



Manchester Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

Make Manchester

Magic

A series of seven blue stars of increasing size, arranged in a diagonal line from the top left to the top right, positioned above the word 'Magic'.

Welcome from our Principal



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Great schools matter. They change children’s lives; they help shape the future of their community and they offer opportunities that will create a lifetime of memories. There is a magic about an excellent school, you can feel it when you walk into the building, see it in the faces of the students working hard in lessons and know it when you see the academic results and impressive young adults who leave the school at the end of Year 11. At Manchester Academy we want our children to ‘make Manchester magic’ to create this special energy and I am so proud that they do this, every day.

I am honoured that so many families choose Manchester Academy to educate and develop their children. We do not take this responsibility lightly and have worked hard to transform all aspects of the school. We are proud that this transformation has been recognised by Ofsted and across the city of Manchester and our local community. Competition for places in the Academy has grown strongly and this vote of confidence is something we do not take for granted. We have students and staff from across the globe and this diversity creates a determined ambition to succeed as many of our families have travelled to Manchester to access an excellent education.

As a parent, I know that it’s vital that schools ensure students excel academically but also thrive as individuals. Children must feel safe and happy in school as this security supports their academic progress. Success will involve a lot of hard work but opportunities outside of the classroom will nurture this passion and at Manchester Academy we pledge to give all our students a range of opportunities that will excite and energise them to be brilliant.

So, come make Manchester magic in the heart of our great city, join our amazing team and be part of this exciting journey.

James Eldon
Principal, Manchester Academy

Manchester Academy works well with local faith leaders, elders and families.

- Ofsted





Our Ethos - Make Manchester Magic

We are proud to be part of the Manchester Academy family, you inspire our children to dream and make sure they have the opportunity to reach their potential. Children just shine here!

Theo Finitsi, Parent

The work to galvanise a diverse community and keep students safe is striking.

- Ofsted

Our Ethos - Make Manchester Magic

We set ourselves and our students a challenge - can they make Manchester magic every day? What does Make Manchester Magic mean? It means not accepting the ordinary, the minimum or the basic. We expect our students to be excellent learners and consistently demonstrate exceptional attitude to learning (ATL). If they do so, not only will they achieve brilliance in examinations, but they will also develop the personal qualities the top colleges, universities and employers are looking for.

Manchester Academy develops independence, taking responsibility for your own actions and success. We also underline the need to contribute to a team and to your community. We have student leaders who are passionate about supporting improvements for their school but who also support their community through events, fundraising and giving their time up to help where support is needed. As a global school, our students also take seriously their responsibilities to be thoughtful global citizens.

At the end of the academic day, the Academy is a buzzing hive of learning - be it academic enrichment, creative development or sporting effort. Manchester Academy students know that their application forms for the best courses and jobs must demonstrate not just academic success but something extra, above and beyond the ordinary. We offer plenty of opportunities to develop this character education.

We are also part of United Learning, one of the most successful and ambitious multi-academy trusts in the country. As part of this trust, we work closely with our sister school William Hulme's Grammar School (WHGS) and all our students are guaranteed a place in their sixth form if they achieve the entry grades.

Students should enjoy school and we believe in working with all our students in a respectful, kind way so that they feel part of our family and can thrive in our care.



Safe, Happy and Positive - Strong Pastoral Care

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We have a large team of staff whose main responsibility is to support and care for students every day. At any time in their school career students can face challenges. Friendship problems, worries about their studies, difficulties outside of school. At Manchester Academy all our students know who they can talk to if they need help, advice or practical information. This support ensures that bullying is dealt with swiftly and effectively. We know bullying can rapidly affect a student's well-being and therefore if it happens, we will deal with it quickly and firmly.

Our pastoral team develop excellent relationships with our parents and carers and this team working is vital so that we can work together to support our students. We will be in contact to celebrate achievements and to discuss any issues that arise. We also want families to get in touch if they feel worried about anything. This helps us understand what's going on so that our support can be tailored and address any problems that may occur.

Excellent behaviour underpins this feeling of safety and happiness - building a positive work ethic across every lesson. We expect excellent behaviour and attendance and our students are clear what will happen if they fall short of our high expectations. During lessons, around the Academy building and at social times, our students model excellence and this collective responsibility is part of the reason why the Academy's reputation has been transformed. We want excellent behaviour every day and for our students to dress in a business-like, smart way so they feel ready to work and there is a clear difference between being in work mode and out of school mode. It goes without saying that to make Manchester magic, you have to be in school every day so attendance and punctuality must be immaculate.

