



# Manchester Academy

The best in everyone™

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# Ready for September Booklet





## Principal James Eldon

We are highly ambitious for our students and seek to give them an outstanding education that fully prepares them for adult life. Our unique location in the city centre means we can connect our students to universities, employers, and fantastic opportunities.

These opportunities are not just focused around our academic curriculum. We firmly believe there is more to good education than excellent exam grades, which is why we're committed to providing an Education with Character. There really is something for every child at Manchester Academy - whatever their interests or abilities.

We are housed in a spectacular purpose-built school building which is fully equipped with the very latest facilities.

**I look forward to welcoming you to Manchester Academy.**







**Year Director - Mrs Maybury**



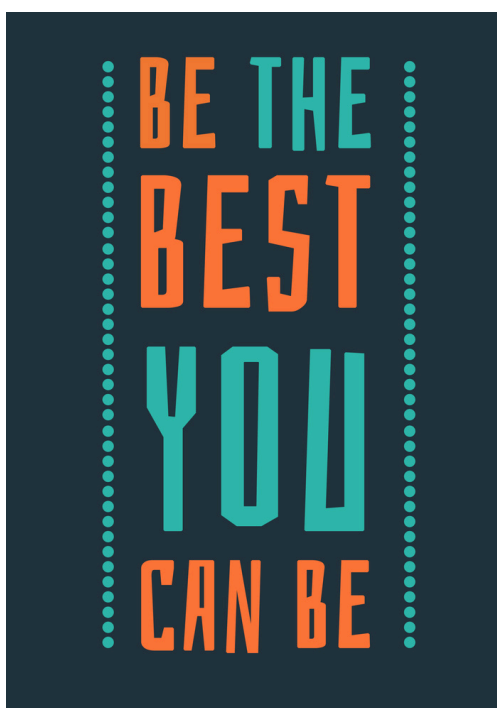
**Year Leader - Mrs Cheetwood**



**Assistant Vice Principal - Mrs Boateng**



**Manchester United Foundation Leader - Mr Dugdale**





**At Manchester Academy, we do all we can to ensure our students have a happy and successful future. We believe that children need many opportunities and experiences to become confident, well-rounded, and ambitious young adults.**

Each student, parent, and adult in the school community has a responsibility to ensure all our students are safe, happy, and enjoy a positive learning environment at all times.

Extra-curricular clubs and societies allow young people to pursue new interests such as languages, sports, and team building activities. The academy also supports the Duke of Edinburgh Award. All enrichment activities stretch, challenge, and help develop the talents of our young people.

In addition to our extra-curricular clubs and societies. Manchester Academy students enjoy a range of trips, university visits, and talks from inspirational speakers.

We're proud to deliver an Education with Character. An education that challenges, inspires, and excites our students and prepares them for the ups and downs of life.







Make Manchester  
**Magic**

*The MA Way*

**MA1**

Students follow staff instructions first time, every time.

**MA2**

ATL1 always; everywhere.

**MA3**

Act and speak with respect and kindness.

**MA4**

Hands off!

**MA5**

Move quietly and calmly around the Academy.



**Manchester Academy students must respect the community when entering and exiting the school.**

1. Walk sensibly and leave promptly
2. Respect others
3. Respect the property of others
4. Follow all instructions the first time
5. Be an outstanding ambassador for Manchester Academy



- Ardaydu waa inay socdaan uguna baxaan iskuulka si macquul ah.
- امش بحكمة واترك على الفور
- Ixtiraam dadka kale
- احترم الاخرين
- Ixtiraam alaabta dadka kale
- احترم ممتلكات الآخرين
- Raac tilmaamaha ama farriimaha isla markiiba.
- اتبع جميع التعليمات في المرة الأولى
- Tusaale ama metelaad wanaagsan u noqo Manchester Academy.
- كن سفيراً متميزاً لأكاديمية مانشستر





A high standard of personal appearance is expected at Manchester Academy. All students are to wear the same uniform. We hope parents understand and co-operate with clothing regulations and seeing that they are observed. It's important that children are tidy, well-groomed, and suitably dressed for school activities.

