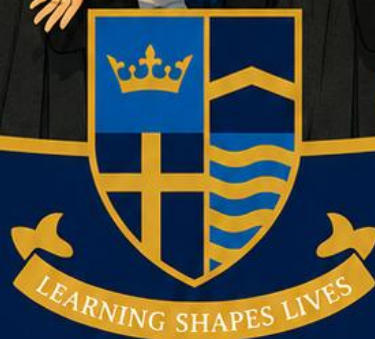




Welcome to
**THE MAGNA
CARTA SCHOOL**

Your Journey Starts Here

Year 6 Transition Guide

LEARNING SHAPES LIVES

Welcome

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear New Student,

Congratulations on securing your place at The Magna Carta School. We are delighted that you will be joining our community, and I hope this guide gives you a flavour of what life is like as a Magna student.

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone. It is also completely normal to feel a little nervous. You may be wondering what your lessons will be like, whether you will make new friends, how you will find your way around, or what will happen on your first day. These are questions that almost every student has before they start with us.

At The Magna Carta School, we believe that Learning Shapes Lives. We are committed to helping every student achieve academic success whilst also developing into a kind, thoughtful and responsible young person. We often talk about educating both the mind and the heart because we believe these are equally important in helping young people flourish.

You will quickly discover that Magna is a school built on strong relationships, high expectations and a genuine commitment to helping every student succeed. Our staff will support you every step of the way as you settle into school life, develop new friendships and grow in confidence.

Throughout this guide, you will meet four Magna students who represent our school virtues: Civic, Moral, Performative and Intellectual. They will help you learn more about our routines, values and what it means to be part of our community.

I hope you enjoy exploring this guide and learning more about your new school. At The Magna Carta School, we are proud of the young people we serve and the community we have built together. We know that starting secondary school can feel like a big step, but you will not be taking it alone.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Warmest wishes,

Craig Adams

Craig Adams

Principal

The Magna Carta School



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Our Values



KINDNESS

We are kind, respectful and look out for one another.



GRATITUDE

We show gratitude for our opportunities and for one another.



LEARNING SHAPES LIVES





Meet Your Magna Guides



Throughout this guide, you'll meet four Magna students who will help you discover what life is like at The Magna Carta School.

Each of them represents one of our four school virtues. Together, they show the qualities we encourage every student to develop as they learn, grow and thrive within our community.



Jacob

Civic Virtues

Jacob believes in helping others and making a positive contribution to the school community.

He understands that being a good citizen means looking after others, showing responsibility and taking pride in our school.

"We all help to make Magna a great place to learn."



Ava

Moral Virtues

Ava believes in doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching.

She shows kindness, honesty and respect, and understands that small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day.

"Kindness is more than being nice. It's doing the right thing."



Theo

Performative Virtues

Theo works hard, keeps going when things become difficult and always tries his best.

He knows that success doesn't come from getting everything right the first time—it comes from effort, resilience and determination.

"Mistakes help us learn and improve."



Amira

Intellectual Virtues

Amira is curious and loves learning.

She enjoys asking thoughtful questions, thinking deeply and discovering new ideas.

"The more questions we ask, the more we learn."



Together

Although each student represents a different virtue, the most successful Magna students develop all four.

Throughout this guide, Jacob, Ava, Theo and Amira will help you learn about our routines, values and expectations, and show you what it means to be part of The Magna Carta School community.



LEARNING SHAPES LIVES





What does it mean to be a Magna student?

At The Magna Carta School, we educate both the mind and the heart because these are equally important in developing kind, thoughtful and curious young people.

Follow Jacob, Ava, Theo and Amira as they discover what it means to be part of our school community.



Jacob

Civic Virtues

Helping our community and looking out for others.



Ava

Moral Virtues

Doing the right thing and showing kindness.



Theo

Performative Virtues

Working hard, never giving up and aiming high.



Amira

Intellectual Virtues

Being curious, thinking deeply and loving learning.



1 ARRIVING READY TO LEARN

Do we really have to lock our phones away all day?

STUDENT ENTRANCE
opens at
08:20am

Yes! It helps you focus on learning and your friends.

Don't worry. We'll help you find where you need to go.

We remove distractions so that we can focus on our learning and build positive relationships.

