind; to build a great school for a great community. I have made it my mission to grow Magnus Academy into a school the community is proud of and one in which you have confidence. We are continuing our work to improve further and will not stop in our mission to provide your child with inspirational teaching, an enriching curriculum and strong pastoral support.

The success we have achieved so far comes from high expectations of all staff and students. We work together to ensure all members of our community develop confidence; receive the support and

guidance to realise their full potential; to play an active role both in school and as part of the wider community.

I hope that the information in this prospectus will help you gain an insight into our school, a very special and unique place, where your family becomes part of ours. However, no prospectus is a substitute for direct experience so please join us at our open events or drop in for a tour of the academy at any time.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs A Martin
Principal



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“The school is led with a strong moral purpose. Decisions are made in the best interests of pupils and families. This reflects the inclusive ethos of the school.”

- OFSTED 2025



OUR VISION

Develop people of good character who achieve excellence and make a positive contribution to their communities.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to ensure that:

- students develop the knowledge, skills and character to live happy, healthy and successful lives
- all are included and work hard to fulfil their potential regardless of background or starting point
- student choices are not limited by self-belief, opportunity or circumstance.

This can be achieved at Magnus through world class learning, high expectations and through encouraging personal, moral and spiritual development within a Christian framework.

OUR CORE VALUES

Determination

Have the courage to work hard and keep going with a relentless drive to achieve excellence.

“Run in such a way that you may win”
1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

Integrity

Have the strength of character to choose honesty and truth always and be accountable for our actions.

“We are taking pains to do what is right not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of the man”
2 CORINTHIANS 8:21

Ambition

Have the belief and drive to succeed, placing no limits on what can be achieved.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Humility

Recognise and respect the value of everyone and celebrate success together.

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love”
EPHESIANS 4:2

Compassion

Comfort those in need, support those in pain and offer grace to all in our community.

“Be like minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble”
1 PETER 3:8





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“Pupils are polite and respectful. Relationships between pupils and staff are warm. Pupils are cared for and supported well by adults. This helps them to feel safe.”

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INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS

Magnus Academy offers a broad, balanced, and enriching curriculum that fully develops our students, empowering them to fulfil their potential and access careers of their choice.

At the heart of our curriculum is a strong emphasis on teaching and learning. Teachers at Magnus are committed, dedicated, and develop excellent relationships with students. They share our passion for high expectations and our drive to see young people develop in all aspects of their lives.

Our knowledge rich curriculum delivers a range of experiences, both in and out of the classroom, to extend learning and to stretch and challenge our students, enabling them to become confident and independent learners. We offer a broad choice for our options subjects, which students select in year 9. These range from French and Spanish to construction and performing arts, giving a wide variety of directions for students to travel in.

Homework enables students to extend their studies and consolidate knowledge that they have learned in lessons. Students receive high quality booklets of key knowledge every half-term, which underpin the excellent learning taking place in the classroom.

Students have access to well-resourced learning facilities including the Learning Resource Centre and performing arts studios. Through these we create a culture of achievement through our high expectations and aspirations.



DEVELOPING CHARACTER

At Magnus we believe in developing students' character so they are ready for the tests of life and not solely for a life of tests. The Magnus Curriculum for Life ensures students are prepared for the challenges of life that extend beyond the classroom.

Our comprehensive enrichment programme is designed to enhance life skills through unique activities such as rowing, the Eco Schools Award, Golden Thread volunteering and Greek Mythology. Our outstanding dance and drama enrichment programme includes an annual school production as well as external performances.

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities such as sports teams, the famous Magnus Swing Band, and projects with The Royal Society through their Partnership Grants Scheme. Students also have the opportunity to take part in lessons in a range of musical instruments and singing which are subsidised by the Magnus Foundation Trust and provided by specialists.

Students enjoy outdoor and adventurous activities through our Ace Week trips and residential experiences – including our very popular ski trip, Paris trip, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Magnus Combined Cadet Force (RAF), unique in Newark, provides rare opportunities for students from year 8 onwards. Training enables cadets to develop a sense of personal skills while taking part in activities such as adventure training camps and air experience flights.





ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Magnus Academy provides exceptional all-round education and enrichment for our students to allow them to flourish as they grow.