## Boys

- Blazer - Manchester Academy blazer with school logo.
- Trousers - Tailored plain black trousers (not cords or jeans).
- Shirt - White (regulation, not a polo shirt).
- Knitted Tank Top with Make Manchester Magic logo (optional).
- Tie - Manchester Academy year group tie.
- Socks - Plain black socks.
- Shoes - Plain black and polishable with a small heel (no coloured or white trims / boots and trainers / trainer type shoes are not allowed).





## Girls

- Blazer - Manchester Academy blazer with school logo.
- Skirt - Plain black 'A line' knee length skirt or full length plain black trousers (not cords or jeans).
- Shirt - White (regulation, not a polo shirt).
- Knitted Tank Top with Make Manchester Magic logo (optional).
- Tie - Manchester Academy year group tie.
- Headscarf - Plain black (if worn).
- Socks - Plain black socks or black tights.
- Shoes - Black, flat or small heeled (coloured or white trim - boots, trainers, mules and platforms are not allowed) Please be aware that some shops are selling trainer style shoes as school shoes. These are not acceptable.

**If a child cannot wear shoes because of a medical reason, then they may be allowed to wear a pair of black trainers. A doctor's note should be provided.**







## Boys (PE Kit)

- Navy t-shirt with Manchester Academy logo.
- Navy hooded top with Manchester Academy logo (optional).
- Plain navy shorts or plain navy tracksuit pants.
- Plain blue football socks.
- Training shoes.

## Girls (PE Kit)

- Navy t-shirt with Manchester Academy logo.
- Navy hooded top with Manchester Academy logo (optional).
- Plain navy shorts or plain navy tracksuit pants or navy sports leggings.
- Plain blue football socks.
- Training shoes.

**We're no longer selling uniform at Manchester Academy. All uniform items are now available from M.C.S. Stores, 220-222 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester. M20 6EL.**

**M.C.S. is open from Monday to Saturday from 11am - 5.30pm. Wednesdays is 1pm - 5pm.  
Telephone: (0161) 445 7740 or Email: [sales@mcsstores.co.uk](mailto:sales@mcsstores.co.uk)**

**Manchester Academy uniform can be found on their website:**





## Personal Appearance:

- Makeup and nail varnish are not allowed.
- Extreme hairstyles are not in keeping with our good standard of appearance. Haircuts should not be extreme. Fashionable haircuts such as 'steps,' shaving sides or all of the head, putting lines or patterns in the hair, or other variations on these styles are unacceptable in this school. As a general rule nothing below a 'No. 2' is acceptable for students who prefer this short style. Boys are to be clean shaven with no facial hair.
- Extreme hair colours are not permitted. We expect all pupils to have neat and tidy hair styles and ensure that long hair is tied back. We also request that accessories are kept to a simple black hair slide or black hair band. Headscarves must also be black.
- Jewellery is not allowed, which includes earrings.

