



Independent School – background information for applicants

Manchester Young Lives [MYL] has been providing alternative education since 1998 with our school achieving Independent School Status in 2010. We are an inclusive school and believe all of our students can learn, make progress and achieve success in life. We see it as our responsibility, working in partnership with families, to provide the opportunities and environment that supports and nurtures a love of learning in all our students. We are on a journey which is focussed on raising standards across all areas of the school to ensure we provide a stable, secure and rewarding experience for every student who engages with us.

We embrace challenge and aim to develop students that not only achieve success academically but also achieve a successful transition to adulthood.

Our school can provide for up to 55 students attending full time. The school works in an exclusive partnership with Manchester Secondary Pupil Referral Unit taking students who are not attending mainstream school for a variety of reasons including permanent exclusion, chronic school non-attenders or are vulnerable and are the subject of multi-agency concern. Our students have a range of learning abilities and many present with challenging behaviour.

We provide a supportive learning environment where students can re-engage with learning whilst also addressing the wider barriers that have contributed to their disengagement from mainstream education. Students work in small groups with teaching staff following Key Stages 3 and 4 curriculum in English, Maths, Science and IT. We aim for a return to mainstream school wherever possible and for each student to achieve GCSE success. Our curriculum includes a wide range of enrichment activities such as performing arts, sports, educational visits and work experience.

Provision is based at three sites: the A6 Young People's Centre in Ardwick, The Addy Young People's Centre in Wythenshawe offering Year 10 and 11 provision and Moss Side Adventure Playground, which caters for Year 9 students. Each site offers a range of adventure play and sports provision which students can access outside of school. The A6 centre also benefits from a purpose-built fitness centre.

MYL wish to appoint a Higher Level Teaching Assistant to work as part of our aforementioned alternative school team providing a structured education and personal support and development programme to young people.

The successful candidate will work to implement agreed work programs with individuals & groups, in or out of the classroom. They will undertake specified timetabled lesson delivery as directed and provide cover for lesson delivery for students at KS3 & KS4 as required. This post will provide intensive mentoring focused on addressing barriers to learning for young people for them to achieve their full potential. The successful candidate will encourage students to become independent learners, provide support for their welfare, and support the inclusion of students in all aspects of school life.

Previous experience of working with SEMH and/or in a PRU or inner city schools setting would be advantageous but not essential for this role.

The school is part of Manchester Young Lives, a charity that has been working with children and young people in the city since 1970.