



# MCC Connect

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# 1. CEO Message



# 15

years of  
MCC Legacy

It is with great pride that I introduce the inaugural edition of **MCC Connect**, Magna Carta College's new monthly newsletter designed to bring our global community closer together. This platform reflects our commitment to transparency, communication, and community building.

Whether you are a student, alumnus, partner, or staff member, this newsletter will serve as a space to celebrate progress, share knowledge, and stay connected with the evolving journey of Magna Carta College.

As we launch this first edition, I invite you all to engage, contribute, and take pride in being part of a dynamic and growing global network.

Together, we continue to shape futures and create opportunities.

**Ejaz Ashraf Chowdhry**

# 2. Editor's note



On behalf of the editorial team at Magna Carta College (MCC), I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of MCC Connect. With a refreshed brand identity, we are excited to share our ongoing efforts to support our stakeholders in their academic and professional journeys.

This monthly newsletter is designed to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired, offering insights into our key activities, achievements, and initiatives.

More importantly, MCC Connect aims to create opportunities for our community to connect, collaborate, and grow together.

We look forward to building stronger relationships with you through this platform.

**Noorulain Zafer**

## BRAND

redesigned to reshape  
how we are evolving as a  
growing organisation

## CPD

Strengthening the  
capacity building for our  
employees and students

# 3. Alumni spotlight

## JUDE LABONTE

Magna Carta College proudly celebrates the achievements of Jude Labonte, a distinguished alumnus and strategic finance leader with over **20 years of global experience across Africa, Europe, and North America.**

Jude has built an impressive career at the intersection of corporate finance and operational excellence. Currently managing his role as a **Case Manager at the National Bank of Canada** sees him overseeing complex fiscal and legal settlements, maintaining full audit readiness across portfolios valued at \$500 million. A Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Jude is known for his “Zero-Leakage” approach, designing robust financial systems that minimise risk and maximise performance. His expertise spans global compliance frameworks, operational scaling, and strategic leadership of international teams.



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Completing his degree at **Buckinghamshire New University in collaboration with Magna Carta College** taught him that the effort, focus, and belief we invest in determines our outcomes.

“At 37, five years after settling in Canada, I finally seized the opportunity to begin my academic journey. It took me another ten years to reach a crucial milestone: my MBA graduation”

Multilingual in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Creole, he continues to embody the global outlook and professional excellence fostered at Magna Carta College.

His journey serves as an inspiration to current students, demonstrating the impact of combining academic excellence with strategic vision in a global career.

You can reach out to Jude [here](#).

“To anyone who thinks it's too late, **it's not.**”

To anyone doubting the pace, **run your race.**

And to anyone on a learning journey, stay curious, **it is your most powerful asset.”**

# 4.MCC Core Values

**At Magna Carta College, we go beyond traditional learning to empower ambitious individuals. Our evidence-based teaching, flexible learning models, and global perspective ensure that every learner has the tools to succeed academically and professionally.**

# 1

## Integrity

Upholding the highest standards of honesty, ethics, and accountability in all College practices.

# 2

## Inclusivity

Ensuring that all students, regardless of background, have equal access to education and opportunities.

# 3

## Innovative Learning

Using modern teaching methods and technology to boost student engagement, creativity, and future-ready outcomes.

# ...continued

## 4

### Global Perspective

Cultivating an international outlook by promoting diverse cultures and international partnerships.

## 5

### Entrepreneurial Spirit

Encouraging creativity, innovation, and enterprise to prepare students for dynamic, technology-driven careers.

## 6

### Sustainable Practices

Committing to sustainable practices and promoting sustainability in learning, teaching, and operations.

