

Manchester Live: Why Manchester (transcript)

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Hi everyone. Thank you so much for watching this webinar today, talking about Manchester and why you might want to join us. My name is Laura and I've been working at the University as a graduate intern since I graduated in July 2018. So coming up to two years now. I studied Spanish and French at Manchester and I had such a fantastic time there.

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So this is why it's great to be able to share kind of what makes Manchester special with you. Usually, my role at the University, I travel around the country giving out information, advice and guidance in schools and colleges, but obviously at the moment that's not possible. So we're super grateful for all you guys still engaging with us as much as possible through the webinars. And so before we start today, I just want to check that you can all hear me.

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So on the right of your screen you should see a sort of toolbar, and there should be a hand symbol.

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So if you can hear me okay, could you please press that hand button? I can see a few hands coming up. That's good. And can I also ask, if you can see the screen, you should see the university looking all pretty, and you should see a Why Manchester sign. If you can see that, please do the same. Okay?

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Okay, that's great. I can see lots of hands coming up. That's fantastic.

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So we'll get started.

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So, I'm going to start with, obviously the university and what makes us different and what makes us special. Then I'm going to move on to talk about teaching and learning at the University. We're then going to talk about the student experience, and finally a bit about the city, okay?

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Okay so quite a few of you are putting your hand up. If it's really bad or quite poor do let us know.

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So to start off we're going to talk about the university.

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We've got so many famous alumni from the University of Manchester and we're really proud of that and we think it makes us a really special place to be part of and to be studying at. And so our first graduate it is Christabel Pankhurst. She's famously the daughter of Emmeline

Pankhurst, the leader of the suffragette movement. She graduated in 1906 and she received a law degree. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to practice law

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At the time, but it was a really pivotal moment, her being the first woman to graduate from the University. Secondly we've got Ernest Rutherford. You might have heard of him. He split the atom in 1917 and won the Nobel Prize for that as well.

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So we're now going to move on to Tom Kilburn and Freddie Williams. They designed the first stored program computer, and it was called the baby. If any of you are wanting to study computer science at University, you might be studying in the Kilburn building which was named after him.

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And we've also got Bernhard Lovell. So in 1957, he built the world's largest steerable telescope at Jodrell Bank, which is just outside Manchester in Cheshire, which is part of our University and the property at the moment. He was a professor in radio astronomy

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At the University. Moving on. We have Arthur Lewis, who was Britain's first black professor and he won the Nobel Prize for economic science. We've got the very famous Alan Turing. If you've seen the Imitation Game, which is about life, you might know a lot about him. He was very famous for deciphering the Nazi Enigma codes in the Second World War.

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You may have heard of Irene Khan, and Professor Brian Cox is actually a current professor at the university as well. You may have seen Benedict Cumberbatch on the telly quite a few times. He starred in Sherlock and also The Imitation Game, which is quite a nice link. Ellen Wilkinson was Britain's first female minister of education and she received her history degree from the University in 1945.

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We also have Professor Andre Gheim who isolated graphene at the University very recently and he is currently working at the University as well. So we are very much at the forefront of research which we will move on to talk about in a minute.

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So at the University of Manchester, we really strive to kind of make sure our research and our discovery in the world is the best that it can be. The same goes with our teaching and learning and also our efforts with social responsibility as well. So these are kind of things that we want to continue making better up to 2025 and we also have some other goals for 2025 such as

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Reducing our carbon footprint, and we would like to see ourselves in the top 5 UK universities in the Research Excellence Framework. And furthermore we want to be in the top 25 world universities in the leading international rankings.

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So we're going to keep working hard to achieve those goals. So in terms of world rankings, we just touched on them a little bit. We're really proud to be currently 33rd in the world according to the academic ranking of world universities, and eighth in Europe, sixth in the UK, which is a really great achievement for us. And 83% of our research is judged to be world leading or internationally excellent.

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So we are super proud of that. And that is one of the great things that kind of attracts people to our University - how kind of research intensive we are.

