



MAGNUS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY Sixth Form **Prospectus** 

# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

I am very pleased to introduce you to Magnus Academy Sixth Form through this prospectus and I look forward to meeting you at one of our open events.

Magnus Academy is an 11 – 19 mixed comprehensive school at the heart of Newark and is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi Academy Trust.

We have a distinctive Christian ethos at the academy, built on mutual respect, positive relationships, and the desire to help every student achieve excellence in all that they do. Our students develop a love of learning to become curious and happy students with high self-esteem. Helping students develop into confident, sensitive and reflective adults is a key priority at Magnus Academy.

We work in close partnership with parents and believe this relationship is crucial to the success of our students. Community and a willingness to listen are at the centre of our academy and through a strong collaboration between students, parents and staff we see that students thrive.

Here, at Magnus Academy Sixth Form, we are dedicated in striving for excellence and creating leaders of the future. Our students may become leaders of a country, business, team and/or family but whatever they aspire to do, we equip them with the skills, attributes and academic talents to be able to fulfil these goals.

We have developed an extensive curriculum to cater for students that have strengths with academic and/or vocational subjects, providing courses students are engaged and excited by.

Alongside the academic provision I believe that through our programme of enrichment, mentoring and guidance students leave Magnus Academy as more knowledgeable, employable and caring young adults ready for the rigours of the world of work or higher education.

Our Sixth Form students are recognised as the most senior students in the academy and are acknowledged as such via a different uniform, the privileges they receive and leadership opportunities.

I would like to wish you all the best in your studies and we hope to welcome you to Magnus Academy Sixth Form.

Mrs A Martin Principal



# SIXTH FORM TEAM WELCOME

Welcome to Magnus Academy Sixth Form. By choosing Magnus, you are embarking on a journey which will challenge, stretch and enrich you. By the end of your journey with us, you will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and character to successfully transition to your next life-stage; whether that be as an employee, an apprentice or an undergraduate.

At Magnus we work with each student individually to help you achieve your goals; both academic and non-academic. This requires commitment from us to you, and from you to us. We look forward to welcoming you to a successful two years as part of our student body.

Mr J Hall



# **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.

#### Integrity

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

#### **Ambition**

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

#### Humility

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

#### Compassion

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



# RESULTS AND BEYOND

Magnus Academy Sixth Form produces excellent results year on year from both A Level and vocational courses. Last year, our students achieved a 97.2% pass rate, with 50% of students continuing to further education. 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 country. 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.

CRIMINOLOGY

85% A\*-C, 28% A

SPORT EXTENDED DIPLOMA

62% D\*D\*D\*- MMP

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE** 

75% D\*-M





## **SIXTH FORM SUPPORT**

#### **Tutor Programme**

The tutorial system plays a key role in the support of students' pastoral and academic progress. Students will be placed in a tutor group, led by one of our experienced sixth form team. They work daily with students to monitor progress, assist with applications, and help to solve any problems or difficulties that may be encountered.

#### **Curricular Support**

At Sixth Form, students are expected to complete five hours of independent study for each qualification they complete. The aim of this is to deepen the students' knowledge of the curriculum and encourage independence for life after Sixth Form. To support with this, students are given timetabled study lessons within the school day to support with the demands of the independent work. We have four separate study spaces and computer access that students can use during these times, along with a centralised system of recording work so students can manage time and meet punctual deadlines.

#### **Parental Contact**

Reports on student progress and our parents' evenings help provide feedback on how students are progressing. Parents can also request a private meeting with a tutor or subject teacher at any time throughout the academic year should they feel this is necessary. There is always a point of contact for students, teachers, and parents, encouraging excellent communication at all times.

#### **Student Support**

Whatever students plan to study at Magnus Sixth Form, they will have access to advice, guidance, and support from experienced staff. The Sixth Form team are available all day ensuring there is always someone to help. This team consists of the Head of Sixth Form, Pastoral Leader, careers and UCAS advisor, and the tutor team.

The team will deliver study skills sessions, support with revision, help with career planning, and give financial guidance – everything they will need to ensure they succeed in the Sixth Form and help the transition into employment or University. Students also have access to health and welfare support throughout their time at Magnus.

#### 16-19 Bursary

Sixth Form students may be eligible for financial support from the 16-19 Bursary. There are two different bursaries available for students:

- Mandatory bursary
- Discretionary bursary

It can be spent on items which are deemed to be the costs of accessing education, such as transport to and from the Academy, stationery, and school uniform.

For more information about the 16-19 Bursary please contact a member of the Sixth Form team.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Students need to achieve a minimum of 5 GCSE grades at level 4 – 9, or equivalent, to secure a place at Magnus Academy Sixth Form. If students do not achieve a grade 4 in English or Mathematics, they will need to re-sit these subjects until a grade 4 is obtained.

Application forms are submitted online which can be found in the 'Sixth Form' section of the Academy website. On the application form, students will be able to select the subjects that they would like to study at A Level.

Students need to study a minimum of 3 subjects (please bear in mind some are double awards).

Students can apply throughout year 11 and if they are on track to meet our entry requirements, they will receive a conditional offer awaiting their GCSE results.

On results day, students will attend an enrolment meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to confirm their place at Magnus Sixth Form. Enrolment takes place during week one of the new academic year.

### **COURSE GUIDE**

At Magnus Academy Sixth Form, you can choose 3 or 4
A Levels, 3 vocational qualifications or a mixture of both.
For a full course list and specific course entry
requirements visit our website.



Scan me for subject information





## WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Work Experience**

All Year 12 students benefit from a work experience programme. Where possible, this will be tied to their career goals. This often leads to students continuing on a voluntary basis or even paid employment.

#### **EPQ**

For our highest achievers, the Academy offers the Extended Project Qualification which is equivalent to half an A Level and enables students to pursue a topic of their choice in greater depth. This is led by our EPQ coordinator and is looked upon highly by universities and employers.

#### **Leadership and Mentoring**

To help encourage our students to achieve our vision of becoming people of good character who contribute positively to the community, we offer a range of volunteering, mentoring and leadership opportunities within the Sixth form. Students become positive role models to younger years and help deliver reflection sessions to younger tutor groups. We have a faculty support programme where students can assist teachers within a classroom environment. We also have inspiring reading and peer mentors from the Sixth form who assist younger years with their reading and social anxieties. We also have amazing leadership opportunities within our Prefect team who lead from the front at the Student Council, on open evenings, and all events at the academy, including our whole school Acts of Worship. There are several roles open to our students that focus on key priorities such as our peer mentoring programme,

extracurricular activities and student voice. Such opportunities are highly valued by universities, employers and apprenticeship providers and is a key part of their own personal development.

#### Privilege Scheme

At Magnus Sixth Form, we have a unique initiative which was proposed and developed by students. Our Privilege Scheme gives students the opportunity to earn the privilege of flexible study within the school week. This would mean that they are able to be offsite for a set number of study periods. If a student has earned gold status, they can be offsite for four study periods a week. If a student has earned a silver status, they can have two periods of study offsite per week. If a student has earned Bronze, then they are permitted to leave site at break and lunch. Students must earn these privileges each half term throughout the year.

Firstly, students must acquire a set number of merit points. These can be earned through academic excellence, community contributions and character development actions. These are tracked on the students 'Privilege Passport'. Secondly, the students must meet an attendance criterion. For each term, the student's attendance must be 98% or above for Gold, 96% or above for Silver and 94% or above for Bronze.

This scheme is designed to give our students additional independence, whilst maintaining high levels of support, rigour and expectations. It aims to encourage students to take positive actions which not only develops their character but prepares them for life after Post 16.







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