2 LINE UP AND TUTOR TIME

Where do I go? It's so much bigger here!

Don't worry. We'll help you find where you need to go.

We line up in silence. Your tutor checks your uniform. Then our Year Team Leader shares important messages.

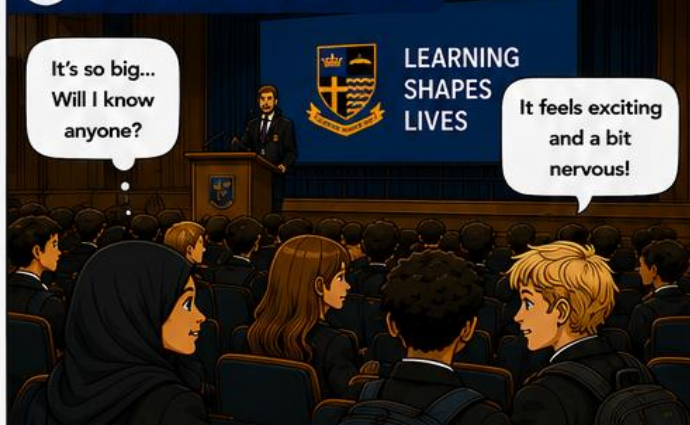
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— Aristotle

Kindness. Gratitude. Heart. Mind. Learning Shapes Lives.



3 ASSEMBLY TOGETHER



It's so big... Will I know anyone?

It feels exciting and a bit nervous!

LEARNING SHAPES LIVES

We walk to the Theatre in silence and sit in our allocated seats. Assemblies help us come together as a community and celebrate success.

4 FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND



I might get lost...

There are many friendly people who will help you find your way around the school.

Theatre
Science
Maths
PE
Student Exit

There are lots of signs, staff in corridors and Prefects to help you. You'll soon know your way.

5 LEARNING THE MAGNA WAY



Good morning! Please start your Do Now.

Ready to learn!

Every lesson follows our 4-part learning journey.

- ENGAGE**
We get our brains ready for learning.
- MODEL**
Teachers show us what success looks like.
- APPLY**
We practise and challenge ourselves.
- REVIEW**
We check what we have learned so we can improve.

Every lesson is carefully planned to help every student succeed.

6 LEARNING FROM MISTAKES



I got that wrong...

That's okay. Mistakes help us learn.

At The Magna Carta School, we don't expect perfection. We expect effort, resilience and a willingness to improve.

“ It's okay to make mistakes, but it's not okay to repeat them. ”

7 MAKING FRIENDS & GETTING INVOLVED



We're already a team!

Whether in lessons, tutor time or enrichment clubs, there are lots of opportunities to build friendships and discover new interests.

Clubs and activities

Tutor time

Enrichment opportunities

8 THE END OF THE DAY



UNLOCK HERE

YONDR

We unlock our Yondr pouches as we leave school at the end of the day. Remember to unlock it as you leave or you will have to wait until the next school day to unlock it.

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Learning the Magna Carta Way

At The Magna Carta School, every lesson is carefully planned to help students succeed. We use a simple approach called Engage, Model, Apply and Review to help every student learn, grow and achieve their best.



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Helping our community and looking out for others.



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Moral Virtues

Doing the right thing and showing kindness.



Theo

Performative Virtues

Working hard, never giving up and aiming high.



Amira

Intellectual Virtues

Being curious, thinking deeply and loving learning.



1 READY TO LEARN

Good morning, Amira. Good morning, Theo.

What do I do when I come in?

Sit in your seat, take out your equipment and start the Do Now.

Every lesson starts with students being ready to learn.

2 ENGAGE

DO NOW:

What do you already know about this topic?

Let's see what we already know.

This gets our brains ready for learning.

Engage activities spark curiosity and help us connect new learning to what we already know.

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Mind.

Curiosity.

Resilience.

Learning Shapes Lives.



Heart.

Kindness.

Gratitude.



3 MODEL

Example

$$2x + 3 = 11$$

$$2x = 11 - 3$$

$$2x = 8$$

$$x = 4$$

That's how I solve it.

What if I don't know how to do it?

Teachers model success so that students understand exactly what great work looks like.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

4 HAVE A GO

This looks difficult...

Give it a try. That's how we learn.

PERFORMATIVE VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT

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Working hard even when something feels difficult.