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So how does this research benefit you? With our courses, most of the professors, they're kind of the leaders in their field. The students are being taught by, you know, people who are researching at the forefront of science, technology, humanities subjects as well.

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So all of these findings are being incorporated into the courses that our students are learning, so that makes for really exciting learning opportunities and it makes sure our graduates are kind of up to date with what's going on in the world. Furthermore, I mentioned the research excellence framework before and we have a really strong performance in that already, and that brings in a lot of funding to the university to continue with more research, and it also allows us to invest money into our campus to keep modernizing it as well.

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So that's something that we're really proud of.

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Modernizing the campus, making it the best possible space for learning that it can be. We've got plenty of different facilities at the moment which are always getting modernized, but the most notable one is probably the engineering campus.

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So this is ongoing building work, to completely modernize the engineering facilities at the University. So it's a £350,000,000 engineering campus, which once it's completed is going to be the size of 11 football pitches across the expanse of the site. So it's going to be huge. It's going to really allow us to modernize our way of learning and incorporating group learning into that field as well. So we're really excited for that to be finished.

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And if any of you are interested in engineering as a subject, you might want to have a look on the website because there's lots of information about how this new campus is going to really improve everything. So have a look at that.

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Moving on to talk a little bit about teaching and learning. Before I start that I'm just seeing that the sound is a lot better. So that's great. If it goes any worse, just let us know and we'll try and fix it. But that's great. Thank you all for your patience. So courses-wise. We have over 400 different undergraduate courses on offer. So these may be things that you've heard

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Of before, things that maybe you've never even thought of studying, so it's a really exciting place to be studying. We have over eight and a half thousand places available in our first year undergraduate courses. We do get a lot of applications. So with 60,000 plus applications, but don't forget that's for people applying to five different universities as well. So we do have a lot of places available. So don't let that put you off.

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We offer basically every subject. In terms of what courses we don't offer, those are veterinary science, sports science and also kind of fine art courses.

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So there might be things on that screen that you think of as things that you want to study, for example chemistry, nursing, mathematics. Or there may be things on there that you might

never have heard of before so stuff like zoology, criminology, all these kind of exciting things that you might not have had the opportunity to do at school or college that you can kind of get your teeth into at University. So make sure you do lots of research and into what kind of courses you would really like to study.

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When thinking about what we want to study at University, obviously, sometimes it can be a little bit overwhelming. But if you kind of separate your research into different sections, it can make it a lot easier to digest and make you focus your research a bit more. So here we have a core structure. It's really important to look at how the course is going to be structured, how you're going to be taught.

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You're probably all familiar with the words 'contact time'. This is the time that you're with your tutor or your seminar leader, and so have a look at how many hours of contact time you might have on your particular course. It's important to look also if you're wanting to do kind of a study abroad section that's part of your University experience.

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Make sure you check that your course offers that opportunity and I'll go into that in a little bit more detail later on in the presentation. Have a look at whether your course is professionally accredited - that's particularly important for courses such as psychology and some courses in the business school and you might want to check whether you can do work experience beforehand, whether that's necessary or whether you can even do some job in your course. And courses at Manchester offer an awful lot of different experiences for students. So we have study abroad, we have work experience placements, and I will go into that in more detail in a bit.

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In terms of teaching, there's lots of different ways you can be taught at University and this might be quite different to what you're used to at school or college. And there's a variety of different learning techniques that we employ at University.

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And so you may have heard of lectures before, seminars. So lectures are the big sessions with lots of people in. It's more kind of a passive way of learning where you're writing notes. However, seminars are kind of smaller rooms, smaller groups where you're interacting with your peers and your seminar leader a lot more. Obviously we're a very research-intensive University.

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So as I mentioned before you're kind of getting taught by experts in their fields, and you are really at the forefront of what's going on in your particular course. We have 24-hour and seven days a week access to learning. So that just means we have an online portal called Blackboard which you can use to always be learning if you want to. I'm not sure I ever did any in the middle of the night but people might want to if you're very serious. And we also have buildings that are open 24/7 such as the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, which allows you to kind of study whenever you want on campus and it's a really nice modern place.