English as an Additional Language

Manchester Academy has a dedicated team and programme of study for students whose first language is not English, taught by specialist staff and designed to rapidly improve students' reading ability, vocabulary and pronunciation skills. Students who have struggled to learn the necessary literacy skills before joining us also benefit from this programme, which aims to accelerate students' language skills, so that they can access the full curriculum as quickly as possible.

Although it was my son's first experience studying in English, he did not find it difficult thanks to the great staff here, who made it such a smooth experience.

Hassan Alsultan, Parent

Pupils describe Manchester Academy as their sanctuary.

- Ofsted

A photograph of three students in school uniforms jumping joyfully on a grassy field in front of a school building. The image is overlaid with a teal color filter. The text 'High Achievement - High Success' is written vertically on the left side of the image.

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At Manchester Academy, our overarching aim is to develop confident, independent and well-rounded young adults who are ready to succeed in the world beyond school. It's vital our students are equipped to secure the best places at college, university and with top employers. Our highly qualified and dedicated teachers are well trained and keep up-to-date with the latest research on effective teaching and learning. We promote positive attitudes to learning so that our students can achieve their full potential. Our students make strong progress from their starting points and take pride in their achievements, as do the staff, parents and governors who support them along the way. Our academic outcomes have been transformed over the past few years in all subjects under ambitious leadership across the curriculum. Students work hard and often stay late, to secure the knowledge they need to achieve the highest grades.

Our students are leaders. We encourage each and every one of them to play their part in the academy community. By taking on roles of responsibility such as Student President, Prefect or as a member of the Student Voice, they have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and directly influence academy life. All our students have to get involved in our 'ATL Programme' where we develop excellent learning skills and reward students who demonstrate commitment to being a fantastic learner.

Our students are also community ambassadors and are actively encouraged to engage with the local community through a wide range of projects and schemes. This instils in them a sense of belonging and pride in their community, with notable successes including our work with large businesses, arts organisations, the University of Manchester, the city council and our long-standing partnership with Manchester United. Our success and transformation has seen numerous partners want to build ties with us and this is providing fantastic opportunities for our students.

As a parent I have always felt supported by Manchester Academy; the teachers here are amazing and the facilities and resources are simply the best. I know I made the right choice sending my daughter here and couldn't thank them enough.

Andrea Bowers, Parent



Pastoral Pledges - Guaranteeing Education with Character

At Manchester Academy, we are committed to preparing our students for success beyond school and we are proud of the important focus we place on academic excellence. We believe our young people need a breadth of opportunities and experiences in order to become confident, well-rounded and ambitious young adults. We call this Education with Character.

How do we deliver this? Through our Pastoral Pledges - where we guarantee that every student experiences a range of opportunities, every year. These pledges demonstrate our commitment to our students and contribute to our ethos of making Manchester magic. We want our students to have lifelong memories and numerous experiences to add to their application forms.

Our enrichment activities stretch, challenge and help develop the skills and talents of our students by preparing them to be successful and productive citizens. Our comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities includes:

- Lunchtime and after school clubs such as drone club, numerous book clubs, boxing, chess, art and drama opportunities and a chance to practice new languages
- Sports/team activities including football, basketball, dodgeball, table tennis, volleyball and netball
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Trips to theatres, museums and universities
- Half term holiday sport clubs
- Overseas excursions

I am encouraged to achieve my best potential and there are so many fantastic extra-curricular activities to do after school.

Lyndsy, Student



State-of-the-Art Facilities

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Manchester Academy is blessed with outstanding modern facilities, equipped to the highest possible standards which we continuously improve. These include:

- A brand new, £500,000 sports pitch and facility - built in partnership with the Premier League and the Manchester United Foundation
- Outstanding sports facilities to develop a wide range of sports
- WiFi across the building and numerous tech facilities;
- Fully equipped, recently refurbished science laboratories;
- ICT suites providing the latest hi-tech equipment and software;
- Purpose-built resource bases for students with autism and hearing impaired students (acoustically modified for the use of hearing aids);
- Drama Studio and Auditorium;
- Specialised technology rooms for catering, resistant materials and graphic technology;
- Music Suite with a state-of-the-art, professional Recording Studio;
- Well-equipped library/Learning Resource Centre.

Manchester Academy provided over 650 laptops to students to facilitate extended learning and this drive to equip all our students continues. All our students receive free log-ins to a wide range of cutting edge, online learning packages that give them opportunities to extend and practice learning at home. This access gives our students a cutting edge and is part of our ambition to ensure Manchester Academy competes with the very best schools in the country.

I like Manchester Academy because it feels like you're part of a big family or community. There are so many great opportunities and I feel very happy here.

Alishba, Student

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