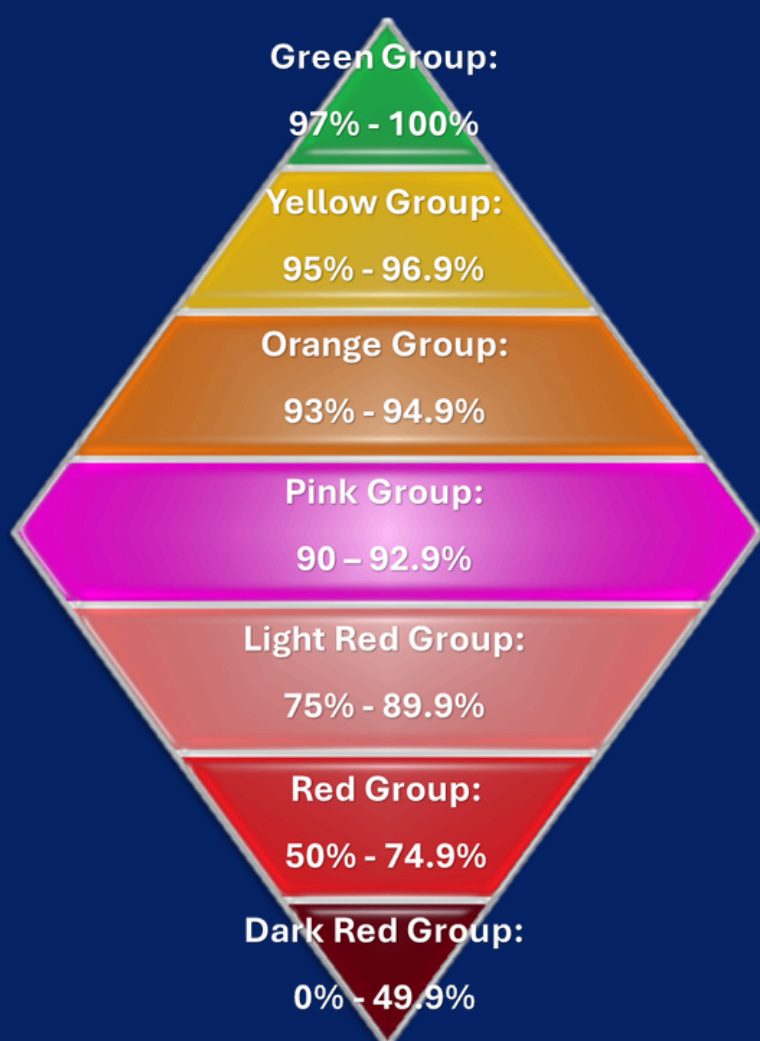






Regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors for students to achieve their full potential in education. At Manchester Academy, we seek support from parents/carers to ensure your child attends **on time, every day**. We are always pleased to work with you to resolve any difficulties but we are also committed to improving attendance levels.

The **target attendance figure** for all pupils is a **minimum of 97% attendance**. Based on current attendance figures your child will be placed in one of the following groups below:



Your child will be informed of their **Attendance Group** by their form tutor. Manchester Academy monitors students whose attendance is falling and will contact you if this does not improve. As a parent/carer you are committing an offence if you fail to ensure that your child attends regularly and punctually. Even if they're missing school without your knowledge. It's important that parents/carers monitor single day absences, these days soon add up to weeks.



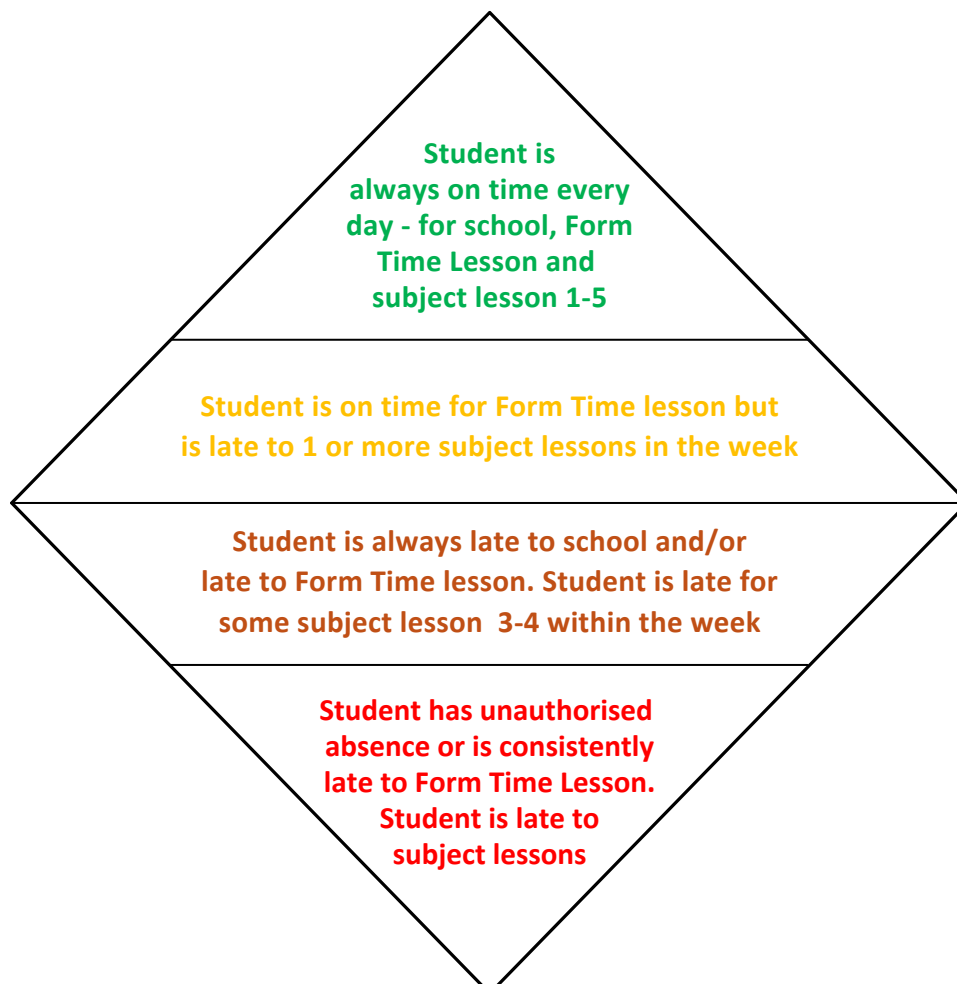
When absent from Form time lesson and/or subject lessons your child is missing important information from staff or outside visitors.

