

KS4 Curriculum

All young people admitted to Manchester Secondary PRU have been permanently excluded from mainstream schools or are at risk of exclusion/disaffection. The school aims, therefore, to balance the teaching of national Curriculum subjects with other work to support young people in their personal, social and emotional development. Many pupils referred to the Manchester Secondary PRU arrive part way through their GCSE years, our aim therefore is to work with each young person to identify their priority needs in terms of learning and social development and to provide a tailored curriculum which best meets these needs and where possible builds on their achievements from mainstream.

The KS4 curriculum:

- Is planned to take account of national, local and individual priorities;
- Provides access for pupils to a broad and balanced curriculum and all its experiences
- Promotes spiritual, moral, social and cultural, as well as both academic and physical development;
- Offers opportunities to acquire and develop key skills to equip our young people for current and future roles
- Offers the opportunity to gain accreditation matched to ability whenever appropriate and available;
- Prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of adult life.

Our aim is to help young people in Manchester Secondary PRU to fulfil their potential and enable them to take appropriate exams or achieve nation accreditation.

All young people follow a personalised programme which aims to meet their individual needs. Where appropriate at Key Stage 4 they follow accredited courses in English, Maths, Science, ICT, Art and Design, Citizenship and BTEC Sport. Some students have a reduced academic offer with a greater focus on personal and social development. On initial referral to the PRU all students are expected to be able to achieve a GCSE unless their prior attainment levels suggest this is unlikely. Consequently the vast majority of the accreditation achieved is at GCSE or GCSE equivalent level. If students are unlikely or unable to achieve a full GCSE other alternatives such as Functional Skills or Entry Level qualifications are offered alongside the GCSE. The details of the range of qualifications offered are in the table below. To allow us to offer the most appropriate curriculum we have a number of in-house and commissioned Alternative Provision programmes as well as a partnership with Manchester High Schools.

Academic offer

Core PRU Centres:

English, mathematics, science, ICT, art and design, citizenship and BTEC Sport

Partnership with Manchester College – Route 43/53

English, mathematics, science, ICT, art and design, and citizenship

In-house Personalised Learning Programmes:

For some students, particularly those who struggle to engage in education, a full-time academic curriculum is not appropriate. In these cases a highly tailored programme is designed with the intention of re-engaging the student. Where appropriate, accreditation up to and including GCSEs in the core subjects form part of this offer.

Commissioned Alternative Providers – Manchester Young Lives/Edstart/Manchester College (Openshaw)/Music Staff

All commissioned providers are required to offer qualifications in English, mathematics, science and ICT. They are then required to design a curriculum which reflect their strengths and meet the needs of the young people who are referred to them. In 2016/17 this includes art and design, citizenship, RE and Sport.

Commissioned Alternative Providers – Together Trust KS4 (Vocational Offer)

This commission is undertaken on behalf of the Local Authority and is designed to meet the needs of students with Special Educational Needs and Disability who have, or need, an Educational Health and Care Plan but for whom the Local Authority does not have the capacity to provide specialist provision. This is a highly vocational offer with students studying functional English, mathematics and ICT as well as one vocational qualification from Hair and Beauty, Sport, Construction or Catering.

Partnership with Manchester High Schools – School Guests

In this partnership, students are single registered with the Manchester Secondary PRU but receive their education in partnership with one of the Manchester High Schools, giving the student a personalised programme and allowing access to a range of GCSE or other equivalent qualifications.

Personal Development offer

In addition to the academic offer provided through our core centres or our commissioned providers, young people participate in a range of personal development and enrichment opportunities. These important enrichment areas encourage the development of social as well as physical skills and provide opportunities to assess pupil's progress in improving their personal and social development. Examples of these include a sports carousel programme, a vocational skills carousel, careers education/information and guidance, and wider arts opportunities. In 2016 we have expanded our offer to include the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Throughout Key Stages 4, our personal development programme focuses upon key issues salient to living in a multi-cultural community, as well as supporting individuals in their learning.

Curriculum Offer 2016 - 2017

KS4 Externally Validated Qualifications:

Subject	Qualifications offered
English (3)	AQA New GCSE English Language and Literature (if appropriate); Functional Skills Level 1/2; Entry Level 1/2/3
Maths (3)	Edexcel New GCSE Mathematics; Functional Skills Level 1/2; Entry Level 1/2/3
Science (2)	Year 11: Edexcel legacy GCSE Core Science; Year 10: New GCSE Biology (plus Physics and Chemistry)
ICT (2)	Edexcel Legacy GCSE ICT; Functional Skills ICT
Art and Design (2.5)	Year 11: AQA Legacy Full GCSE Art and Design; AQA Short Course GCSE Year 10: AQA New GCSE Art and Design;
Citizenship (2)	Year 11: AQA Legacy GCSE Citizenship
Sport (2)	Year 11: Level 1 and 2 BTEC Sport and Active Leisure Year 10: Level 1 BTEC Sport and Active Leisure

Non-accredited curriculum content

Subject	Description
Vocational carousel (3)	In partnership with Manchester College - 6 vocational subjects (eg Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Cookery, ...) accessed on a 6 week rotation.
Universal Sport (3)	In partnership with Sporting Pathways – A programme of sport and leisure based activities
Creative and Performing Arts (3)	In partnership with Unity Arts – A carousel of Arts subjects (eg Circus skills, Graffiti/Street Art, ...)
PSED (2.5)	A programme which deals with issues of personal development, health and relationships as well as personal effectiveness and careers education.