



MagiKats Christmas Newsletter 2019

Beeston, Chilwell, West Bridgford Tuition Centre
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And just like that... the term is coming to an end and it is almost the Christmas break! We're proud of all that our students have achieved – we hope you're all looking forward to a good rest.

Our final workshop before Christmas will on Saturday, 21 December and our first day back is Monday, 6 January 2020.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS

We will begin preparation for SATS in January and February. Established students in Years 2 and 6 are eligible for these bespoke courses (no extra charge).

GCSE Support Programme

GCSE students have already started the **GCSE Support Programme**. If you know of any Year 11 pupils who are interested in enrolling with us for help, please let them know that the last date for enrolment is **January 31st**.



Workshop Times

If you are thinking you might need to change your workshop time in the new year, please ask as soon as possible.

Some workshop slots are full or have a limited number of spaces available. Also, if you hope to enrol a new, or returning, student then please contact us urgently so we can make sure they have priority.

SAVE THE DATE!

MagiKats Awards Party:

29th March, 2020

Tuition Fees

For students who joined us prior to September 2019, it is almost three months since we notified you about the upcoming fee increase. Please be reminded that the increase will take effect from 1st January 2020.

As you know, we've had one fee increase since 2009 and it is with regret that it has now become necessary to make this change.

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.

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

The GCSE Support Programme fees will remain the same.





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Always working alongside UK National Curriculum

Exactly what are they all doing next term?

Stage 1 & Foundation students

Maths: Students will learn about simple fractions. They will then move on to learning how to order numbers. This will include looking at 'greater than' and 'less than'. Next up is learn about money including coins. We will finish the term by working on symmetry.

English: The beginning of the term will start with students engaging with different types of texts. They will then spend a few weeks work on the recognition of words. This will be followed by a focus on sentence construction.

Stage 2 students

Maths: We will kickstart the term with multiplication and division. This will be followed by learning about approximations and rounding. Students will then move on to understanding right angles, moving, and turning which will bring the term to a close.

English: Singulars and plurals is what students will start the term with. This will be followed by practising apostrophes and commas and understanding the rules relating to them. A focus on students' handwriting will bring the term to a close.

Stage 3 students

Maths: Learning about pie charts is where we will start off the new term. We will then then move on to understanding positive and negative numbers. This will be followed by some practice on drawing angles. Lastly, students will look at operations using fractions.

English: The term will start with understanding and practising standard English including understanding the difference between formal English and slang and dialect. This will be followed by a focus on extending students' vocabulary. We will then move on to writing comprehension using letters. This will be followed by learning different spelling strategies.

Stage 4 students

Maths: Algebraic substitution will kickstart the year, followed by using algebra to construct and solve equations. We will finish the term by working on angles.

English: Students will learn how to write empathetically. They will then move on to persuasive writing. Lastly, in the lead up to Easter, we will be learning about characterisation within writing.

Benchmark tests

Benchmark tests will be taking place in the first two weeks of February. These are designed to monitor student's progress and test to see if they are ready to move on.

Please come and talk to us about this if you'd like to no more about the process!





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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

	October		November	
	MATHS	ENGLISH	MATHS	ENGLISH
Beeston	Akshiitha	Fatima	Noor	Zahra
West Bridgford	Myles	Denny	James	Wendy
Chilwell	Luqman		Joss	



WELL DONE!!

FAMILY UPDATE

We have had two marriage proposals in our family in this last month. My two middle daughters, Reyhana Zeenat and Tamima both said "YES".



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.

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Homework Completion (Core)

Do you sometimes find it challenging to get homework completed? If it is a problem, then it is better to deal with it than to jeopardise progress by not doing anything about the situation. Please do talk to us.

Remember:

- Core work is intentionally much easier than the work that is completed at workshops, which is supported by tutors.
- Core work should always be monitored by an adult, and timed, marked and recorded on the tracking sheets by them.
- Any mistakes should be corrected promptly by the student (without help from answer sheets or calculators). Every correction provides a learning opportunity.



Finally – THANK YOU to all our students' and families. We wish you a wonderful Christmas break. May the New Year be filled with success and prosperity.

Best Wishes,

Shariefa; Sarah; Reyhana; Tamima; Heather & The MagiKats Team

