



MagiKats Autumn Newsletter 2019

Beeston, Chilwell, West Bridgford Tuition Centre
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Wow! We are already in October and well into the start of the new academic year!

We're excited to welcome you all back to MagiKats and can't wait to see how much you progress throughout the coming year. Well done to all students who continued to work hard over the summer! We can really see the benefits.

Now that we are securely launched into the new school year, Christmas, and for some, looming exams are already on their way. We will be open, without interruption, until the Christmas break and then closed from 23rd December - 5th January, 2020, inclusive.

The new term brings its own challenges, adjusting to changes of year or even school. Some students will be facing SATs or GCSEs in May or June 2020. Our students in Years 2, 6 and 10/11 will start working on practice materials from January.

You will be aware of all the changes that have been made to the national curriculum and to tests/exams and even results. We are monitoring all the requirements carefully and adjusting programmes to give the best possible support.

Did you know?

The new GCSE syllabus for Maths and English was tested for the first time in 2017. For both subjects, there was a sharp increase in difficulty.

Our MagiKats **GCSE Support programme** helps all secondary students as they face the challenges! We are now preparing our GCSE students for the upcoming mock exams in November.

Get in touch for more info – sarah.e@magikats.co.uk

SCHOOL IS TOUGH!

Even students of primary school age are now being challenged in a way that, quite simply, was not the case a few years ago.

Even Year 1 children are not exempt from assessment and the testing in Years 2 and 6 has never been tougher.

Continuity, consistency and confidence building are vital! These, in addition to subject skills are high on our priority list for everyone.

100% SUCCESS

A **MASSIVE** well done to our GCSE students who have recently received their results in summer 2019.

All our students were successful and achieved either their target grade or above.

We are incredibly proud of you all!
WELL DONE!





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Always working alongside UK National Curriculum

Exactly what are they all doing?

Stage 1 & Foundation students

Maths: Students are currently learning to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s. Next up, will be recognising and sorting shapes. Followed by grouping numbers in 2s, 5s and 10s. The Autumn term will end with understanding time and dates which can be quite tricky.

English: The beginning of the term started with synonyms and antonyms. This will be followed with non-fiction reading comprehensions and then reinforcing phonological awareness emphasising rhythm. The Autumn term will conclude with a focus on building words.

Stage 2 students

Maths: We will concentrate on counting on in groups of numbers and number sequences, leading up to negative numbers. They are then moving on to diagrams and charts. Thereafter, they are covering simple fractions, including equivalence. The Autumn term will end with a focus on adding in columns, including money.

English: We have been learning about writing to discuss over the last few weeks. They are then moving on to some grammar, with an emphasis on homonyms. Students will then learn and practise persuasive writing. The term will conclude with writing comprehensions, using poetry.

Stage 3 students

Maths: We have started with revisiting time, including understanding how to convert an analogue clock into a 24-hour clock. We will then reinforce short multiplication including multiplication of decimals, ending with learning how to apply long multiplication. They will move on to sequences – looking at the nth term. They will then move on to multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 or 1000.

English: The early part of the term is being spent having fun with fictional writing comprehension followed by an emphasis on sentence construction. Reading comprehension with a focus on non-fiction will be our next focus. The term will conclude with revisiting punctuation, emphasising speech marks and apostrophes.

Stage 4 students

Maths: Multiplying & dividing decimals using columns followed by learning about enlargements are the first challenges of the school year. Dealing with powers, squares & cubes will follow. Then constructions of angles & scaled drawings, and the term will conclude with rearranging equations.


English: Writing to persuade, argue and advise is a challenge to us all – and this is the emphasis now. This will follow up with spelling rules and then analysing author's craft. The term will conclude with learning how to plan, draft and present an essay.





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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

	MATHS	ENGLISH
Beeston	Renee D	Tianna B
West Bridgford	Abdul S	Jobina J
Chilwell	Finlay T	Imaan K
BEST Learning	Eric T	

General Points of Interest

- MagiKats is open during all mid-term holidays.
- Fees are due by the first of each month.
- *A calendar months' notice period is required when stopping MagiKats.*
- Please remember to return Reading Books sent home in your homework folders.
- Mark homework and complete feedback sheets.

WELL DONE!!

FAMILY UPDATE

Our little MagiKats baby, Sarah's son - Luay, has been "out of office" for just over a week. He has recently undergone an operation as a result of a birth defect - but has now made his return to the Beeston Centre (his second home). Students can expect to see him running around the Centre, being his lively self, once again.



"Straight back into learning fractions."

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We would be so grateful if you left us some feedback on our Facebook page too! A MagiKats t-shirt (or box of chocs for the older ones) will be given to the next 10 families who submit an online review on Google or Facebook!



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Tuition Fees

As you know, we very rarely increase our tuition fees. We've had one fee increase since 2009. It is with regret that it has now become necessary to increase our monthly fees.

The new fees are effective from the *1st October 2019*, for all new intake.

We have always kept the fees to an absolute minimum, as you probably know by comparison to other similar organisations.

Price structure:

	<u>Old Price</u>	<u>New Price</u>
1 Subject, per student	£60.00	£65.00
2 Subjects, per student	£110.00	£120.00

Any additional siblings will also receive a £5 reduction, per subject.

Registration remains the same at £25.00.

EXISTING PARENTS:

The fee increase will not be applied to you until the 1st January 2020, allowing current students 3 months' notice of the increase.

Please change your standing order for the end of December/beginning of January payment.

The GCSE Support Programme fees will remain the same.

Payment via standing order/direct debit

Due to new regulations imposed by MagiKats Head Office, we are now required to receive all payments by direct debit/standing order. For any parents who do not already pay via bank transfer, forms will be sent out shortly for completion. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this.

**Wishing all our students' success with the term ahead, leading us up to Christmas.
We know you are going to work hard towards achieving your goals.**

Best Wishes,

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