

ASPIRATION  
SUCCESS  
EXCELLENCE  
LEADERSHIP

# LEARNING FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE



MANCHESTER  
HEALTH ACADEMY

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# WELCOME TO LIFE AT MANCHESTER HEALTH ACADEMY

The Academy is a thriving, successful and increasingly ambitious organisation and we work hard to secure the brightest futures for all our students.

The Academy is committed to creating a learning environment which values students' different skills and attributes and develops happy, healthy and successful individuals regardless of their starting point.

The Academy has a real harmony which is contagious. It is a wonderful environment in which your child will learn and thrive: a community of students, staff, parents and Governors with a common goal - the highest standards in everything we do, excellence for all.

Our forward thinking  
leaders challenge,  
empower and support



"THE ACADEMY'S  
WORK TO KEEP  
PUPILS SAFE  
AND SECURE IS  
OUTSTANDING"

OFSTED MAY 2015

Our teachers provide Good and Outstanding teaching in all areas of the Academy.



"STUDENTS' SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LIES AT THE HEART OF THE WORK OF THE ACADEMY"

OFSTED MAY 2015

## EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

Our aim is to ensure that students leave Manchester Health Academy with high aspirations and equipped with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to achieve them. We work closely with our parents, carers and partnership primary schools so that together we can provide the best support to ensure that all our students succeed.

The Academy curriculum seeks to meet the learning needs of students so that they may fulfil their potential, whilst offering them preparation for adult life in modern Britain. To this end, the curriculum presents relevant opportunities for students to develop personal values and a wide range of knowledge and skills. The participation of students, irrespective of ability and starting point, within and beyond the classroom is highly valued. Importance is placed on the guidance and counselling of students as they progress through the curriculum and Academy life. Our students receive additional support as they move towards their exams through our Period 6 and Saturday Academy sessions.

We are committed to developing our teachers with a comprehensive programme of Continuing Professional Development. We are also keen to help develop the next generation of teachers and work in a consortium to provide School Centred Initial Teacher Training. We employ a number of excellent Newly Qualified Teachers each year who are fully supported and developed, alongside our more experienced teachers, through our mentoring and peer to peer support programmes.

# ASPIRATION FOR ALL

At Manchester Health Academy we do things differently. With high expectations, ambition and positive attitudes, we aspire to be the best.

## SPECIALISM

Health and Sport Science really matter to us and we use our specialism to build self-esteem, improve teaching and learning and to develop lifelong learning opportunities with students, parents and our community. Our students gain knowledge and understanding of health and sport issues throughout the secondary curriculum and engage in well-established Health Days in order to raise aspiration and support personal growth and development.

Our post-16 courses are vocational with a focus on Health and Sports.

## SPONSORS

Our lead sponsor is Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT), an internationally recognised centre of medical excellence.

Manchester Health Academy students benefit from access to a comprehensive range of NHS expert practitioners and their working environment.

Manchester City Council is our Co-Sponsor who supports both the Academy and CMFT, enabling us to provide an entirely new and transformational experience for young people in Wythenshawe and the surrounding areas.

Manchester United Foundation work with us to develop and promote healthy living and leadership through sport and the association with Manchester United, its players and philosophy.

## ENRICHMENT

Learning happens in and beyond the classroom. The extensive range of curriculum subjects and enrichment activities are well matched to students' needs, interests and aspirations. Extended provision for the most able students includes visits from undergraduates, master classes, subject competitions, professionally led arts and sports workshops and business simulations.

Our Year 7 students have the opportunity to visit the Ghyll Head outdoor centre where they will experience a variety of outdoor activities. We use the Year 7 catch up premium to support a range of interventions to improve literacy and numeracy. This includes our whole-school "Get Caught Reading" programme, the development of our Academy Library and the appointment of our Literacy Co-ordinator, which have been proven to have a positive impact on reading ages.

Visits to the battlefields of Belgium, Auschwitz and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro are among a range of activities that have supported students' global and historical awareness.

Building on these activities during the school day, our after-school activity programme offers a choice of sports, arts, homework club and revision groups. We also offer pre-exam students Period 6 and Saturday Academy to help them to improve their grades.

We believe in the benefits of a range of experiences which equip all students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours required to achieve their personal best.