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Then we have peer support as well. So that's something that I got involved with whilst I was at University and it was a great opportunity to kind of learn more skills. And also I was able to meet loads of nice people. It always makes you feel a bit more settled when you are part of a scheme at University. It's really nice. And so the support allows you to

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Help new students who are arriving at the University in your particular course. And academic advisors are available throughout your time at University.

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These are tutors who are assigned to you as soon as you arrive at the University in your first week, known as welcome week, or you might know it as fresher's week. These are tutors on your course who are available to help you if you've got any questions about the course, if you have any problems that you need some support with, you can always go to them for some help and guidance.

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So moving on. So we're really proud of this scheme we have called the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning. So this is kind of shortened to UCIL most of the time and it's where you can basically study a subject which is completely out of the realm of your normal study.

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So say you are a science student, you can apply to do UCIL and that would mean you could study a 20 credit module in something completely different such as a language, or a business module. And the same goes for the opposite way around. So maybe you're a humanities student, and you want to get your teeth into something more sciencey, that is definitely an option. I'd say most courses allow students to do one of these modules. So it's best to check on the website.

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But a lot of our courses are very on board with it, and it's a really great way of boosting your employability and learning new skills for once you've graduated. It says that you are very flexible and willing to learn new things.

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Here you can see the kind of modules available.

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Like I said before we've got foreign languages, understanding mental health, artificial intelligence, which sounds very cool. And we also have stuff like business modules available, Egyptology. There's one called leadership in action as well. It's completely different, it gives you kind of leadership skills. And so have a look on the website if that sounds interesting

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To you, but yeah, that's something that we're really proud to offer to our students.

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These are really great ways of boosting your employability and preparing yourself for once you graduated. A lot of our courses don't require work experience before you arrive. But make sure you check. However a lot of the courses that we offer at Manchester definitely have ways of incorporating work experience into

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your University life, so there's lots of extracurricular internships on offer and our career service can really help you with kind of applying for these, and you can have a look at the website for that. A lot of our courses, especially like science courses and engineering, physics, that kind of stuff, they offer a year in industry.

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So you could apply for a three year, BSc or a BA honours course, or you could also apply on your UCAS form for kind of the same course, but with a year in industry. Which means you go out into a workplace and get some hands-on experience for the year, which is a great way to kind of - if you want a break from studying, it's great because you go out in your third year and then come back in your final year to

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Really focus in your last year of University. And it's fantastic to kind of network before you've even graduated and sometimes it may even lead to job opportunities.

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So study abroad: I mentioned this a little bit before. A lot of our courses at Manchester offer some element of study abroad if a student wants to do it. So say you study a course like languages for example, like I did, it's really advised to go abroad. You don't have to but most people do go abroad for the year to kind of improve their language skills. Or say you study a course

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That says 'with international study' in the course title, that's going to include a year abroad somewhere in the world. Even if your course however doesn't say anything to do with going abroad, there are opportunities to do like a semester abroad usually, so have a look on the website to see if that applies to your course. The only ones that I can think of that it doesn't really work for is Pharmacy

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And electrical engineering, just with the way the placements work. So have a look at that. We have 70+ University partners worldwide. So there's tons of different locations that you can go to around the world. It is super exciting, and we also have a hundred and twenty different Erasmus universities in Europe that we are also partnered to. So make sure you check out whether that would be an option to you.

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We also have a thing called Manchester on the road, which is a blog point through the university which is where students who are currently on a semester or year abroad write a blog about what they're doing. And so if you're interested definitely have a look at that, I found it really interesting.

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So the student experience. We're going to move on to talk a bit about the student experience at Manchester and what makes it different.

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I don't know whether you already know, but Manchester is a really, really big university. So we have just over 40,000 students registered with us, around 27,000 of those students are undergraduates, leaving the rest to be Masters or PhD students. So we have a really big student body with us at the moment. That makes for a really kind of exciting student experience. There's so many

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People to make friends with, so many people wanting to do the same things as you - make friends, study, join societies - and it's super exciting place to be. I mentioned before that we have just over 400 different undergraduate degree programs on offer over the three faculties.

