



Manchester Enterprise Academy



Prospectus
2012/2013



Welcome from the Principal

A very warm welcome to Manchester Enterprise Academy.

As a recently opened Academy we know the excitement of a new start and we hope that our prospectus will confirm to you that Manchester Enterprise Academy is the right school choice for your son/daughter.

We have been on a significant journey and our pupils are now benefitting from the results of this transformation, such as:

- A multimillion pound, state of the art new building.
- Internationally recognised sponsors who bring expertise, resources and opportunities to the academy's pupils.
- A leadership team who are committed to ensuring pupils excel in a caring, well disciplined environment.
- Caring staff who deliver an exciting curriculum designed to ensure our pupils achieve outstanding results.
- A focus on enterprise – developing creative skills and preparing our pupils for an exciting range of careers, supported by our sponsors and partners.

After reading our prospectus, please come and see us and take a look around. We believe our partnership with you will offer your child a fantastic future at Manchester Enterprise Academy.

James Eldon
Principal



James Eldon has a proven track record of school improvement, he has joined the MEA Academy from a neighbouring Manchester comprehensive school.

Welcome

“We believe strongly that all students can succeed”

What is an Academy?

Academies are independent schools, funded by the Government, that provide free education and are at the hub of the community. They have sponsors, and a specialism. Our lead sponsor is Manchester Airport and our co-sponsors are Willow Park Housing Trust, The Manchester College and Manchester City Council

Cutting Edge Sponsors

Manchester Enterprise Academy is sponsored by outstanding sponsors who partner us in seeking to provide our students with unique, exciting opportunities.

This commitment goes beyond simply enhancing the students' education whilst they're with the Academy, it seeks to offer our students pathways so that they go on to thrive in the increasingly competitive world of work.

Our main sponsor is Manchester Airport. This world renowned company's commitment to the Manchester Enterprise Academy offers our students opportunities which are unprecedented in the North West. This commitment extends beyond enriching the Academy's curriculum and extends into sustaining rewarding economic opportunities for our students.



A message from our Chair of Governors, Julie Armstrong, Customer Service Director at Manchester Airport

"Our vision is that we work with Manchester Enterprise Academy to add value through our expertise in business management and knowledge of what is required by today's employers. Manchester Airport is committed to supporting the Academy for the long term and to support learning into the workplace. It is our greatest wish that our students are prepared for the world of work when they graduate and that they will be equipped to be employees of the future."

Willow Park Housing Trust

"Our aim is to help create neighbourhoods where all sections of the community are able to live healthy, happy and fulfilling lives. We see our partnership with Manchester Enterprise Academy as an exciting opportunity for us to contribute to the development of young people in our area."

The Manchester College

"We are very proud to be a co-sponsor of the Manchester Enterprise Academy and to bring our expertise to the development of what will be a highly successful learning environment for the young people of Wythenshawe."

Manchester City Council

"Manchester Enterprise Academy is a new and exciting place to learn. It raises aspirations and helps young people develop confidence in their abilities and optimism for the future so they can contribute positively to their communities and workplaces."



Enterprise – The Academy's Specialism

Academies can choose to have a specialism. Our specialism is 'Enterprise'. We want to create the entrepreneurs of the future.

What does this specialism mean for our students? With our sponsors we are determined to develop the key skills that young people will need to thrive in the new economy. What are these 'enterprise' skills?

- **Leadership** – Being able to lead a team and work with others
- **Creativity** – Being able to respond in innovative ways to different situations
- **Risk taking** – Being able to try an approach which takes you out of your comfort zones
- **Determination** – Being able to persevere when things get tough
- **Excellence** – Being able to achieve outstanding outcomes

These skills are vital as our world becomes ever more competitive and, at Manchester Enterprise Academy, we will develop these skills and ensure our students achieve excellent results in a broad range of qualifications.



Experiences for Life

Each student will have a programme of careers education as part of their PSHCE lessons throughout Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Post-16. In Year 11 and Sixth Form, every student will have individual advice and guidance from a Connexions Advisor. All students in Year 10 will have a period of work experience, and many students will gain more experience through their Key Stage 4 work-related courses and close links with businesses.

An environment designed for the future

Our students enjoy learning in, and benefit from brand new state-of-the-art, purpose-built three storey accommodation. This provides every facility for modern and exciting learning and teaching. The multimillion pound facility is designed to meet the needs of 21st century students and the whole community, and will provide a stimulating, businesslike learning environment.