Learning isn't about being perfect. It's about having the courage to try.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

5 APPLY

$3x + 2 = 14$
 $3x = 12$
 $x = 4$

Apply activities give students opportunities to practise, think deeply and demonstrate their learning.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

6 LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

Let's work out where you went wrong.

Ah. I see my mistake now!

It's okay to make mistakes, but it's not okay to repeat them.

Mistakes help us improve. Every mistake is an opportunity to learn.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

7 REVIEW

Show me your answer to Q2.

Now we can see how much we've learned.

THINK REFLECT IMPROVE

$x = 4$

$x = 4$

$x = 4$

$x = 5$

Teachers review learning throughout the lesson to help students improve and remember more.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

8 EVERY LESSON MATTERS

That was easier than I thought.

That's because our teachers help us every step of the way.

LEARNING SHAPES LIVES

At The Magna Carta School, every lesson is designed to help students learn, succeed and become the very best version of themselves.



MIND IN ACTION



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Finding Friends and Belonging

Starting secondary school is a big step, and it is completely normal to feel nervous about meeting new people. At our school, kindness and gratitude are at the heart of everything we do, and there are many opportunities to build friendships and become part of our community.



Civic
Virtues



Moral
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Performative
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Intellectual
Virtues

1 A NEW BEGINNING

Many students feel nervous about making friends before they start secondary school.

MIND IN ACTION | HEART IN ACTION

2 EVERYONE IS NEW

You are not the only one making new friends. Many students are starting a brand new journey together.

MIND IN ACTION | HEART IN ACTION

3 LEARNING TOGETHER

Lessons provide lots of opportunities to work together, share ideas and get to know other students.

MIND IN ACTION | HEART IN ACTION

4 BREAKTIME CONVERSATIONS

Breaktime is a great opportunity to spend time with friends and meet new people.

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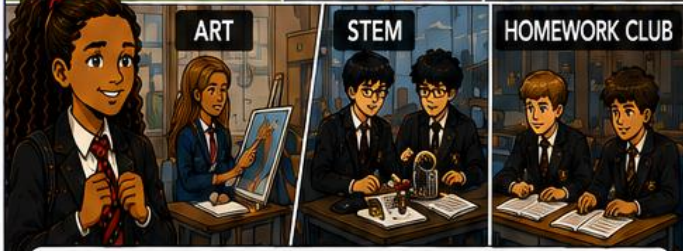


Heart.

Kindness.

Gratitude.

5 CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



Joining an enrichment club is one of the best ways to meet people who enjoy the same things as you.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

6 SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE



YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK



Form Tutor



Year Team
(Heads of Year)



Pastoral
Support

Your Form Tutor, Year Team and pastoral staff are always available if you need support.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

7 KINDNESS IN ACTION



Come with me.
I'll show you
where your
classroom is.

MORAL VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT



Doing the
right thing
and showing
kindness.

Kindness means more than being nice.
It means helping others and doing the
right thing.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

8 EVERYBODY BELONGS



At our school,
everyone
belongs.

Great
friendships
often begin
with a simple
hello.



MIND IN ACTION



HEART IN ACTION

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Learning Shapes Lives.



Heart.

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Gratitude.



The Magna Carta Virtues

At The Magna Carta School, we believe that learning shapes lives. We develop not only knowledge and skills, but also character. Our virtues help us become kind, thoughtful, resilient and responsible young people who make a positive contribution to the world around us.



1 OUR STUDENTS, OUR VIRTUES

We're all different.

But we all try to live our virtues every day.

Every student at The Magna Carta School develops the four virtues.

2 CIVIC VIRTUES

Come with me. I'll show you where you need to go.

Civic Virtues help us contribute positively to our school community and support those around us.



CIVIC VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT

- ★ Helping others
- ★ Looking after our community
- ★ Taking responsibility

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3 MORAL VIRTUES



MORAL VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT

- ★ Kindness
- ★ Integrity
- ★ Respect

Let me help you.

Moral Virtues help us do the right thing and show kindness, honesty and respect.

4 PERFORMATIVE VIRTUES



PERFORMATIVE VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT

- ★ Effort
- ★ Resilience
- ★ Determination

Excellent perseverance, Theo.

Performative Virtues help us work hard, overcome challenges and achieve our goals.