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So they are faculty of humanities, faculty of science of engineering, faculty of biology medicine and health. And so they kind of encompass all of our different degree programs.

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We have students from over 160 different countries studying with us at the moment. And so we talked about experience, and it's a super exciting place to be studying because there's people from all over the world kind of sharing their ideas, sharing their cultures and that's something that we are really proud of at Manchester.

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Obviously with us having so many different students with us – 40,000 - we are one of the largest single-site universities in the UK. To be honest, it doesn't feel that big once you're on the campus, because it's quite compact. You've got like all your lecture buildings and the students' union, the library, all these places that you need to easily access and you can walk to varies from like five minutes

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Between each other. But it also is really close to the city centre, so it's a really great place to be studying.

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So we also have quite a few impressive cultural institutions affiliated to Manchester as well. So the big telescope you can see on your screen is Jodrell Bank. So that's what I mentioned that Bernard Lovell created in 1957. And this is based in Cheshire, so just outside Manchester, but a lot of our students go on trips there if they're studying physics, and it's a great place to go and visit.

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In the bottom corner, you can see - the bottom right hand corner - you can see Whitworth Art Gallery which is part of the University campus.

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Probably about five minutes' walk from the main University buildings. And they've got over 55,000 different items in the collections, so it's a great place to go. And in the middle, you can see the John Rylands Library. So that is actually in the town centre of Manchester, but it is a university building. It's a very old library, I can't remember when it was actually created, but it's a beautiful place to go look around. And then the top right corner, we've got the Manchester Museum, which is right on the University campus. And it has got loads of different collections in that vary throughout the year, and it's home to the T-Rex Stan which,

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If you come to the university, you might want to go and see it because it's very impressive.

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And so I'm sure you all dying to hear a bit about Student Life at Manchester.

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So a lot of student life kind of revolves around the students' union. So we're the largest students' union in the UK, and it's a place run by students for students. And so it's obviously got the students best interests at heart. Everything it does is to kind of improve the learning and leisure experience of all the students at the University.

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It's the kind of home of societies. And so if you join the society, it's likely to be kind of based in the students' union, and there's always something going on there. This is a bar, restaurant,

and cafes. And there's also kind of gig venues within the university. I'll talk a little bit about that later on as well.

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Furthermore about the students' union. It's home to our kind of media outlet. So we have the student newspaper, a student TV channel and also a student radio. So if any of you are interested in the media and getting into that after you graduate, that's a great thing to get involved with.

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In terms of societies, I'm sure you've all heard of societies that you can join at University. At Manchester, we have just over 400 different societies. So, you know, if you've got a hobby that you really like, there probably is a society for it already. And if there isn't you can go to the students' union and you can actually create that society yourself. So that's really exciting.

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So we've got kind of stuff from, you know, classic stuff that you might think of like dance, drama, art, sports, you name it, we've got a society for it. And we also have maybe more quirky things that you might not of. So we've definitely got a quidditch society. So if there are any Harry Potter fans out there, you might want to join that. And finally I'm just going to mention a bit about sport. So if any of you are very sporty, we've got a lot of places that you can practice

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Sport on campus. So we have the Armitage Centre which is based in Fallowfield, which I will show you on the map in a bit. It's kind of a where a lot of our students live.

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We have the Sugden Centre which is a smaller kind of gym, very close to the university. So it's great to just pop in there after class. And then finally we have the Aquatics Centre, which is very close to the campus. It's just opposite basically. And this is a big swimming pool and big gym. It's got an Olympic-sized swimming pool which was built for the Commonwealth Games in 2002.

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So it's a great place to train if you do sports competitively. We also have opportunities for people who maybe want to practice sports, but they don't want to do it super competitively, there's definitely something for you. So we have a scheme called Sporticipate, which is kind of a free scheme to allow students to try out different sports classes

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For free, and if you like them you can go again. There's stuff like salsa, volleyball, cha cha dancing as well I think. So really exciting things that you can try out for free, so it helps with your student budget too. We also have scholarship programs for sport so do check them out on the website because I don't have too much information to hand on them.