Form time lessons are key to support students in their Personal Development which is linked to Character and Culture lessons, through PSHE and Awareness Days.

Revision skills, personal statements, apprenticeship, and collage information/applications are all part of Form time lessons. Outside visitors may attend assemblies and provide key information to students about careers and work experience.

If your child is late to lessons, they will miss starter activities which link to the main content of each lesson. Subject knowledge and understanding will be missed, effecting independent work, revision in lessons, and independent learning.

**There's no excuse for a student at Manchester Academy to be late for school, Form time lessons, or their subject lessons.**



At Manchester Academy we **reward** students who **attend every day, on time** and those **improving** their attendance.

If you're concerned about our '**Focus on Attendance**' there are some important steps you can take:

- Ensure your child attends **every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn**. Form time **begins at 8.30am** and all pupils need to be **onsite by 8.20am**. Students arriving after 8.30am may be marked absent and will require a note. A free '**Magic Breakfast**' is available for all students from **8am**.
- Ensure the Academy has **up to date addresses and telephone numbers**. We will contact you if your child is absent and you have not contacted the Academy.
- If your child is ill, contact the Academy on the **first day of absence** and provide a note on their return to the Academy.
- If you wish to check that your child has arrived at the Academy, contact the Academy's **Attendance Officers: Mr Clarke and Mr Campbell**.
- If you do not contact the Academy about an absence, it will be **un-authorised**. You will be asked to provide **medical certificates** if your child has a poor attendance record.
- Ensure that medical appointments are made **outside** of Academy time. Holidays should **not** be taken in Academy time. Any Leave of Absence can **only** be agreed by the Principal and where there are exceptional circumstances.
- **Respond** to letters or telephone calls regarding attendance and punctuality.
- Contact your child's **Form tutor** if you're experiencing difficulty with getting them to attend the Academy.







## ATTITUDE TO LEARNING 1 - ATL1 STUDENTS

- Are **proud** of their Academy and are **role models** for other students at **all times**.
- Wear their uniform with **pride every day**.
- Are **ambassadors** for the Academy.
- Attend **regularly** and are **punctual every day**.
- Engage in a range of Academy **enrichment opportunities**.
- Are **friendly** and treat **all members** of the Manchester Academy community with **kindness, respect, and tolerance**.
- Take full **responsibility** for their own learning including assessment and take pride in producing **quality work** that is always **well presented**.
- Thrive on challenge and demonstrate an **eagerness to learn**, both in the classroom and beyond.
- Make every effort to do their **best** in assessments and tests by attending revision sessions and completing all tasks to a **high standard**.
- Work with all staff and students to build **positive relationships** that support **outstanding** learning and teaching.
- Engage fully with any support offered to **improve** their learning.

