

Dear Resident

Welcome to the University of Manchester, and especially to St Gabriel's Hall which will be your home from home for the next academic year. You have become part of a dynamic and active community of about 100 students from all over the world, and part of the larger community within Manchester.

To help you during your time here at St Gabriel's (often referred to as Gabs!) we have the Residential Life Team (ResLife). Members of the team are assigned to each of the flats and blocks and you will meet your flat/block Advisor within the first few days after arriving at the hall. We are here to help with any questions or problems relating to your accommodation and general living situation, promote Health and Safety awareness and also to uphold conduct standards so that everyone can enjoy a comfortable and pleasant environment in which to live, relax and of course to study.

Your flat or block Residential Life Advisor (RLA) will be your primary contact during your time at St Gabriel's and will visit you regularly to check things are going ok and to pass on important information. Their contact details will be made available to you when you move into the Hall.

The Reception at Hulme Hall is open from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and for urgent or emergency issues, you can also contact the Duty RLA between 6pm – 8am Monday-Friday and all day at weekends/Bank Holidays on 0799 080 2704. Throughout the year we will also be posting news and information on our new official Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/StGabriels2018/ and you can find more key information in your Gabs handbook which will be given to you when you move in.

Before arriving in Manchester, please familiarise yourself with the Residences Guide and the Terms and Conditions of Residence which contain a lot of useful information as well as advising you on things like what you can and cannot bring to Halls, and guidelines on acceptable behaviour and conduct whilst living in Halls. These are available for you to read on the Accommodation website at www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk - by accepting your place you are agreeing to abide by these regulations.

Your Halls' Residents' Association (known as the JCR) will be set up at the start of the year and we will be looking for volunteers to come forward to organise events, trips and sports for our residents. Getting involved with your JCR is a great opportunity to meet lots of people, get involved with all sorts of events and gain some good experience for your future career - I would urge you put yourself forward! Past events have included talent shows, masquerade balls, trips out, and sports days – you can find more information at <https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/halls>.

If you have any questions before you arrive, please feel free to email us at Katie.urnevitch@manchester.ac.uk and/or Julia.lawson@manchester.ac.uk – you can find answers to the most common queries on the Accommodation website (link above).

On behalf of the ResLife Team we hope that you will enjoy your time living in St Gabriel's Hall, and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Urnevitch and Julia Lawson
Residential Life Officer (RLO) and Deputy Residential Life Officer.