5 INTELLECTUAL VIRTUES



INTELLECTUAL VIRTUES SPOTLIGHT

- ★ Curiosity
- ★ Reflection
- ★ Critical Thinking

Could we think about it another way?

That's a thoughtful question.

Intellectual Virtues help us think deeply, ask questions and develop a love of learning.

6 VIRTUES IN ACTION

Helping someone

Encouraging others

Working hard

Asking questions

We demonstrate our virtues every day in lessons, tutor time and around the school.

7 ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

You've demonstrated our virtues brilliantly.



Students receive achievement points when they demonstrate the Magna Carta Virtues.

8 LEARNING SHAPES LIVES



Civic Virtues help us contribute.



Moral Virtues help us do the right thing.



Performative Virtues help us achieve.



Intellectual Virtues help us think deeply.

Together, they help us become the very best version of ourselves.

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Moral Virtues



Performative Virtues



Intellectual Virtues





Ready for September

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone. A little preparation can help you feel confident and ready for your first day at The Magna Carta School.



1 THE NIGHT BEFORE



2 CHECKING YOUR EQUIPMENT



3 LOOKING SMART



4 ARRIVING AT SCHOOL



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5 WHAT IF I FEEL NERVOUS?

Lots of students
feel nervous.
That's perfectly
normal.

Everyone feels nervous sometimes.
Remember, you're not alone.

6 FINDING YOUR WAY

Science →
English →
Maths →
Hall →
Library →

Don't worry.
I'll help you find
where you need
to go.

Staff, Prefects and older students are
always happy to help.

7 MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Hi, I'm Ava.

Great friendships often begin
with a simple hello.

 **HEART IN ACTION** | Showing kindness and confidence.

8 YOU'VE GOT THIS!

I can't wait
to start.

We're
ready!

★ Be prepared.

♥ Be kind.

☆ Be curious.

📖 Be yourself.

We can't wait to
welcome you to
The Magna Carta
School.

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thoughtful and curious young people. ”



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Frequently Asked Questions

Starting secondary school is exciting, but it's also natural to have lots of questions.

Here are some of the things students ask us most often before they start at The Magna Carta School.



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1 What if I get lost?



Don't worry —
I'll show you
where to go.



There are lots of signs around the school and plenty of staff, Prefects and older students who are happy to help.

You'll quickly become familiar with the site and before long you'll be moving around with confidence.

2 What if I don't know anyone?



Many students arrive knowing only a few people and some arrive knowing nobody at all.

Your tutor group, lessons and enrichment activities will give you lots of opportunities to meet new people.

3 What if I feel nervous?

It's
completely
normal to feel
nervous.



Starting secondary school is a big step and almost everyone feels a mixture of excitement and nerves.

Our staff are experienced in helping students settle in and will support you every step of the way.

4 What happens if I forget where my lesson is?

I'll help you
find your
classroom.



Your timetable will help guide you and there will be lots of adults available to help.

Teachers understand that you are learning a new school and will help you find your way.

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5 What if I need help?

You are never alone at Magna.

Your Form Tutor, teachers, Year Team and pastoral staff are all there to help.

If something is worrying you, talk to a trusted adult and we will do our best to support you.

6 Will I have lots of homework?

Homework helps me practise and build my skills.

Homework helps students practise what they have learned and develop good study habits.

Your teachers will explain how homework works and make sure you know exactly what is expected of you.

7 Can I bring my phone to school?

Phones away, learning today.

YONDR POUCH



Locked at school



Unlocked at the end of the day

Yes.

Students place their phones into their Yondr pouches when they arrive at school and unlock them when they leave at the end of the day.

This helps remove distractions and ensures that students can focus fully on learning and building positive relationships.

8 What if I make a mistake?

Mistakes help me learn and improve.

Making mistakes is part of learning.

At The Magna Carta School, we believe mistakes help us improve.

We encourage students to learn from mistakes, show resilience and keep trying.

Mistakes Help Us Learn

“It’s okay to make mistakes, but it’s not okay to repeat them.”

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Information for Parents and Carers



Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone, not only for students but for families too.

We know that parents and carers often have questions about communication, attendance, support and how they can help their child settle successfully into secondary school life.

We hope the information below helps answer some of the questions we are most frequently asked.