## 7

### Community Engagement and Integration

Partnering with local and international communities to address societal challenges and enrich student experience

# 5.Round up of events





# The ROI of an MBA

Ata Sanal shared his journey from international student to working professional, and how he transformed his experience into a powerful investment in his future. [Watch](#)



# Whats in Uni?

Webinar held with Prof Jermaine Ravalier, Pro Vice Chancellor at Buckinghamshire New University, to discuss the role and future of education and how it impacts student outcomes. [Watch](#)



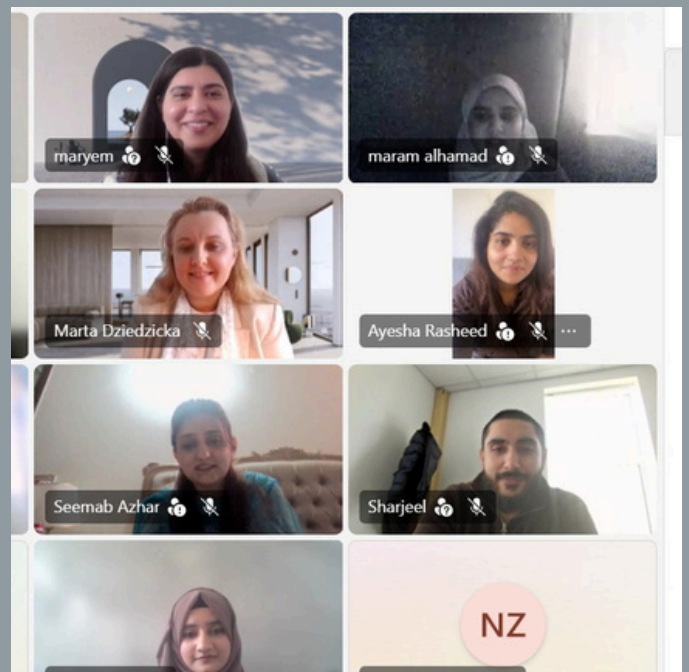
# UCAM

Orientation held with the first batch of students who will study the MBA programme with MCC.



## Women who lead

Webinar held to celebrate International Women's Day 2026 with the the theme #GiveToGain . Attendees included MCC Alumni Liz Parish, Suzy Masri and Sumbal Manzoor. [Watch](#)



# Lev 4 orientation

February '25 Weekend cohort joined us at BNU High Wycombe Campus for their Level 4 Orientation getting ready for new modules, new expectations, and the next step in their BNU journey.



# Staff training

Our BNU Weekend Delivery Team had the privilege of attending an insightful workshop on Learning Design, Teaching Quality, and Assessment Alignment, covering the B Conditions of OfS.





Dr Claire

# Student Council elections

The Student Representative Elections at Buckinghamshire New University for BNU weekend students were successfully held across High Wycombe and Uxbridge campuses.

**MCC**  
CONVERSATIONS

## AI IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Regulation, Redesign, or Resistance?

Join us for an insightful conversation where we discuss opportunities, threats, approaches and how the HE sector looks at evolving in this domain.

**Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup>** Time  
March 2026 **4 - 5 PM**

**LIVE WEBINAR**  
ON SOCIALS  



# AI in Higher Ed

Webinar held to discuss the role AI is playing in higher education, how to adapt, adopt and steer. Dr Claire Ngo shared best practices for both students and teachers to follow. [Watch](#)





# IWD celebrations

Celebrating the strength, resilience, and achievements of women at MCC. IWD is an opportunity to recognise the incredible impact women have in shaping our workplaces, communities, and future.



# Help to Grow

Magna Carta Team attended the Help to Grow: Management Course Alumni Conference, an inspiring gathering of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.





# Strategic Education Forum

The Magna Carta Team attended the Strategic Education Forum, a distinguished platform focused on advancing dialogue in educational strategy and leadership.



# NLP session

Coaching session with students was led by Dr Leah Fox, offering valuable insights and guidance on NLP. This was part of our International Women's Day activities, celebrating leadership, learning and inspiration.





Dr Vincenzo Bernabei

# Women scholarship

The MCC Women's Global MBA Scholarship launched to offer ambitious women professionals the opportunity to earn an internationally recognised MBA degree through our partnership with UCAM (Spain). [Apply](#)

**MCC**  
CONVERSATIONS

**THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING:  
STUDENT WELL-BEING  
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Join an insightful webinar to explore practical approaches to supporting student well-being in higher education and to encourage meaningful conversations around helping students not only cope, but truly thrive during their academic journey

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> March 2026	Time <b>12 - 1 PM</b>
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# Student wellbeing

Webinar with Dr Vincenzo Bernabei on how higher education institutions can strengthen their approaches to supporting student wellbeing and creating healthier learning environments. [Watch](#)

Magna Carta College (MCC) Women's Global MBA Scholarship

EMPOWERING WOMEN. ACCELERATING FUTURES.