**At the end of each half-term, every student is given an ATL Grade for each subject they study. Rewards are given to Manchester Academy ATL1 Students!**





## KEY STAGE 3 - KS3

LESSON	START	FINISH
FORM TIME	8.30	9.00
PERIOD 1	9.00	10.00
BREAK	10.00	10.20
PERIOD 2	10.20	11.20
PERIOD 3	11.20	12.20
LUNCH	12.20	13.00
PERIOD 4	13.00	14.00
PERIOD 5	14.00	15.00

## SEPTEMBER 3RD - YEAR 7 FIRST DAY OF TERM

- Year 7 students start at **8:30am** and will come straight up to the hall.
- You **do not** need to buy a tie as you will be given a new tie on your first day.
- Your entrance and exit to school is the **rear car park on Denmark Road**.
- Your outdoor clothing is to be taken off once inside the building.
- Bring a bag to keep your belongings in - equipment, textbooks, exercise books.
- You should have your own **basic equipment** for lessons - pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and calculator.
- There is a **one-way system** for all students and staff to follow. Please keep to this one-way system at **all times**.
- You must behave well at all times and follow **The MA Way** at all times!



**Each morning Manchester Academy students enjoy a FREE Magic Breakfast to kick-start their morning and fuel their day!**

At Manchester Academy, we believe the old saying that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. By offering a free breakfast each morning, we ensure our students get the fuel they need to focus, learn, and thrive.

Magic Breakfast ensures our students start their day the right way! With the fuel they need to tackle their most important lessons at school. Students have a choice of toast, bagels, crumpets, beans on toast, and a selection of cereals.



# MAGIC BREAKFAST

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**8:00-8:25**

**EVERY WEEK!**

Fuel for learning, for all our students!







<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>		
Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET DAY 1	Only Staff in School <b>YEAR</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd September 2024</b>	<b>First day of term (Year 7 only)</b>	<b>7 ONLY IN SCHOOL ALL</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th September 2024</b>	<b>Back to school (all other years)</b>	<b>YEARS IN SCHOOL All</b>
Friday 18th October 2024	Last Day of Term	students still in school
<b>Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2024</b>		<b>Half-Term All students</b>
Monday 28th October 2024	School Re-Opens	back in school Only Staff in
Thursday 28th November 2024	INSET DAY 2	School
Friday 29th November 2024	PLANNING DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>		
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 7th February 2025	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 14th February 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 24th February 2025	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Monday 31st March 2025	PLANNING DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Tuesday 1st April 2025	INSET DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Friday 4th April 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025</b>		<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of term	All students still in school
<b>Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 21st July 2025	INSET DAY 4	Disaggregated to twilight
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET DAY 5	Disaggregated to twilight

School Holidays	School Closed to Students
INSET/Planning Days	School Closed to Students

**Academic Year 2024/25 Bank Holidays (school closed):**

Christmas Day - 25/12/2024  
 Boxing Day - 26/12/2024  
 New Year's Day - 01/01/2025  
 Good Friday - 18/05/2025  
 Easter Monday - 21/04/2025  
 May Day - 05/05/2025  
 Spring Holiday - 26/05/2025  
 Summer Holiday 25/08/2025



**The following Bus Services run close to Manchester Academy - More information can be found at [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com)**

**Stagecoach Service 15** - Flixton, Davyhulme, Urmston, Stretford, Firswood, Manchester

**Go-Ahead Service 18** - Langley, Middleton, Alkrington, Blackley, Harpurhey, Collyhurst, Manchester

**Go-Ahead Service 41** - Sale, Sale Moor, Northern Moor, Northenden, West Didsbury, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 42** - Stockport, Heaton Mersey, East Didsbury, Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 42A** - Reddish, Heaton Chapel, Heaton Mersey, East Didsbury, Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 42B** - Woodford, Bramhall, Cheadle, East Didsbury, Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach service 43** - Wythenshawe, Benchill, Sharston Northenden, West Didsbury, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Go-Ahead Service 53** - Cheetham Hill, Blackley, Harpurhey, Collyhurst, Beswick, Gorton, Longsight, Hulme, Pendleton

**Stagecoach Service 111** - Southern Cemetery, West Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 142** - East Didsbury, Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 143** - West Didsbury, Fallowfield, Manchester

**Stagecoach Service 147** - Manchester

**First Service V1** - Leigh, Tyldesley, Mosley Common, Ellenbrook, Worsley, Swinton, Pendleton, Salford, Manchester

**First Service V2** - Atherton, Tyldesley, Mosley Common, Ellenbrook, Worsley, Swinton, Pendleton, Salford, Manchester

## Bus Fares Information

Students will need to show an IGO pass to travel at the reduced fare. If students do not have an IGO pass, they will have to pay a higher fare. The IGO pass must be carried on all journeys and shown to the driver before paying the fare.