## COMMUNITY

Becoming the hub of the community is a priority for us at the Academy. We believe that the skills and expertise of those around us can be harnessed and developed for the benefit of our students and the wider community. We have established an ethos of working together with parents/carers, businesses and community groups for the benefit of all.

We have a community sports facility which is attached to the Academy. The facility is open seven days a week for local community members and organisations, enabling them to access state-of-the-art fitness and recreational equipment and facilities and provides the opportunity to promote and enhance health and fitness within our local community.

The Academy is also home to Brooklands Public Library.

Members of the Academy are actively involved in charity work and fundraising throughout the year. The money raised is distributed to charities nominated by the students. Sponsored events are also popular, such as our annual Health Walk.

Our links with organisations such as Wythenshawe Community Housing Group and with our sponsors enable us to develop the social and emotional health of our young people and their community.



Passionate, happy,  
independent learners inspired  
by expert teachers who bring  
out the best in every student.



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## LEADERSHIP FOR ALL

At Manchester Health Academy we view leadership as being extremely important. Our leaders are people who engender trust, confidence and respect; who can communicate a vision and inspire others and, most importantly, who can make others want to follow them and influence the course of their actions - someone who “makes things happen”.

We believe that the voice of our students should be heard and their views taken into account. This corresponds to the Government’s Every Child Matters agenda. We have a team of lead students which are led by our Head Boy and Head Girl. Their focus is to work together to improve our school and make it the best for their fellow students.

Projects they have worked on include working with architects to improve the Academy playground facilities, dining room and their “Grab It, Bin It” litter campaign.

# SUCCESS FOR ALL

We passionately believe that all students can be successful if they show real effort and determination to do their best.

Aspiration is one of our core principles and this includes having high expectations of our students academically. Good examination results will prepare students to move on to further and higher education, including university and a successful career. High expectations, self-belief, hard work, independent learning and determination are key factors leading to high achievement.

We are very proud of our journey since opening in 2009 and our examination results have improved year on year. This is due to having appropriate access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum providing equal opportunities for all students.

This success is also testimony to the hard work, determination and commitment of the staff who support the students to achieve their very best. They are well qualified - continually developing professionally to ensure your child receives the best education possible.

Working alongside our partnership primary schools has also meant students have improved their levels on joining us and will lead to further increases in attainment and progress year on year.

We celebrate success and applaud effort and determination whenever our students really go 'the extra mile' to be the best that they can be.

Achievement is incentivised and celebrated through our Green Team initiative. Students are also rewarded with occasional trips and treats such as tickets to Manchester United games. Each week a small group of students who have performed especially well (our Stars of the Week) are invited to have breakfast with our Principal.

Our state-of-the art teaching and recreation areas are a recipe for success



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Our nurturing starts with strong links with our partnership primary schools, encouraging your child to grow into secondary school.



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## OFSTED: THIS IS A GOOD SCHOOL

Ofsted inspected the Academy in April 2015 and graded the Academy as Good in all areas, with many outstanding features.

Ofsted recognised that the students of Manchester Health Academy make good progress and benefit from good teaching and outstanding pastoral care.

The outcome of the latest Ofsted inspection report demonstrates how far we have come, but this is simply a point on our journey - our hard work will continue as we become an outstanding school.

Our Ofsted inspection judgement confirms the amazing progress we have made, the wonderful results our students are achieving and the quality of education they receive. We will continue to expect and deliver the highest standards in everything we do: excellence for all and by all.

# MANCHESTER HEALTH ACADEMY: FIRST CHOICE FOR ALL

- Good Ofsted rating - you can be confident that your child's education is high quality
- Transition programme - we help you and your child get to know the Academy before they start
- A £10 million transformation programme of the Academy's estate will include a new dedicated English and maths building, new dining room extension and state of the art sporting facilities with new changing rooms, multi-use games area and FA standard all weather pitch for students and the community to enjoy
- FREE Uniform - each Year 7 child will receive one set of uniform, they will begin by looking smart and feeling ready to learn
- FREE Breakfast Club - a healthy, sociable start to your child's day
- FREE Extended Activities after school each day - your child can join homework clubs, play a sport, join Debate Mate, develop their creative skills and more
- High quality pre-exam support in our Period 6 and Saturday Academy sessions increase exam success
- Dedicated Sixth Form - the next step on your child's educational journey
- Community Sports Facility and Public Library on site

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