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HEALTH ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

  
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# WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM AT MANCHESTER HEALTH ACADEMY

Making the choice about where to continue your studies after GCSEs is an important decision. We are delighted that our Sixth Form is one of your options. We hope the information contained in this prospectus will answer some of your questions and help to inform your decision.

Our Sixth Form is a vibrant community that prides itself on an inclusive and positive approach to personal development.

As well as BTEC courses to choose from, there is also a wide variety of enrichment and extra-curricular activities with which you can become involved.

We have high expectations of our students and look for prospective students who have good attendance, punctuality and behaviour records and a positive work ethic.

We have made the conscious decision to run only vocational courses and continue with the high standards we have set since we opened.

Life is about much more than academic success. We pride ourselves on the opportunities that we offer all our students - developing skills required to lead a successful adult life.

We look forward to receiving your application for Manchester Health Academy Sixth Form.

## DOMINIC MAGUIRE

Director of Post-16 Education



"THE SIXTH FORM IS GOOD. THE CURRICULUM AND WIDER ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES ARE APPROPRIATE TO STUDENTS' NEEDS AND RESULT IN GOOD OUTCOMES OVERALL."

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# WHY CHOOSE MANCHESTER HEALTH ACADEMY?

Our courses are BTEC Extended Diplomas, which are equivalent to three A Levels. We also offer GCSE re-sits in Maths and English. Please see specific course leaflets for full course details.

Our students benefit from:

- Small, friendly and personal learning environment
- Good and Outstanding Teaching
- Excellent record of achievement and progression to higher education
- High-quality careers education, information, advice and guidance
- 1-to-1 tutor support

- A nationally recognised enrichment and extra-curricular programme
- Work-based placement and volunteering opportunities
- State-of-the-art teaching environment in a dedicated Sixth Form space
- £15 per week Education Maintenance Allowance, with the chance of an additional £10 reward\*

\*EMA payments are available for every student in our Sixth Form. You must demonstrate outstanding attendance, punctuality and progress to receive your payment. A £10 reward is made to the two best students each week.

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# SPECIALISM

Health and Sport Science really matter to us at Manchester Health Academy. It is very important that we use our Specialism to build self-esteem, improve teaching and learning in order to develop lifelong learning opportunities for students, parents and our community.

Our students will gain knowledge and understanding of health issues through our tutorial system and will engage in our well established 'Health Days' in order to raise aspiration and support personal growth and development. We will maintain our Healthy Schools Award by providing a varied and exciting curriculum and pastoral support to meet both physical and emotional needs and encourage our students to make healthy lifestyle choices. We work closely with Central Manchester Foundation NHS Trust, our lead sponsor, to provide opportunities and raise aspirations for our students.

In Sport Science we aim to engage and capture the imagination of students in the Academy. We have invested in state of the art equipment, such as heart rate monitors, which relay your heart rate live whilst performing, and WATT Bikes which allow students to take part in cycle races individually or in teams whilst still in the classroom. We have also introduced a 'Fitness Battery' of ten fun fitness challenges that allow us to compare the fitness of students within the Academy. Our aim is to show improvements in the key indicators of strength and stamina, which correlate closely to health.

Through our links with the Manchester United Foundation we are able to create a culture of aspiration and help inspire students to make positive choices regarding their health, fitness and lifestyle whilst working with one of the country's most famous and successful institutions.

# ENRICHMENT

A key element of the Sixth Form experience is enrichment.

On a weekly basis, all sixth form students will participate in a chosen enrichment activity.

Within this time period, our students are encouraged to try different activities including visits, trips and sporting activities which they may never have thought of participating in.

The enrichment programme is a very important part in the weekly life of our students as it provides them with an opportunity to develop their social skills as well as the chance to remain active.







# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

"TEACHERS ARE SUPPORTIVE AND ENCOURAGE US TO DO WELL. THE SUBJECTS ARE INTERESTING AND THE TEACHERS MAKE IT FUN TO UNDERSTAND."

JORDAN RIGG • STUDENT



## DILON ASHTON

Dilon Ashton completed BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport at Manchester Health Academy. He went on to study BA (Hons) Exercise, Physical Activity and Health at the University of Salford. He is also a qualified Gym Instructor. Dilon says "I can't thank Manchester Health Academy staff enough in guiding me to what I hope will be a degree. Work hard, you definitely can achieve university. I've worked really hard and it is difficult with dyslexia but my efforts have paid off in the end."



## KADY TURNER

Kady Turner completed Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care at Manchester Health Academy. She has since graduated from the University of Manchester with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Learning Disability Studies and is now employed at Henshaw's Residential Home for people with Vision Impairment. Kady says "What I remember most about Sixth Form are the great opportunities I received through placements. It enabled me to go into different areas of health and social care and allow me to decide what field I wanted to work in. My advice to current students is to grasp every opportunity you are given and to believe in yourself."

# HOW DO I APPLY?

## STEP 1: APPLICATION FORM

Complete the application form located in this pack or alternatively download a blank application from our website.

## STEP 2: INTERVIEW

You will be sent an acknowledgement letter once your application form is received. Interviews begin in March. You will be sent a letter to discuss your application and progress.

## STEP 3: CONDITIONAL OFFER

If your interview is successful, we will give you a conditional offer subject to your examination results. You will receive a letter to confirm your offer.

## STEP 4: ENROLMENT

Enrolment begins on GCSE results day. Do not worry if you did not meet your required grades, we are here to help and to discuss your options.





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