

## Independent School – background information for applicants

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 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.

We provide a supportive learning environment where students are able to re-engage with learning while at the same time we work with them to address wider barriers which 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, and Science & 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 Peoples 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 out of school. The A6 centre benefits from a purpose built fitness centre.

We wish to appoint a School Cook to work under the Centre manager at our Wythenshawe centre to organise and control the efficient production of quality food within the allowed budget whilst maintaining high standards of cleanliness and hygiene.

Previous experience of working in a PRU or of inner city schools 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.

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