





Welcome

Welcome to Manor Croft Academy. Our Academy is an exciting place to learn and we are committed to delivering a high quality education for all our students. At Manor Croft Academy we believe that our core purpose is to prepare young people to enter a fast moving and rapidly changing environment. To prepare them for such a challenge we work to develop their skills, knowledge and resilience which in turn will enable them to achieve the highest possible qualifications.

Manor Croft Academy also works with the students to ensure that they learn in a happy and caring environment. Whilst there is a strong emphasis on academic achievement all students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities outside the classroom. It is essential for our success to maintain high standards at all times and this is only possible with collaboration between staff, parents, and students. Our challenge is to provide the global education that gives our students the tools necessary to compete in the world market and by working together we can do this.

I would welcome parents and carers to come to Manor Croft Academy at any time to see our daily work for themselves.

We understand that choosing a secondary school can be a difficult decision for any parent, but we are committed to providing the outstanding education every child deserves, and I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what we offer. If you wish to arrange a visit then please contact us on: 01924 325230 or email us at: info@manorcroft.org.uk

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and working with you to ensure your child receives the best possible chance of achieving their full potential.

Andy Barnett
Principal



Curriculum

We believe that there are many different aspects to your child's education at Manor Croft Academy including the formally taught subjects, extra-curricular activities and opportunities which enhance social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. These all help your child to develop into a mature and responsible, independent adult.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum mixing traditional academic subjects with more vocational courses. The curriculum is regularly reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of our students whilst also fulfilling statutory requirements.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) your child will study: English, maths, science, creative arts, history, geography, media, RE/Life, PE and design technology.

In Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11) your child will study: English, maths, science, ICT (ECDL), RE/Life and core PE. They will also have the opportunity to make a 'guided choice' for their option subjects. These include:

- Art & Design
- French
- Media
- Music
- History
- Geography
- Resistant Materials
- Textiles
- Food Technology
- Sports Studies

Students will also receive extra intervention sessions in English and Maths to allow them to reach their potential in vital core subjects.





Achievement

To help students achieve their academic potential a wealth of support is available at Manor Croft Academy.

Students are given aspirational target grades at the beginning of every year in each of their subjects. This tells them the grade that they need to achieve at the end of Year 11. These targets are based upon their assessments in Year 6 at Primary School. Their progress is then closely monitored by their teachers through regular marking of books and formal assessments. Senior staff also monitor work through regular scrutiny. This helps us identify any students who are not maximising their potential at an early stage so that we can put in place appropriate intervention.

If additional support is needed then there are a wide range of professionals available to help as part of our personalised learning provision team. They work with identified students either in small groups or in one-to-one sessions to develop their skills, prepare for examinations and sometimes just to give encouragement and praise; all of which helps build their confidence enabling them to achieve their full potential.

As a commitment to parents/carers we report on your child's progress every six weeks, giving accurate information for all subjects. Students have a student planner which helps them to monitor their own progress and we encourage parents and carers to discuss their son's/daughter's school work and homework with them.

We also benefit from being part of the School Partnership Trust Academies. We have available to us the support of the core team within the trust who are available to offer additional support to Manor Croft Academy students.



Student Welfare

We have a large and dedicated Pastoral Team who work closely with our students to ensure they feel safe, supported and valued.

All the students are allocated to a mixed ability form group with a Personal Progress Tutor at the beginning of Year 7. In most cases your child will remain with the same form Personal Progress Tutor for the full five years.

Each Key Stage has their own Learning Manager who oversees all aspects of student welfare linked to attendance and punctuality. Both Key Stage 3 and 4 have a Behaviour Support Manager who oversees behaviour and general pastoral issues. Like the Personal Progress Tutor, the Learning Manager and Behaviour Support Manager will also follow your child through the school; thus enabling your child and you to have people in school who you can really get to know, and with whom you can build a strong and trusting relationship.

In addition to this we have an Inclusion Manager who focuses on the students who need extra support with their learning and behavioural support. We also have a Student Welfare Officer who oversees Child Protection and family liaison. This member of staff helps support not only the students at critical times but also parents and carers.





Teaching & Learning

At Manor Croft Academy we are committed to delivering high quality learning experiences for all our students. We use a wide variety of teaching strategies to ensure that every child, regardless of their ability, is able to access the curriculum and achieve their potential. Most importantly we aim to inspire young people to develop their love of learning.

Whether their strengths lie in the traditional academic subjects or in the more practical based activities, we endeavour to offer appropriate challenges to really develop their minds and hone their skills so that all our students are actively involved in the learning process.

We also have a Special Educational Needs team who offer programmes which support learning, social and emotional development and assist students who experience physical challenges.

Our teachers are also learners and we have a detailed Continuing Professional Development programme in place to ensure that all our teachers are up to date with current educational developments and constantly building their own skills and classroom practice.





Extra-curricular Activities

We are committed to offering students as many opportunities as possible to enhance their learning outside of the classroom. There are a wealth of clubs, teams and enrichment activities for young people to join outside of lesson time. These may involve sport, performing and creative arts, crafts or subject based activities.

We offer a wide variety of visits to places such as local museums, theatres, agricultural shows, universities and sporting events. We also organise residential trips to places such as 'Bushcraft', London and a European ski resort.

Whatever your child's interests, during their five years at Manor Croft Academy they will enjoy a variety of experiences designed to aid their overall social development.



Facilities

We are a well-resourced school with a range of specialist rooms and facilities that enable us to deliver all aspects of the curriculum. These include:

- 6 fully equipped science labs
- 8 ICT rooms
- Design Technology workshops fully-equipped to deliver Food, Textiles, Resistant Materials and Computer Aided Design
- A large music room and a suite of smaller practice rooms
- A dance studio
- A large hall and purpose built stage for shows and performances
- A pottery
- A large sports hall
- A gym with gymnastic apparatus and 2 full sized trampolines
- Extensive sports pitches

We also have a well-stocked library which is open from 8.10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. for students to undertake independent research, complete homework or simply enjoy reading the many books available to borrow.



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