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And then if you do enjoy competitive sports, we have over 42 different sports clubs that you can join.

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So at Manchester, we do take some social responsibility seriously. So there are loads of different volunteering opportunities advertised on our website. So these are kind of great things that you can do alongside your studies to improve your CV, and it makes you feel a bit better. Like it's always a good thing to volunteer, and I know it always makes me feel

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A little bit better and it's a really nice thing to do to help the community. So we have nearly 3,000 students volunteering with us locally and around the world as well, because we do have quite a lot of opportunities to travel with it.

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So have a look on the website for the volunteering page if that's something you'd like to either continue or start at University. Very recently, we were ranked first in the UK, in the Times Higher Education uni rankings, for social and environmental impact. And so that's something that we're really proud of. So it was first in the UK, second in Europe, and eighth globally as well.

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So that's something that we're really trying to, you know, maintain and keep improving. Furthermore, in terms of social responsibility, about a third of our undergraduate students are in receipt of a cash bursary, which I'm going to talk a little bit more about in a minute.

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So, in terms of kind of bursaries and student finance, at Manchester, it's a really key ambition for us there are no barriers to anyone wanting to study and learn with us at the University. So regardless of economic background, we want everyone to be able to study with us who wants to and who is able to.

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So that's why we've got a really wide range of bursaries. So we've got the Manchester bursary, which was mentioned on the previous slide. There's bursaries available for year abroad and year in industry, foundation years, some subject-specific ones, and we also have an undergraduate access scholarship award for students who are studying the Manchester Access Programme.

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So if you're if you're from Greater Manchester, have a look at the Manchester Access programme. It is for students in year 12, some of you may be over that threshold now, but if you maybe a little bit younger, year 11, have a look at that.

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The careers service at Manchester is really, really great. So it's a scheme that you can use from when you start University up until two years after you've graduated from the University. And once you've graduated and you're in the world of work and you think you'll need some help with like making an application to a job, I would like help with interviews,

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You can go to the careers service and they can help you prepare for that job interview or that application. So the careers service, they also offer kind of large-scale careers fair. So lots of companies come to campus and talk to our students. So it's great for networking and getting them ready for the world of work.

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It's great for kind of careers advice and I mentioned before that they can help you with your CV and cover letters. If you have a psychometric test coming up in graduate schemes, they can help you with them too. And there's a Manchester graduate internship program, which is what I applied to and I would recommend it.

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You get so many great skills, and there's lots of different opportunities to go into different parts of the University. So definitely have a look at that.

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Employability. Moving on from that. 94% of our graduates are in a job or in further study six months after they've graduated.

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So that is a really good statistic that we're quite proud of. So you know our graduates are going places and they're getting their foot on the career ladder. We are the most targeted University by top employers. And also, we were named the University of the Year for graduate employment by The Times our graduates do have lots of opportunities in terms of networking working with employers and well, throughout their university career.

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And these networking events may be specific to their course or they might be just more general sessions. So if you do decide to study with us, make sure you sign up to the careers service.

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Next up, pastoral support. That's something that we're proud of as well. So we have lots of personal tutors and advisors.

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So I talked about that before, with academic advisor who will help students if they've got any questions about their course. So that's something you can access. If any of you may be affected by disability advisory and support services – DASS - it's a really fantastic service that helps a lot of students. So if that might affect you, get in touch with the University, well any university of choice's disability department so that they can help get support in place for you for when you arrive at University.

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At Manchester we kind of feel that no student should ever feel alone or unsupported, you know at their time in University or even after they've graduated. So we do have a Nightline phone counselling service at the University. So this is a confidential hotline that you can ring anytime and someone will be there to pick up the phone and speak to you about anything that's worrying you. So that's a really great thing to that we offer at the University.

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And these are independent advisors and they will really help you, you know with any problems you have. We have hundreds of trained support staff on campus.