Manchester Enterprise Academy has:

- Purpose-designed rooms with ICT-rich learning areas for all parts of the curriculum
- First-rate teaching equipment and systems including a powerful online learning system
- Dedicated specialist Enterprise area and Board Room
- Drama and dance studio and music suite
- Lecture theatre and Post-16 study and leisure areas
- Sports facilities, an all-weather pitch and sports hall
- Flexible learning zones – an exciting feature of the Academy
- Community coffee bar



Welcoming and nurturing our Year 7 students



Starting Secondary school is an exciting time for our Year 7 students but it can also be unsettling. Our transition processes ensure that our Year 7 students begin the academy feeling cared for and ready to excel from day one. By feeling settled from day one, our students can immediately get involved in the opportunities we offer, whether academic, social or extra-curricular.

Each term every student will receive guidance from a Tutor who looks at their progress, sets goals with them, makes sure they settle in well and helps them achieve their targets.

Year 7 tutors have their own zone in the new Academy where they will spend time at the beginning and end of the day. Class sizes will be kept small (approximately 15 per class) to ensure a focused and supported approach to learning. There is also a number of Teaching Assistants who will provide specific help across the Academy. Students will take part in an 'Enterprising Minds' curriculum which will enhance learning in the first two years in secondary education, and offer students the best possible transition from primary school.

All students are encouraged to take part in the residential trip to Wales in the autumn term of Year 7 to meet other students and start developing the skills needed for their secondary education journey.

We also have a culture of mutual respect between students and staff, and zero tolerance of bullying in any form. An online reporting scheme called 'SHARP' is being introduced to report incidents.

We want parents and carers to feel involved and informed about their child's education. This is why we send regular reports home and welcome parents and carers to come and meet us and get involved in the life of MEA.



Uniform

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We believe that students who take pride in their personal appearance and in membership of our Academy community are also likely to take pride in their achievements and conduct.

We call this philosophy **'look smart, act smart, be smart.'**



Manchester Enterprise Academy uniform

Boys' uniform

- Navy suit jacket with MEA badge
- Navy trousers
- Sky blue shirt
- Tie with MEA badge
- School bag with MEA badge (Year 7 and 8)
- Own school bag (Years 9, 10 and 11)
- Navy socks
- Black coat

Boys' PE kit

- Navy polo shirt with MEA badge
- Navy shorts
- Navy zip sweatshirt with MEA badge
- Navy/sky blue socks

Boys' footwear

- Shoes – black and flat
- (Trainers are not allowed except in PE)*

Girls' uniform

- Navy suit jacket with MEA badge
- Navy trousers or navy skirt
- Sky blue shirt
- Scarf/tie with MEA badge
- School bag with MEA badge (Year 7 and 8)
- Own school bag (Years 9, 10 and 11)
- Navy socks/tights
- Black coat

Girls' PE kit

- Sky blue polo shirt with MEA badge
- Navy shorts
- Navy zip sweatshirt with MEA badge
- Navy/sky blue socks

Girls' footwear

- Shoes – black and flat
- (No colour, bows or decorations)*



A welcoming, safe and supportive learning environment



Manchester Enterprise Academy is fully inclusive and provides a welcoming, engaging, safe and supportive learning environment in which high standards of behaviour, attendance and participation are the norm. We believe this is crucial so that students can achieve their full potential.

There is a year-based tutor system, led by a Director of Progress and supported by a Student Coach, for all students. Tutor groups meet on a daily basis with their Guidance Tutor.

There are weekly assemblies for each year group and mentoring in small groups or one-to-one. Their mentor will review their progress with them, help them set and review their targets and sort out any problems a student might have.

We make sure that all our students are happy and confident by caring for them and supporting them individually. A student incentive scheme recognises and rewards achievement and effort.

There is full provision for students with additional needs. Gifted and talented students will follow an extended programme of learning activities.

Teaching Assistants and the Lifelong Learning Centre provide support and guidance for students during the day.

Whatever difficulties our students may face within the Academy or outside, our dedicated Inclusion Team (and other external agencies) are on hand to support them in dealing with issues and to help them make the most of their Academy life. Our Student Coaches do not teach, so are available to work with students or meet with parents and carers.

Our curriculum: achieving excellence for all



Manchester Enterprise Academy aims to achieve excellence with students of all abilities. We want our students to gain fantastic results in the vital core subjects, Mathematics, English and Science, but also experience a wide range of other subjects that will stimulate and engage students in a diverse range of experiences. Our Enterprise specialism again enhances provision here considerably.

Our gifted and talented students can accelerate through subjects and access early entry processes so that they can take examinations when they are ready and move onto more challenging courses if they are ready. We have a thriving sixth form and these students can progress onto sixth form courses if they're ready.

For our students who find learning a challenge, we offer a comprehensive range of support so that they can quickly make progress and feel the rewards of developing the skills needed to access appropriate courses and allow them to develop the confidence to move onto the appropriate sixth form provision.

The Accelerated Foundation Stage – Years 7 and 8. Here students develop the skills they'll need to choose examination courses and enjoy some exciting new subjects.

