



PROSPECTUS

MANOR CROFT ACADEMY



WHO WE ARE



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.

Kion Nikoumaram
Principal

DELTA ACADEMIES TRUST

OUR VISION ...CHANGING LIVES

Mission Statement

To improve educational outcomes for communities in the North of England, creating a sustainable organisation that improves our society and the wider environment.





We will:

- Place children and pupils at the heart of everything we do.
- Place collaboration before competition, working with others for the betterment of all.
- Develop and support professionals in our own and other academies and schools to establish practice that improves lives.
- Ensure that all children make good progress irrespective of their starting point and those young people facing disadvantage are lifted from educational poverty.
- Never do anything to the detriment of learners, staff, or other stakeholders, in a neighbouring community.
- Adhere to the ‘Seven Principles of Public Life’.
- Promote environmental awareness and protection locally, nationally and globally.

OUR VALUES

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. Each Year Group has their own Learning Manager who oversees all aspects of student welfare linked to attendance and punctuality 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. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is responsible for overseeing Child Protection and family liaison. This member of staff helps support not only the students at critical times but also parents and carers. We have recently expanded our Bridge and PLC (personalised learning centre) these resources are also designed to support students individual needs where needed whatever they may be.

'I think that learning and pastoral support has improved because students are not allowed to disrupt, making it much easier for us to learn and giving us a better chance of getting a really good grade.'

Year 11 student

TEACHING AND 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.





There has never been a better time to join us in our learning journey, in order to contribute to and benefit from our growing successes!

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, 8 and 9) your child will study: English, maths, science, creative skills, history, geography, EPC, computing and PE. In Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) your child will study, English, maths, science, EPC and PE. They will have the opportunity to make a 'guided choice' for their option subjects.

These include:

- Construction
- Creative imedia
- Design & Technology
- Fine Art
- French
- Geography
- History
- Hospitality
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Sports Science
- Textile Design

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 in each of their GCSE subjects. 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. Students have a student planner which helps them to monitor their own progress and we encourage parents and carers to discuss their child's school work and homework with them. We also benefit from being part of Delta Academies Trust. 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.



BEHAVIOUR

We have a very clear, rigorous and fair approach to instilling the highest conceivable standards of behaviour at Manor Croft Academy. This serves to guarantee the best possible learning experiences and subsequent life chances available to our young people.

Clear Delta Academies Trust policies and practice empowers us to ensure our students learn in lessons with clear learning objectives, challenging, well-paced and engaging activities, along with high, aspirational learning outcomes.

The Academy has high expectations and any student failing to fully focus their efforts will receive consequences accordingly. This ensures that any disruptions to learning are swiftly addressed, teaching students to develop the self-discipline required to be successful throughout life.

Our Behaviour Policy is fully transparent with the aim to create a harmonious Academy culture that holds in high regard, effort, consideration and self-awareness, in collaboration with key stakeholders.

We believe that developing effective working relationships is essential in underpinning our fundamental core values. We share this with

students in a way that enables them to act positively and to help them understand how their actions can directly affect others as well as themselves, developing a sense of personal responsibility. As an Academy, the emphasis on students having their planners available at all times is paramount and relentless. This also gives parents a full overview of their child's daily activities, rewards, homework and consequences.

Throughout the year we regularly reward effort via positive praise assemblies with certificates and prizes. This emphasises that our educational vision is about the recognition and rewarding of students above all else for trying their best throughout the whole academic year.

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, 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
- 5 ICT rooms
- Design Technology workshops fully-equipped to deliver hospitality, textile design and construction
- A large music room and a suite of smaller practice rooms
- A dance/drama studio
- A large hall with a purpose built stage for shows and performances
- A pottery room
- A large sports hall
- A gym with gymnastic apparatus
- A fitness suite fitted with the latest technology
- Extensive sports pitches
- A well-stocked library which is open before and after school for students to undertake independent research, complete homework or simply enjoy reading the many books available to borrow.





UNIFORM

REQUIRED

- **Delta Logo Blazer**
- **White Shirt** Plain white long or short sleeve with top button (needs to be buttoned to the neck and tucked in)
- **Black Trousers** (Black tailored trousers – must not be cropped, cargo pants or leggings)
or
Black Skirt Black tailored knee length skirt – not lycra (plain black tights must be worn with a skirt – minimum 40 denier)
- **Plain, Black Belt**
- **Delta Clip-on Tie**
- **Plain Black, Flat Polishable Shoes** (no embellishments or logos). Trainers, boots, pumps, canvas or patent leather shoes are not permitted

OPTIONAL

- **Delta Logo Jumper** (to be worn with the Academy Blazer, not instead of)

PE KIT

- **Delta Polo Shirt**
- **Delta Reversible Outdoor Games Top**
- **Delta black knee length socks**
- **Delta PE Shorts**
- **Gum Shield & Shin Pads for Rugby & Hockey**
- **Trainers** – no dark coloured soles

OPTIONAL

- **Delta tracksuit bottoms**
- **Delta tracksuit top**
- **Football boots**

OUTDOOR COATS & BAGS

- **Outdoor Coats** – Coats should be plain and have no large logos. Coats should be removed as soon as students enter the academy. Hoodies are not permitted.
- **Bags** – Students require a plain school bag that can fasten securely and large enough to carry an A4 sized folder.

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