**More information on IGO and an application form to get an IGO pass is on the Transport for Greater Manchester website:**



**You may be entitled to free travel to and from school if you:**

- Are under 8 years old and live more than 2 miles from nearest qualifying school.
- Are aged 8-16 years old and live more than 3 miles from nearest qualifying school.

**Your child may qualify for free travel if they are eligible for free school meals or if the parents receives their maximum level of Working Tax Credit. If so the following applies:**

- Are under 11 years old and live more than two miles from nearest qualifying school.
- Are aged 11-16 years old and live between two and six miles from attended school, if there are not three or more nearer qualifying schools.
- Are aged 11-16 years old and live between two and 15 miles from your nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief.

**Further information on eligibility for free school travel may be found at:**





At Manchester Academy our department is responsible for coordinating the assessment and support for students with additional educational needs.

**We help many students in a variety of ways ranging from in class strategies (universal approach) to more targeted interventions (targeted approach)**

### **Universal Approach**

We work closely with the teaching and learning team to make sure that your time in the classroom is valuable and accessible. These are strategies that are available to all.

Examples of these strategies include: using mini whiteboards, having solid routines and structure to lessons, modelling examples before you practice independently.

If there are certain specific strategies that help you with your learning, you will have a Pupil Passport in place which has useful information for teachers and support staff to help you in your learning.

### **Targeted Approach**

For some students it may be appropriate to have some additional support in place. We break these down into the 4 areas of need. These are listed below:

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<p><b>Communication and Interaction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech and Language therapy.</li> <li>• Social skills groups.</li> <li>• Lego Therapy.</li> <li>• Personal Life skills, preparing for adulthood and transitions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cognition and Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Vocabulary building.</li> <li>• Reading and writing programmes e.g. Lexia.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social, Emotional and Mental Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Therapy.</li> <li>• Emotional Regulation and Relaxation.</li> <li>• Art Therapy.</li> <li>• Mental Health First Aid.</li> <li>• Pet Therapy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sensory and/or Physical Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensory aids and support.</li> <li>• Sensory room and quiet room.</li> <li>• Sensory circuits.</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy.</li> </ul>

**If you have any questions about the SEND department you can email our SENCO at:**  
**[kate.dowden@manchester-academy.org](mailto:kate.dowden@manchester-academy.org)**



We're launching the **Arbor Parent Portal** and the associated parent phone app now to ensure that parents can access important information about their children and request updates to the details we hold for you on our systems.

If you are having issues with setting up the app, please contact us:

[arbor@manchester-academy.org](mailto:arbor@manchester-academy.org)

### What information can I see about my child on Arbor Parent Portal:

- Payments - make payments for trips and top up your child's lunch money.
- Attendance Data AM/PM summary and ability to download an attendance certificate.
- Achievement Data - Total achievement points/incidents by year/term.
- Behaviour Data - Total Behaviour points/incidents by year/term.
- Activities Data - Currently displaying school clubs (Eventually to show trips/visits)
- Timetable/Lesson Data - Lesson information for the day and full student timetable.
- Assessment Data - Copies of any reports sent this academic year can be downloaded.
- Exams Data - Schedule of exams at times of the year.
- Student Details - Key contact information and other student details held on Arbor for your child with ability to request changes.
- Student Consents - Displays current consents.
- Independent Learning.

Statistics		
<b>Attendance (2021/2022)</b> <b>100%</b> 100% Year 100% Last 4 weeks	<b>Behaviour Points - this term</b> <b>5</b> This year: 25 points Last term: 20 points	<b>Achievement Points - this term</b> <b>20</b> This year: 200 points Last term: 180 points
<b>Positive Behavioural Incidents - this term</b> <b>2</b> This year: 16 incidents Last term: 14 incidents	<b>Negative Behavioural Incidents - this term</b> <b>1</b> This year: 4 incidents Last term: 3 incidents	



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