Curriculum for Success – Years 9, 10 and 11. Students move through the appropriate core subject courses and can choose a range of exciting courses to take through to examination.

Sixth form Extension – Students can move onto a diverse and rewarding sixth form curriculum. BTec, A Levels and a wide range of vocational qualifications.



Post-16 The Sixth Form

This is a tremendously exciting addition for MEA, since it means that students are now able to stay on and take advanced qualifications, such as AS/A2 or BTec and Diplomas. Please ask for the MEA Post-16 prospectus.

Parents as partners

Research shows that where there are strong links and a good partnership between children's parents/carers and the Academy, students will do better.

We especially welcome all parents and carers, and firmly believe that an excellent partnership between you, our staff and our students is vital for the success of your child's education. We are very happy to meet you outside Academy hours or during the day, if staff are available.

You will be able to visit us and meet with staff to discuss your child's progress or any other issue. We will also send you regular reports as well as providing information and feedback online, which you will be able to access on the internet from home or work. We have also introduced a text messaging system, which means that you will be able to receive messages, reminders and 'good news' texts quickly.

There will be many opportunities for parents and carers to become involved in the life and development of MEA, such as in parents' groups, regular family learning events and as volunteers. We have also established a Parent/Carer Association and Advisory Group called 'Friends & Voice of MEA' and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved.

Recently, we have been awarded the 'Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA Award) in recognition of our excellent work with parents/carers and families.





Your child's progress

The Extended Academy

Clubs and activities

At Manchester Enterprise Academy we believe that a student's time is not only about academic performance it is also about discovering and developing skills, talents and interests outside the classroom.


This is why we encourage all students to take part in a broad range of fun activities after school, as well as during the holidays, including various sports, performing arts, IT, science, art, cookery, technology, enterprise, arts and crafts, music, fundraising, community events and many more.

There is also a free breakfast and 'student club' everyday before and after hours, which supports students' study (homework, cousework, reading, study skills and research). 'Reachout' a group of University students also provide support for students after school.

Wherever there is a demand for a club or activity we will always try to find a way to make it happen. Other facilities nearby, such as the swimming pool at the Forum, and the 'Green Zone' at the Lifestyle Centre, are also used.

The Manchester United Foundation is fully involved in MEA and our feeder primary schools. Football coaching sessions, Leadership and 'Gifted and Talented' courses are all delivered as part of the ongoing partnership.



A photograph of three students participating in a river activity. They are wearing yellow hard hats and waders. One student in a red wader is in the foreground, another in a blue wader is in the middle ground, and a third in a red wader is in the background. They are standing in a shallow, rocky river with clear water. Large grey rocks are scattered throughout the scene.

We also have many visitors to the Academy including artists, poets, business and community leaders who will help bring learning to life and make it relevant.

There are five SHAPE days each year when all students will come off-timetable and engage in exciting activities related to Enterprise and Health.

The extensive ICT facilities will be available for students' use before and after school, Monday to Friday, and learning resources will be available online for use 24/7 from any location.

Learning also extends beyond our facilities in Wythenshawe. We will provide experiences in Manchester, Wales, the Lake District, overseas visits and links to schools in other countries.

These, together with field trips, theatre and museum/art gallery visits and work placements all play a key role in broadening our students' experiences and help bring learning alive.

Clubs and activities

Manchester Enterprise Academy in the community



We are committed to playing a strong role in the community and wish to create an Academy in which the local community will take great pride, that has a reputation for considering everyone's needs regardless of ability, gender or ethnicity, and that offers our state-of-the-art facilities as a community learning hub. The local community, businesses, associated primary schools, other schools and community organisations all form an integral part of our Academy.

We are developing a programme of community activities both for students and adults which we hope will excite and enrich the community.

Since we are an 'Extended Academy' we will be open during evenings, weekends and holidays for different types of learning, community, social and family activities. The excellent sports, arts and ICT facilities (and other spaces by request) are also available for use by the community out of Academy hours.

We very much encourage members of the community to come in to see, and book, our facilities and resources. Please contact the Academy Office on 0161 499 2726.

“...our programme will excite
and enrich the community”



Student voice



“..improving what goes on in the classroom”

Manchester Enterprise Academy is firmly committed to involving students in the leadership and development of the Academy. Students, teachers, associated staff and parents are recognised as equal partners in learning.

As well as participating in the planning and the delivery of lessons, every student is expected to contribute in other ways. Some are peer mentors who advise and support younger students; older students will be able to train to be club leaders while others form a panel for staff appointments. All students are expected to contribute to the community and to fundraising for charity.

There is an Academy Council and a group trained to carry out lesson observations and act as student curriculum advisors, so that they can contribute to improving what goes on in the classroom.

Involving students in their own education helps them take responsibility and learn how to organise their time and their learning.