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1 Communication



Strong relationships between home and school are essential to student success.

Parents and carers can contact their child's Form Tutor or Year Team if they have any questions or concerns. We aim to respond to emails within two school days wherever possible.

edulink



We also use Edulink to share important information with families. Through Edulink, parents can access:

- ✓ Timetables
- ✓ Attendance information
- ✓ Behaviour and achievement points
- ✓ School messages and updates

2 Attendance Matters



Excellent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success.

At The Magna Carta School, we expect every student to maintain attendance of at least **96%** wherever possible.



A student attending at 96% will miss approximately five school days across the academic year.

Every lesson matters, and regular attendance helps students build confidence, develop friendships and achieve their full potential.

96%
ATTENDANCE

=
approximately
5
days absent
per year

3 Mobile Phones and Yondr Pouches



Students may bring a mobile phone to school if parents wish them to do so.

However, all phones must be secured in a locked Yondr pouch when students enter the school site and remain locked away throughout the school day.



This helps us create a calm and focused learning environment where students can fully engage in lessons and build positive relationships with others.



If parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should do so through Reception.

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4 SEND Support

We are committed to ensuring that all students can thrive and succeed.

Where appropriate, students may have:

-  A Pupil Passport
-  An Individual Support Plan
-  Additional Targeted Support



-  These documents help staff understand the strategies that best support each student in the classroom and beyond.
-  Our SEND Team works closely with families to ensure the right support is in place, and plans are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain effective.
-  If parents have questions about SEND provision, they can contact the SEND Team via Reception or through the school's SEND email account.

5 Working Together



The transition from primary to secondary school is an important step in every young person's journey.



By working together, maintaining high expectations and providing consistent support, we can help every student develop the confidence, knowledge and character they need to flourish.



Please do reach out if you ever have any questions or need support — we are here for you and your child.



“ Learning Shapes Lives ”

At The Magna Carta School, we look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.



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My September Checklist



Starting secondary school is a big adventure.
A little preparation during the summer can help you feel calm, confident and ready for your first day at
The Magna Carta School.

See how many of these you can tick off before September arrives!

**Be Ready.
Be Magna!**



GETTING READY

- ☐ I know what time I need to arrive at school.
- ☐ I know where the Student Entrance is.
- ☐ I know that mobile phones must be locked in Yondr pouches when I arrive.
- ☐ I have read this guide.
- ☐ I know who my Magna Guides are: Jacob, Ava, Theo and Amira.



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- ☐ My uniform is ready.
- ☐ My school bag is packed.
- ☐ I have a pencil case with the equipment I need.
- ☐ I have checked that everything is labelled.
- ☐ I am ready to take pride in my appearance.



FEELING PREPARED

- ☐ I know that it is normal to feel nervous.
- ☐ I know who I can ask for help if I get lost.
- ☐ I know there will be staff, Prefects and older students to help me.
- ☐ I am ready to make new friends.
- ☐ I am ready to try new things.



BEING A MAGNA STUDENT

- ☐ I am ready to show kindness.
- ☐ I am ready to work hard.
- ☐ I am ready to ask questions.
- ☐ I am ready to learn from my mistakes.
- ☐ I am ready to become the very best version of myself.



“Every small step you take now will help you feel calm, confident and ready for an amazing September.”



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Your Journey Starts Now



Over the past few pages, you have learned about life at The Magna Carta School, met our Magna Guides and discovered some of the opportunities that await you when you join us.



Starting secondary school is an important milestone. It marks the beginning of new friendships, new experiences, new challenges and new successes.



There will be moments when you feel excited.
There may be moments when you feel nervous.
There will certainly be moments when you surprise yourself with what you can achieve.



Remember that you are joining a community that believes in you.

- ✓ A community built on kindness and gratitude.
- ✓ A community that develops both the mind and the heart.
- ✓ A community that is committed to helping every student flourish.



Most importantly, remember that you will not be taking this journey alone.

Your teachers, tutors, support staff and fellow students will be there to guide and support you every step of the way.



We are incredibly proud of our school, we are excited that you are about to become part of our story.



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We can't wait to meet you. 

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GROW and **ACHIEVE**,
so that you can become
the very best version of **YOU**. ”



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☆ *Be Kind. Be Curious. Be Ambitious. Be You.* ☆

