



## Welcome to Manor College

I have led Manor College since April 2017, but prior to this I have been involved with leading, managing and teaching in the Sixth Form since 1991. I believe that my dedication to the students of Manor Academy and the community it serves is unquestionable, and, throughout my time in the school, providing the highest quality education to our Sixth Form students has always been my passion.

In my opinion, it is a privilege to work on a day-to-day basis with our Post 16 students. High quality teaching and learning, leading to academic success will always be our priority. Whilst recent A Level examination results have been very pleasing, we will relentlessly drive to improve on our results, so that Manor College students gain access to the best Higher Education and career opportunities available to them. This, quite simply, is our aim in Manor College.



Mr J Sully - Head of Manor College

“The sixth form is well led. Students achieve well in their A levels and vocational qualifications.  
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“The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in the sixth form is good.”  
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## Ethos and Values

Manor College, the Academy’s Sixth Form, delivers high quality provision to ensure success for all post 16 students.

It is our aim for students to be successful in the courses they choose, to be confident in their abilities and to be happy, well-informed, responsible young people. Students will be guided by experienced post-16 tutors, and taught by a team of dedicated teachers who are passionate about their subjects. Teaching groups will be small to allow for individual support and students and parents will be regularly informed about progress and academic achievement. Our focus is on examination success, at A Level and in vocational subjects, and facilitating progress to higher education, apprenticeships and employment is our principal aim.

Manor College, like the rest of the Academy, is part of the Two Counties, Multi-Academy Trust, which supports the teaching and learning and gives students access to a wider choice of courses and combinations of subjects.

“The sixth form leader has skilfully created a strong community spirit between the students in Years 12 and 13.”  
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# Support with your future

## Career Pathways

There are those students who know exactly what they'd like to do after leaving Manor College. For others, deciding what to do next can be a difficult decision. We will support you in making that all-important decision and give you the guidance you need to succeed. Your decisions about your future will be supported by your tutor, the Head of Sixth Form and a Careers Adviser who is on hand in the Manor College Base for 2 days every week.

**Study a Higher Education qualification at a University or College:** At Manor College, we will do everything in our power to ensure that your entry to higher or further education is facilitated. We hold regular UCAS workshops for students to get support with their personal statements and university applications, and we organise presentations and visits to numerous universities all over the country to ensure our students are well informed and confident about their choice of university. There will be a visit to the UCAS fair, where all the major universities in the country will be represented, and there are presentations for students and parents on student finance and practical elements of "surviving university".

**Go on to an Apprenticeship:** If you choose to go on to an Apprenticeship, you'll get the chance to learn hands-on skills, earn money and gain qualifications such as an NVQ, Functional Skills and a technical certificate. We will also support you if you choose to pursue a Degree Level Apprenticeship, where an employer will sponsor you through university. We can give you guidance about which business sector best suits your skills and help you find the right apprenticeship for you, as well offering guidance and support with your applications. There are visits to the National Apprenticeships Fair, presentations on how to get an apprenticeship and visits from local employers such as Rolls Royce.

**Get a job:** If you're hoping to go straight into full-time employment after Manor College, we will help you tailor your skills and guide you in the right direction to finding a job you'll love. Manor College offers a number of workshops where students can build and improve their CV's, practise their interview skills and get help and advice when completing job applications.



# Courses

To find out more information about the entry requirements and the courses available at Manor College, please see our course guide, which is available via the school website.

Before beginning your courses, you will be interviewed by tutors or the Head of Sixth Form to ensure your chosen qualifications are suitable for you, and your ambitions for Higher Education and careers.

The following courses are available subject to student option numbers.

### A Levels

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- English Literature
- English Language
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Mathematics

- Core Mathematics
- RE and Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

### L2 and L3 Vocational Qualifications

- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Health and Social Care
- Applied Science

"The proportion of students who move on to further/higher education, employment and training is higher than the national average."  
Ofsted 2018

"Completion and retention rates are good. This is because the curriculum is increasingly well tailored to students' needs."  
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## Extra Curricular

### Head & Deputy Head, Boy & Girl

As a member of Manor College, you will have the opportunity to apply to be Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy, Head Girl or Deputy Head Girl. This is a senior role where you will be expected to represent the views of Sixth Form students in the school senate and in regular meetings with the Head of Sixth Form. You will also be expected to present to parents at school events, speak to governors, discuss teaching and learning and organise Sixth Form trips and charity events. Although it is a big responsibility, it is also a position which will benefit you in applications for university and careers.