Post-16

A brand new Sixth Form Centre opened in September 2010 inside our new building. Fully inclusive, it has 120 places and will run in conjunction with the other Wythenshawe Academies and The Manchester College.

It offers excellent academic and vocational courses at all levels and a wide variety of activities, giving students the chance to develop into responsible adults. This will raise the aspirations of students and give parents the comfort of knowing that their child can stay at the Academy from age 11 through to age 18. We hope that staying on for the Sixth Form will be the norm and that many of our students will set their sights on going to university.

Post-16 students will be expected to act as role models for our younger students, setting an example of hard work, success and good behaviour. They will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles, running clubs and mentoring. By taking on positions of responsibility students will flourish inside and outside the classroom and become active, confident and responsible citizens.

Governance

The Governing Board of Manchester Enterprise Academy includes members of staff, parents and carers and representatives from our sponsors: Manchester Airport, Willow Park Housing Trust, The Manchester College and Manchester City Council.

The Governing Board oversees the general running of the Academy, with day-to-day management being the responsibility of the Principal, James Eldon.

Manchester Enterprise Academy has a Student Council and a Parents' Council, both of which are consulted on key policies across all aspects of the Academy.

Chair of Academy Governing Board

Julie Armstrong c/o Manchester Enterprise Academy
Simonsway, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 9RH

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How to apply

To make an application for your child to join our Academy, or if you would like further information, or to look at any of our policies (including the policies on admissions, anti-bullying, child protection, climate for learning, rewards and sanctions and complaint procedures), please visit our website at www.manchesterenterpriseacademy.org.uk or contact us using the details below.

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Should you wish to visit in person, please call in at Reception.



Academy day

REGISTRATION	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	BREAK	PERIOD 3	LUNCH	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5
8.55- 9.10AM	9.10- 10.10AM	10.10- 11.15AM	11.15- 11.35AM	11.35- 12.40PM	12.40- 1.20PM	1.20- 2.20PM	2.20- 3.20PM



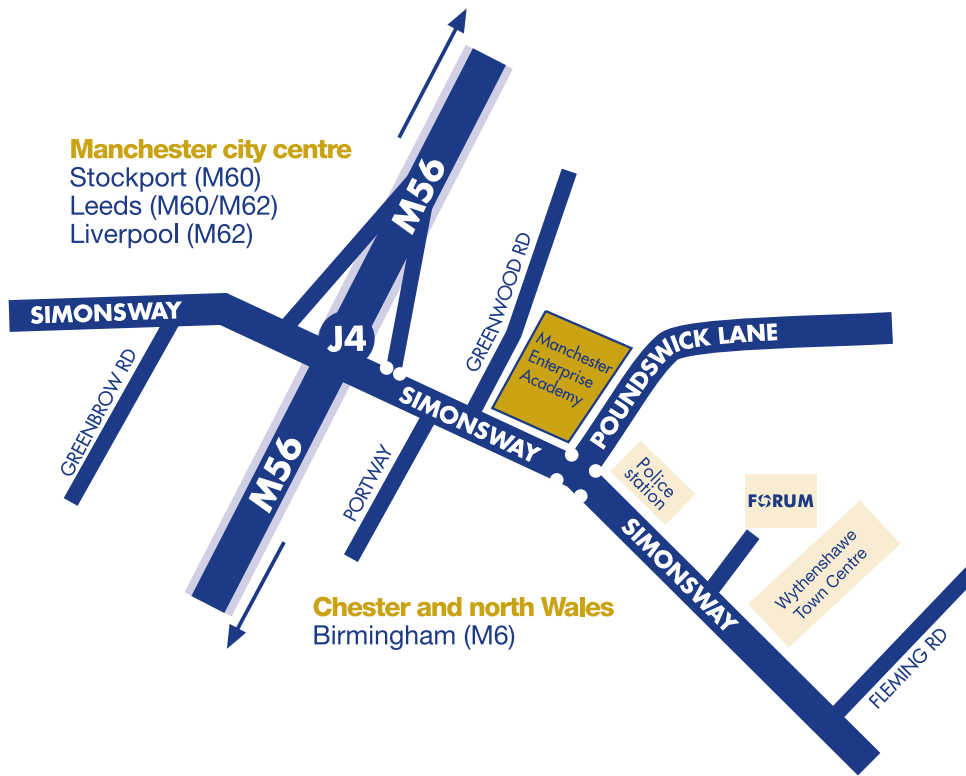
High expectations

Education at Manchester Enterprise Academy is first class, equipping students for life and the world of higher education and work.

Now that you have found out more about the Academy we hope that you will be as excited as we are.

Please contact us to find out when application forms are available.





Get in touch

James Eldon, Principal
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Drop in and see us – you'll be glad you did!

