



Joanne is now enjoying her time at university thanks to solid secondary education at The Magna Carta School

Paula and Bob live in Surrey with their daughter, Joanne, aged 18, who is now at university, and their son, Anthony, aged 16, who attends The Magna Carta School.

Choosing Magna Carta

Paula and Bob think the dedicated teaching staff are a big strength of The Magna Carta School and that they made a major contribution to the academic success of their daughter. Paula says: "Joanne went to a junior school that was a feeder school for Magna Carta. She was keen to go on to Magna Carta to continue her education along with her friends. The school has a good reputation and we were impressed when we attended an open day there, meeting some of the students and teachers."

Good teaching

Joanne benefitted from some very good teaching at the Magna Carta School. "She was always a good all-rounder academically and the teachers gave her the tools she needed to succeed in her studies. After achieving 10 grade 9 GCSEs at the Magna Carta School, Joanne left to study for her A levels at College in Egham," Paula says. "Joanne chose to study History, French and Maths for her A levels and she then successfully applied for a place at Oxford University to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Joanne is now in her first year at Oxford and she is having a great time there."



Building confidence

Paula says away from study, the drama and music departments worked with students to put on a school show every year, encouraging everyone to take part. "In Year 7, a few months after joining the school, Joanne had the opportunity to be part of a big and ambitious stage production, which she really enjoyed. This enabled her to meet new people across different year groups, build her confidence, and develop new skills."

Supporting younger students

Later in her career at Magna Carta, Joanne volunteered as an anti-bullying ambassador, supporting younger students. She also took part in the DofE awards programme while she was there, meeting new people and learning new skills. "The school offered a wide range of clubs and Joanne enjoyed debate club and played rounders for the school in the summer. In Year 10, Joanne successfully applied to become a prefect, giving her an opportunity to take on extra responsibilities and play a bigger part in the life of the school," Paula says.

Making friends

Paula remembers that when Joanne first joined Magna Carta in Year 7, she settled in well. "She already had friends who had transferred with her from junior school and she quickly added more new friends when she started at the school. Joanne is a naturally social person and enjoyed her time at the school a lot."

Student says

Joanne says: "I have really fond memories of my time at The Magna Carta School, and I will always be grateful for the teachers who supported me and the friends that I made there'.