### Work Experience and Volunteering

Students in Year 12 have the opportunity to take part in meaningful, regular work experience placements, which should help you in your chosen areas of study at university, or in gaining apprenticeship and employment places. You will be supported in your choice of work experience by your tutor, the Head of Sixth Form and the Careers Adviser who is based in Manor College for two days per week. All work experience placements have

been safety checked and used successfully by schools across the Two Counties Trust.

Manor College students also have the opportunity to take part in volunteering work in Manor Academy and in local primary schools. This involves you doing a variety of volunteering activities such as helping teachers in lessons supporting students, helping with displays, administrative duties, or in PE where you help run the PE lessons.

Your wider profile of employability skills will also be developed through PSHE activities and a nationally recognised Leadership qualification.

Alongside their academic subjects, students participate in enrichment activities including, sporting fixtures, such as the Sixth Form football team, numerous subject-based trips and a very popular visit to Hagg Farm, an outdoor pursuits centre in the Peak District. Manor College students have their very own building which includes a suite of computers, a private study room and social area. They also have access to the Academy's extensive facilities which includes free membership of the sports centre and fitness suite, library and café.



“The quality of impartial careers advice and guidance is much improved. Students currently in Year 13 reported that it is now a strength of the sixth form. Students now receive good-quality information about alternative pathways to employment to complement the strong support provided to university applicants. As in the main school, students benefit from good provision for work experience. They are supported well in securing appropriate placements.”

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## Former Students

I attended Manor College between 2013-2015 studying Business, English Literature, History and Maths. During my time there, Manor Sixth Form helped develop my analytical skills, communication skills and time keeping ability all of which now play a critical role in my day to day tasks. The teachers offered their continual support throughout the two years, providing guidance and skill development when needed.

Alongside the day to day teaching, assistance and support in creating cover letters and CV's were also provided, which are key skills that will be required throughout your life to help you excel within your career.

Rather than opting to go to university following my A levels, I chose the apprenticeship route and was lucky enough to secure myself a place on a Finance Apprenticeship scheme at Experian. Ultimately my aim is to become a chartered Management Accountant.

Charlotte Hinds

Manor College was a great step up from finishing my GCSE's and preparing me for the future, in a familiar environment surrounded by friends; it helped me make that progression into A levels. The increased independence in studying and closer relationships with teachers helped guide me through my chosen subjects, which eventually led to the chance of going to University. I have now finished my 3 year degree in Sports Management and will begin applying for full-time employment, with a wider range of possibilities in my chosen field.

Joseph Wathall

I attended The Manor Sixth Form from 2013 to 2015, studying Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English Literature. The Manor provided me with a friendly and nurturing environment where I could pursue my studies, and develop my interests and the skills I needed to carry my interests further. During my university application process, the Manor offered me tailored advice on my personal statement, which really helped me secure an interview with the universities I applied to.

Since leaving the Manor I have gone on to study an MSci in Physics with Particle Physics at Royal Holloway, University of London, which is one of the leading colleges in the country for physics. Whilst at Royal Holloway I have worked with world-class research groups in Accelerator and Particle Physics, and have already experienced working within a research group. After my degree I hope to go on to study a PhD in Theoretical Particle Physics, as I have a huge interest in Grand Unification Theories.

Simon Williams

Attending the Manor College was fundamental to my success in attending Newcastle University to study English Literature. The provision and quality of teaching were excellent, resulting in my achievement of (and in the case of English, exceeding!) the grade requirements for my application to a Russell Group university. Manor College supported me with personal issues; offered constructive feedback on my personal statement; and gave hands on coursework and exam preparation. I particularly liked the accessibility of contact time with teachers, along with the personal connection you could form with them over the two years: they knew me as an individual rather than 'a student', and thus had knowledge of how to optimise my success. Even since leaving Manor, I haven't broken contact with my former teachers. They still support and advise me with my degree, forming an integral part of my education!

Jade Riggs

“Students say they value the extra help provided within and beyond their timetabled lessons.”

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“Safeguarding arrangements for sixth-form students are effective.”

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“Students’ learning benefits from the strong and productive relationships they have with each other and with their teachers.”

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