



23rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Magnus Academy. Your partnership, encouragement and trust have played a vital role in helping our young people grow, succeed and make the most of the opportunities available to them throughout the year.

This has been a year filled with achievements, celebrations and memorable moments. Our students have demonstrated determination, ambition, compassion, integrity and humility in so many ways, and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose commitment to our students continues to make Magnus Academy such a special community. At this time of year, we also say farewell to colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities. On behalf of the academy, I would like to thank them for their service, dedication and contribution to our school. We wish each of them every success and happiness in the future.

I would also like to share with you some updates to our Behaviour for Learning Policy for September 2026. The changes reflect recent changes to statutory guidance and our continued commitment to maintaining a calm, respectful and ambitious learning environment where every student can thrive. A summary of the key changes is provided below. The full policy will be available on our website next academic year.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

One of the most significant changes relates to mobile phones and smartwatches.

Recent government guidance has reinforced the expectation that schools should be mobile-phone-free environments to minimise disruption, improve focus on learning and support student wellbeing. In response, Magnus Academy has strengthened its mobile phone procedures.

1st Offence	Confiscated for the remainder of the same day, kept in a labelled envelope and secured at main reception in the school safe. Students may collect from main reception at 3:15pm
2nd Offence	Confiscated for the remainder of the same week kept in a labelled envelope and secured at main reception in the school safe deposit box. Students may collect from main reception on the Friday of that week at 3:15pm
3rd Offence	Confiscated for the remainder of the academic term, parents to collect from school at the end of the term. Following this, it is to be handed in at main reception and secured in the safe each morning every day until 3.15pm for the remainder of the academic year.

PE uniform

Only students wearing correct PE uniform as described below will be permitted to participate in PE lessons. PE uniform expectations are:



- Appropriate footwear
- Magnus Academy emblem uniform PE T-shirt or emblem hoodie OR
- A plain black T- Shirt, plain white T Shirt, plain black sweatshirt,
- Plain black football style shorts, OR plain black jogging bottoms.
- Please note that cycling shorts / Nike pro style shorts are no longer permitted for PE.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour and Attendance

We have enhanced our rewards systems to recognise students who consistently demonstrate excellent conduct, effort and attendance. Changes include:

- New termly prize draws.
- A new 98%+ attendance prize draw each term.
- Increased value of Golden Tickets from 25 to 50 points.

Supporting Every Student

The policy now makes explicit reference to considering reasonable equity adjustments for students with SEND where appropriate, ensuring our approach remains fair and inclusive.

Strengthening Expectations Around Learning

To maximise learning time and reduce disruption:

- Students who receive a red card will continue their learning in another classroom within the faculty.
- Students will have opportunities to demonstrate improvements in behaviour through the new Earn a Return to Learning process when in isolation. Students who do not receive red cards in isolation will be able to return to lessons after break at the start of P3.
- Students who receive red cards in isolation will remain in the isolation room for all or part of the remainder of the day.

Looking Ahead

As we move towards the new academic year, our focus remains on creating an environment where every student can achieve their very best, feel safe, be supported and develop the character needed to succeed both in school and beyond.

As we look ahead to September, may I remind you that school reopens at **8am on Wednesday the 2nd of September** for a **free breakfast for all students** ready for an 8:30 start. Students are encouraged to arrive early, reconnect with friends and staff, and enjoy a positive start to the new academic year.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. I wish all our students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Martin
Principal