

Manor Academy

Youth Challenge Award

Previously Manor Academy offered this award through the UK Youth programme; however we have now decided to deliver this award ourselves, in connection with a number of nationally recognised qualifications.

When pupils enter Year 10 at Manor, they are given a compulsory option of the Youth Challenge Award. This award has been extremely successful over the last few years at Manor and the pupils are always looking forward to the new and exciting activities that take place throughout the year.

The main aim and reason why we deliver this programme is to develop the confidence, organisation, teamwork skills and self-esteem that many of our pupils do not regularly present. They will face challenges that will allow them to overcome their personal fears and take part in some activities and fun activities.

The Youth Challenge programme now includes the following activities

Canoeing & Kayaking (British Canoeing Union 1 Star Award)

Rock Climbing (NICAS- National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme)

Sports Leadership (Pupils will train to deliver a Primary School Sports Event)

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (This involves map reading, orienteering, camping, walking, cooking, expeditions and more)

When pupils enter Year 10 they start the course from day 1 and it is non-stop until the end of the school year. Pupils will need different equipment for all of the activities in Youth Challenge and this will be sent to parents at the end of the Year 9. Pupils should always bring their school uniform as this is what they will change into when the activities are finished.

Here is a quote to summarise how beneficial Youth Challenge can be to you;

“Young people reported improved life and employability skills with them feeling more confident, showing commitment and dedication to the challenges provided to them and increasing their ability to concentrate and work with others. Young people also increased their social networks through peer bonding and working with adults and reported higher levels of aspiration and more motivation. Some young people were able to reintegrate back into school or found jobs because of their achieved accreditation/s”.