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And also we have ResLife advisors in halls, so these are kind of postgraduates or staff who live in Halls of Residence with students and are there to help if you've got any problems in your first year of study. They are always there to kind of be a helping hand.

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In terms of well-being. This is another thing we take very seriously at Manchester.

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There are six different ways of well-being that we commit ourselves to. So these are connect, take notice, be healthy, give, be active, and learn and discover.

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So we have lots of different initiatives at the University that help our students to incorporate these six ways of well-being into their daily life at the University. So just to give an example. A few months ago we had a thing called giving Tuesday.

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That was where the University organized lots of envelopes to be placed around the campus, and inside these envelopes were little inspirational quotes or sometimes vouchers for freebies, little biscuits, and teabags, chocolate that kind of stuff. So it kind of put a great smile on everyone's face and these are the kind of things we do at the University to look after our students and staff. In terms of being healthy, as an example, the sporticipate scheme I mentioned before, which allows students and staff to try out free sports classes and kind of different initiatives, is a great way to kind of get involved and look after your student well-being.

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And the picture on your screen is taken in Fallowfield, which I'm going to mention in the next slide.

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Accommodation. A lot of our student accommodation is based in Fallowfield. So we have three different sites: the Fallowfield site, the city campus, and then also Victoria Park Campus. So they are the three main accommodation sites at the University. If you look on the website as well, we have an accommodation section on the website, which is really detailed - it goes through all the different halls of residence, how to apply, everything you

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Need to know will be on there. So if you are interested have a look at that.

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In terms of information. We guarantee accommodations for every first-year arriving to the University of Manchester. So you don't need to worry about not having anywhere to stay when you arrive for your first year of University because we guarantee you a room in one of our Halls of Residence.

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We have just over 8000 rooms in around 23 different halls of residence. So there's a lot of variety for you to choose from, there's lots of different decisions

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You might need to think about. So it's whether you'd like en suite or a shared bathroom, catered or self-catered, and then whether you'd like it to be a mixed or same-sex flat, those kind of things. You can put preferences in on your form on the website, but these aren't guaranteed. So just to let you know. And there's pastoral support at the accommodation as I mentioned with the ResLife tutors. And also we have sports facilities. So if you're in the Fallowfield campus, for example, you can go to the Armitage centre sports facility. And so they've got a big gym there.

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They've got outside pitches for like football, hockey, that kind of thing. So it's really easy to

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Practice sports at the accommodation and at that University as well. But by all means you don't have to do.

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I'm going to talk a little bit about the city now.

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Oh, just before I do. I just wanted to let you know that after your first year in Halls of Residence, you can apply to stay in the Halls of Residence. But most people do tend to move out with their friends from their course or that they've lived with in their first year.

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So that's what most people do and they have a thing called Manchester student homes who are there to help you. They're affiliated to the university and they have a list of accredited landlords. so they can help you choose where you might want to live, they check contracts that you get from a landlord as well, and so that's a great place to look and ask for help if you are renting privately afterwards.

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So the city of Manchester. To be honest, living in Manchester as a student is such an exciting place to be. There's always something going on in the city, at the University. You name it. You'll never be bored in Manchester. You can see some of the city skylines there, a bit about the university and football as well, which I'm going to talk to you a bit more about now.

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There is a very rich industrial heritage in Manchester. It was the first industrial city in the UK and that's kind of evident in the architecture, if you're interested in that kind of stuff. The city population is just over 500,000 people in the city centre, and over 96,000 people in the city centre

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Are students, which makes it a really exciting place to be. So in terms of student population, we've got the University of Manchester students, we have Manchester Metropolitan

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University, the University of Salford, the Royal Northern College of Music - all of those together in Manchester makes up nearly a hundred thousand people. So it's an exciting place to be a student and it and it makes for a great

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Experience. It is a great place to be if you're a music lover. Gigs happen all the time in different music venues across the city. So we've got Manchester Arena, we've got Albert Hall. And also the university hosts gigs in Academy 1 2 & 3. These are all kind of gig venues

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That you can buy discounted tickets for at the University. In terms of sport, obviously we've got two football giants: United and City. And so you can go watch matches if you want to. We have a big cricket ground and we hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2002.