**WHO CAN APPLY**

- Women professionals with leadership potential
- Those seeking career advancement, sector transition, or entrepreneurial growth
- Individuals committed to global thinking and ethical leadership
- Women returning to work after a break

# 6. Learning Focus

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The latest Widening Participation in Higher Education (2023/24, England) data shows encouraging progress, with more students from disadvantaged backgrounds entering higher education than ever before.

However, inequalities remain. Learners from lower socio-economic groups, those with special educational needs, and care-experienced students are still less likely to progress. Regional and gender gaps persist, with London and female students showing higher participation rates.

While overall access is improving, disadvantaged students are still underrepresented in high-tariff universities. These findings highlight the need for continued, targeted efforts to ensure fair access, inclusion, and success for all learners across the higher education sector.

**Read the findings [here](#)**



# 7. Employee spotlight

## MUHAMMAD ZULFIQAR

We are pleased to feature Muhammad Zulfiqar whose expertise and dedication continue to strengthen our digital infrastructure and support the college's evolving technological needs.

Zulfiqar is a results-driven IT professional with a strong background in web development and project management. With experience spanning digital agency environments, he brings a unique blend of technical expertise and strategic thinking to his role. Since beginning his career as a web developer in 2018, he has developed a research-oriented and solution-focused approach that continues to guide his work.

We are proud to recognise his contribution to enhancing MCC's digital capability and ongoing commitment to innovation.



### LIKES

Cooking, research

### BIRTHDAY

7 Jan 1995

### LIFE PHILOSOPHY

"Nothing is truly new; everything already exists, waiting to be explored. I believe in stepping into the unfamiliar, learning deeply, and making it my own."

Growth and success come from owning what you do, not just observing it."

# 8.Upcoming Events/CPD

## AI Bootcamp

This opportunity is for students and professionals with relevant knowledge, experience, and a strong passion for AI who are ready to take their skills further.

[Apply now.](#)

## AI GENERATIVE COURSE

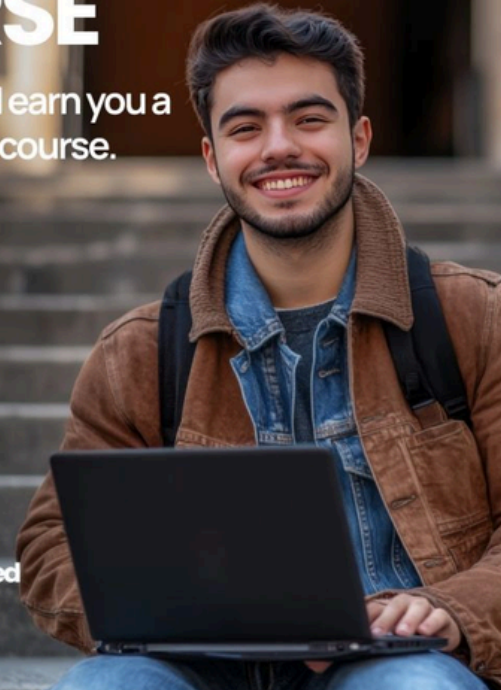
Your skills could earn you a **fully funded** AI course.

course value  
**£2000**

Cost to selected students:  
**£0**

Seats available: **10**

Selection: **Merit-based**



## OfS student debrief: harassment and sexual misconduct

Debrief from Office for Students (OfS on handling harassment and sexual misconduct in the HE space.

[Register now.](#)

# 8. Upcoming Events/CPD

## Communication Skills for Aspiring Managers

CPD training for all staff who want to improve their communication skills whilst eyeing that managerial position  
**Apply now.**



## MCC Conversation

Webinar on the role of ESG reporting in higher education and how providers can incorporate this in real time.



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We would love your feedback on the MCC Connect. Feel free to share any feedback or content you would like to add by emailing us on [quality@magnacartacollege.ac.uk](mailto:quality@magnacartacollege.ac.uk)