

2024/2025 Offer

The Manchester Schools' Alliance (MSA) is a key part of Manchester's self-improving school system. The MSA is a not-for-profit company based on cooperative principles, creating a partnership led by schools to provide a distinctive Manchester voice for education. It provides a powerful presence for Manchester schools in all key decision-making affecting education in the City and supports schools in their drive to help Manchester children and young people to be the best they can be. Membership is open to all schools in the City. The MSA works with key partners in Manchester and in the region.

Benefits of membership include the following

(click on each heading for further details)

Getting Manchester Talking! Conference

This year's conference will focus on oracy through the curriculum. Keynote speakers include Cambridge Professor Neil Mercer, Ofsted and Voice 21. Alongside the keynotes, delegates will have the opportunity to attend one of 4 workshops related to oracy education. The conference will be open to SLT from across all phases. There will also be a discounted rate available for an overnight stay.

Subject Lead Annual Conferences

ICT ★ **MFL** ★ **PSHE**

The aim of these half-day events, is to provide subject leads with an overview of the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective subject lead and provide the time and opportunity to meet and connect with other colleagues from across the city.

SLT & Middle Leader Curriculum Development Sessions

Following excellent feedback from the 23/24 webinars, Mel Hooson will be delivering 6 face-to face twilight sessions for senior leadership teams and 6 virtual sessions for middle leaders. The face-to-face sessions will involve 90 minutes of input on the theory, followed by 90 minutes of supported workshop time to allow senior leadership teams to put the theory into practice. The sessions will be heavily subsidised by the MSA and will cost just £100 per school for the full series. The 90-minute virtual sessions will take middle leaders from intent through to implementation with intersessional tasks.

Primary Science Lead Network

Working in partnership with the University of Manchester Science & Engineering in Education Innovation Hub (SEERIH), the MSA has set-up a Manchester Science Lead Network that meets 3 times per year. Network schools also have access to other UoM CPD offers, priority invites and conferences. Subsidised by the MSA, this costs just £50 per year to join.

Voice 21 Taster Sessions

Voice 21 is coming to Manchester to deliver taster sessions focussing on the impact of high-quality oracy education on different groups, building a culture of oracy and an ambitious vision for oracy.

Full Access to FFT Aspire

Access a range of Fischer Family Trust (FFT) data dashboards and reports to support your school. This includes target setting, tracking progress, attendance tracking, assessment, self-evaluation, benchmarking and intervention support.

Employee Assistance Programme for staff

All staff receive access to a 24-hour telephone counselling and advice support service, telephone & face to face counselling sessions, CBT and access to extensive wellbeing resources through the 'Wisdom' app.

Other Conferences, Training & Events

The MSA will respond to priorities and need identified in the city throughout the year. Previous topics have included curriculum development, using FFT, handling parental complaints and adaptive teaching.

Headteacher Support

The MSA headteacher 'buddy' system will continue to be offered to all new heads that would like to be matched up with an informal 'buddy.' A programme of events across the year is also being developed for new heads starting with a 'Welcome to Manchester' meeting in September.

Access to and/ or information from a number of MSA supported groups

Strategic Education Partnership Board

Primary Strategy Group

Safeguarding Strategy Group

Special School Heads Group

Special School Partnership

Manchester Secondary Collaborative

District Heads Groups

Governors

The MSA aims to support Manchester governors in their role by responding to key priorities and issues identified across the city. Previous topics have included safeguarding, handling complaints and finance.

All for only £1.65 per pupil

(excl. nursery, min. 130 pupil number)

To purchase FFT and the Employee Assistance Programme directly, it would cost an average 300 pupil primary £1505 compared to just £495 to join the MSA. An average 600 pupil primary, £2900 for just FFT/EAP yet only £990 to join the MSA. An average 1000 pupil secondary would pay £4010 for just access to FFT and the EAP but will receive full access and all of the other benefits of the MSA for just £1650!

MSA Calendar of Events 2024/25

Month	Events
September 2024	Thurs 12 th – New Headteachers Session 1 Thurs 12 th - EAP Overview Webinar (PM) Tues 17 th – EAP Overview Webinar (AM) Weds 18 th – SLT Curriculum Session 1 (Mel Hooson)
October 2024	Tues 1 st – FFT Overview Session Thurs 10 th - Get Manchester Talking Conference Weds 16 th – SLT Curriculum Session 2 (Mel Hooson) Thurs 31 st – New Headteachers Session 2
November 2024	Tues 12 th – SEERIH Science Lead Network Weds 20 th – SLT Curriculum Session 3 (Mel Hooson) TBC - ICT Subject Lead Network
December 2024	Thurs 5 th - New Headteachers Session 3
January 2025	Weds 15 th – SLT Curriculum Session 4 (Mel Hooson) Weds 29 th – Voice 21 Taster Sessions
February 2025	Tues 4 th - New Headteachers Session 4 Weds 5 th - MFL Subject Lead Network Weds 5 th – SLT Curriculum Session 5 (Mel Hooson)
March 2025	Tues 4 th - SEERIH Science Lead Network Weds 12 th – SLT Curriculum Session 6 (Mel Hooson)
April 2025	Thurs 3 rd – New Headteachers Session 5
May 2025	TBC - PSHE Subject Lead Network Thurs 22 nd – New Headteachers Session 6
June 2025	
July 2025	Tues 1 st - SEERIH Science Lead Network

Further dates to be confirmed ASAP.