We encourage students to take the skills and experience they gain from Magnus into the real world. In recent years, we've had students gain scholarships to study in the United States of America. One former Sixth Form student signed a four year sports scholarship to play collegiate soccer, helped by the skills he gained during his time at Magnus. Another student was awarded a fully-funded degree in New York through The Sutton Trust US Programme, an organisation we work with that broadens educational opportunities for young people.

Beyond the classroom, students have had success at county, European and International level sport, combining their talent with the skills and determination learnt at Magnus. Current and former pupils have also worked in the performing arts industry, with roles in local and West End productions.

Our Combined Cadet Force fosters the ethos and values of the RAF which are respect, integrity, service and excellence which support and uphold our Magnus values. Several cadets have pursued careers in the British Armed Forces following their experience in the Magnus CCF, including training for the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment.



“My daughter is very lucky to be part of the Magnus family; she isn't just a number, she is seen and supported as an individual.”

- PARENT

COMMUNITY

Our vision is to develop people of good character who achieve excellence and make a positive contribution to their communities, so community plays a big part in our life at Magnus.

Students enjoy contributing to their local, wider and worldwide communities whether it be hosting local primary school events and care home residents, or raising money for local, national and international charities.

As a Church of England Academy, we welcome students of all faiths and none into our Magnus family whilst instilling Christian values to help develop our students' character. We have an on-site chaplain who oversees the Christian ethos within the school and have special connections with local churches.

Chaplaincy at Magnus offers daily opportunities to reflect on life and different Christian teachings through Acts of Worship. These reflections relate directly to our school values. Our Chaplain also provides pastoral support to students through mentoring and other groups such as Young Carers and peer mentors.

The foundation of our Magnus family community is built on creating an environment where everyone is valued. The positive relationships with both our students and their families are developed through mutual trust and respect, and engagement with parents and carers through our teacher-parent consultation evenings.



SIXTH FORM

Magnus Academy Sixth Form prides itself on the professionalism, experience, and knowledge of all our teaching staff. We have a highly specialised sixth form leadership team that is focused upon each student achieving their full potential, with a relentless commitment to excellence. The leadership team is supported by tutors who meet with their tutor groups daily, fulfilling a programme of support, careers guidance and PSHE.

Excellent results are achieved year on year from both A Level and vocational courses. Last year, our students achieved a 97.2% pass rate, with 85% of Criminology students receiving A*-C. The results Magnus students receive are a testament to their character and dedication to their studies.

The hard work and determination creates the foundation for our students to study at some of the top universities around the world. In September 2024, students went on to study courses such as Law at the University of Sunderland, Forensic Science at the University of Derby and Sports Science at Nottingham Trent University.





PASTORAL SUPPORT

Pastoral care and inclusion are of an exceptional quality at Magnus Academy and transition from primary to secondary school is very well supported. Working in partnership with parents to ensure that students are fully supported in their education is extremely important to us.

We are very proud of our pastoral care system. At Magnus Academy we aim to nurture the whole child

and ensure that students develop positive moral values which enable them to make valuable contributions to both the school and their wider community. Excellent systems are in place to support our students through crucial parts of their education; at transfer to secondary school; from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4; into Post 16 education and beyond onto university, apprenticeships or employment.

CAREERS

At Magnus we have an excellent careers programme that provides the knowledge, skills, opportunities and support to ensure all students are successful and fulfil their career potential and ambition regardless of background or starting point.

It's delivered to all year groups during tutor time and with a variety of opportunities throughout the year such as British Science Week, Futures First Careers Fair at Newark Showground and the outreach program with Nottingham Trent University. Events such as National Careers Week and the National Apprenticeship week are promoted and encouraged across the school.

We have a specialist Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) professional, and our provision is highly effective. All students receive independent and informed further education and careers

advice and all benefit from a comprehensive work experience programme in year 10.

Students use the destinations platform Unifrog to keep a log of their career interactions over their time at the academy. This gives them a thorough personal account of the skills they have developed over time before they enter the world of work.

When students reach year 11, they receive personal careers guidance sessions which include individual application support and assistance in seeking apprenticeships.





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“The school’s strong focus on equality and diversity means that pupils understand and respect difference. Enrichment sessions and school trips provide rich opportunities for pupils to enjoy new activities and develop new skills.

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ADMISSIONS

We understand that choosing a secondary school for your child is an important decision to make and the best way to see our school is when it’s full of students. Families are welcome to drop in at any time during the academy day to experience how we run, however if you have any queries or questions about the admissions process, please email **admissions@magnusacademy.co.uk**.



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