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So there's lots of opportunity to play, practice and watch sport in the city. I was talking about the industrial revolution before, and we also have a really rich history. We were the birthplace of the suffragette movement.

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Recently, there's been a statue put in place of Emmeline Pankhurst.

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So when you maybe come and visit us, after all of this is finished, you might want to go and see the statue. There's loads of cool varied and different kind of entertainment venues. Loads of different restaurants and bars that you can visit. Tons of different world food places – you can find every cuisine that you want to really, you will find in in Manchester. And any shopping lovers listening, we are the shopping capital of the North West. So we've got the Arndale Centre in the city centre, which has got so many different shops. The Trafford Centre, which is just outside of the city centre and is, you know, full of different shops, and is

a king of inside shopping mall. And the Northern Quarter, just north of the city centre, has got lots of different,

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Kind of more independent shops, restaurants and bars. So that's definitely worth a look around. We have the Christmas markets every Christmas. So they're really popular, they bring in lots of tourists, and it's a lot of fun, the Christmas markets. There's loads of different stalls and music, food - it's great.

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Obviously it's, you know, a really big city in the UK. You have quite a lot of green spaces as well. So parks - Heaton Park is probably the biggest in the north of the city. We are also close to the Peak District, which is something that a lot of our students really like. And you can get to the Peak District in about 40 minutes in the car and around the same

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On the train, and kind of escape the city for a bit and get a bit of fresh air. It's a beautiful place to go to. In terms of travel around the city and around the country, it is a very good place to be. We've got a tram network. We also have a really busy bus network in Manchester which really does, you know, you never have to wait for a bus in Manchester. So it's super easy to get around.

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There are bike lanes as well, and even I have started cycling to work and back.

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There are cycle lanes all the way from Fallowfield, where you'll

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Probably find a lot of students live, all the way up into the city centre. And so it feels quite safe.

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And in terms of train travel, it's very well-connected. So you're about just over two hours away from London on the train. About an hour and a half to Birmingham.

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Fifty minutes to Liverpool, Blackpool, that kind of thing. It's really, really easy to get around, and also the University's very close to Manchester Airport too, so many international students, you know, you're very close to a massive airport at the University.

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And finally, we were voted the most liveable City in the UK in 2019. And as Ian Brown said, Manchester really has got everything except a beach.

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We are in the city so you can see the white outline - that is the University. You can see the big pretty red brick buildings in between the white outline on the screen. And then you can go up a little bit. You can see the yellow area is the city centre.

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So it does demonstrate how close how close our University campus is to the city centre. You know you can go to your lectures, and then straight after that you can go up on a bus or walk in to the city centre. So that is something that I really enjoyed about being a student in Manchester, that kind of access to a really big UK city. That's what I loved. So, getting involved. You guys have done the best that you can. You know, you've got involved with our

webinars, and that's a great way to kind of make an informed decision about where you'd like to go for University or whether you'd like to go to university at all. So well done for taking part. Thank you so much.

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And in terms of further webinars, you can go to the Manchester live section of our website, you'll find the schedule on there. So you can sign up for our webinars which are going to be happening roughly every week from now on. So have a look at what you might be interested in on there, you know, it'll touch on the student experience, the UCAS application process, student life, student finance, that kind of thing.

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So make sure you look at that.

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Obviously we can't host an open day on campus for the time being, so we're going to be having an open week in June.

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So if you go into the website, and go to our open days visit tab, you can register your interest your interest for our virtual open week, which will aim to give you loads of information about the university and will be likely to have subject-specific stuff going on as well. So make sure you look at that. So thank you so much for listening. I'm sorry that we had a bit of a technical issue at the start, but hopefully that got a bit better for you. If you've got any questions that haven't been answered yet, we're going to work through them now, so just stay on the line a bit of you have any more questions. But thank you so much and good luck with everything. Cheers.