

Welcome Week 2013 – Arts, Languages and Cultures



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Religions and Theology – Welcome week schedule 2013

A series of events have been organised for you during Welcome Week to introduce you to Religions and Theology and the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures in which we are based. You will be meeting both academic and support staff during the week and will be given an initial introduction to facilities such as the University Library. Some of the events are aimed to be fun and sociable and you will find invaluable information on offer!

Welcome Week Fair

From Monday 16 September to Wednesday 18 September there will be a School of Arts, Languages & Cultures Welcome Week Fair in the North Foyer of the Samuel Alexander Building (campus map no 67). There will be lots of information available about University services and facilities (eg. library, careers, sport) as well as more specific information relating to the School (eg. peer mentoring, societies). There will also be School Helpdesks so you can ask for help and advice.

RELIGIONS AND THEOLOGY - SCHEDULE FOR WELCOME WEEK SEPTEMBER 2013

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

- 11:00-12:00** **WELCOME to Religions and Theology** by Prof. Peter Scott (Head of Subject) and Dr Michael Hoelzl (Undergraduate Programme Director) – Zochonis Building, Theatre B (campus map no. 60)
- 12:00-14:00** **Scavenger Hunt with Peer Support.** This will be a fun way to meet your fellow students and Peer Support group, and get to know the University Campus. **Wear comfy shoes and bring an umbrella!**
- 15:00-16:00** **World Food Social Event (Eat & Greet) for Religions and Theology students,** the Marquee adjacent to Samuel Alexander Building, South Entrance (campus map no. 67)

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013

- 11:00-13:00** **Discover the Religions and Theology Department: an introduction to R&T staff and the courses they offer** – Mansfield Cooper Building, G21 (campus map no. 65)
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch with Academic Advisors and Peer Support** – Samuel Alexander Building (campus map no. 67; rooms to be confirmed at morning session)
- 14:00-15:00** **Exploring your programme of study**
Anthropology Forum (15:00-16:50) – Martin Harris Centre, John Caskin Theatre (campus map no. 42)
Dr Michael Hoelzl (Study of Religions and Theology) – Samuel Alexander, A101
Professor Peter Scott (Theological Studies in Philosophy and Ethics) – Samuel Alexander, A7
- 16:00-18:00** **RnTea Party – Contact Theatre (campus map adjacent to no. 77)**
Please come along to meet staff and students of the Religions and Theology department in an informal atmosphere – tea, cucumber sandwiches, Pimms....

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

- 10:00-11:00** **WELCOME to the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures** by Professor Jeremy Gregory, Head of School. Includes an introduction to the Library, the careers service, speakers from the Students Union and e-Learning team – St Peter's House Chaplaincy (Campus map no 32)
- 11:00-12:00** **EVENT FOR Comparative Religion and Social Anthropology Students**
Joint Degrees Meeting with Social Anthropology – Humanities Bridgeford St, Hanson Room (campus map no. 35): If you are a CRSA student, please attend this meeting to meet the key staff that oversee this joint degree, Drs. Atreyee Sen (R&T) and Ian Fairweather (Anthropology), and find out more about your degree.
- 2.00-3.00 **Optional event for Comparative Religion and Social Anthropology Students**
On plagiarism and Study Abroad opportunities, University Place 5.206 (campus map no. 37)

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2013**

- 10:00-11:30** **Designing your R&T Programme** with Dr Michael Hoelzl and RELT Administrator Natasha Polak – Mansfield Cooper Building, G22
- 12:00-13:00** **PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) Sessions** – Samuel Alexander Building (rooms to be confirmed at the morning session): an initial session with Level 2 & 3 students who will support you academically in your first year of study.
- 14:00-15:00** **Seminar with Academic Advisors – Samuel Alexander Building** (rooms to be confirmed at morning session).
- 19:00-late **RAT Pack night out**
R&T Night Out led by members of the *R.AT. Pack* (the R&T Society) – Meet at Owen's Park Bar between 8.00 and 8.30pm, or at the Students' Union between 9.00 and 9.30pm

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2013

- 12:00-13:00** **Academic Advisors available for individual queries drop-in**
If you have any queries about your course unit choices or anything else, you can drop in to see your academic advisor (check the Academic Advisor handout for room location)

**** Thinking of taking ancient Greek or Latin as a free choice option? The Classics and Ancient History Department run an all day introductory session for language students on Thursday 19/9. If you are interested in this option, please contact the R&T Programme Director Michael Hoelzl about this on or before Tuesday 17 September.**

If you have any free time...

CITY BUS TOUR

'Discover the City' Coach Tour

Want to see more of the City? Then take this fantastic opportunity to see some of Manchester's best bits! The coach tour will pass by some of the region's most famous sights including Media City, Manchester United Football Ground, John Rylands Library and Beetham Tower to name a few! Sit back and listen to your on-board tour guide, as they reveal fascinating facts and interesting tales of our diverse city.

Dates: Monday 16 September – Friday 20 September

Times: 10am and 2pm daily, the tour will last approximately 2 hours

Start / end: Schuster building, Brunswick Street (campus map ref 54)

Don't miss out, get your FREE ticket from the Ask Me desk in University Place, limited places available.

Please book your city tour in your free time, do not book it at the same time as any of your subject events.

See over the page for a list of other exciting Welcome Week Events happening at the Students Union and across the University. For more detail on these events and how to book places (if applicable) see <http://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/>

OTHER WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

18:30 – 19:30



Harmony Gospel Choir, University Gospel Choir of the Year Winners 2012 and 2013, St Peters House Chaplaincy, Oxford Road (32 on map)

Harmony Gospel Choir is Manchester's biggest student gospel choir. The Choir began over ten years ago and has been bringing the joy and fun of gospel music to our local community ever since. HGC have performed at a diverse range of community and national events ranging from the Student Action on Refugees (STAR) Sleep-out, North West Air Ambulance's Christmas fundraiser to singing carols with local children and, most recently winning the prestigious University Gospel Choir of the Year award for the second year running. HGC are always keen to meet new members, so whether you're thinking of joining or would just like a fun-filled, joy packed evening – why not come along. Want to find out a bit more? You can watch videos of the choir on their YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/HGCmanchester> or follow them on twitter: <https://twitter.com/ManchesterHGC> or join their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcrharmonygospelchoir/> to find out about rehearsals and social events happening over the next few weeks.

18:30 – 19:30

‘Computers and Brains’ Professor Steve Furber, ICL Professor of Computer Engineering in Lecture Theatre B, University Place (37 on map)



Computers and brains both process information, but they do so in very different ways. What are these differences, and what are the prospects for using computers to improve our understanding of brains and then using that understanding to build better computers? Professor Furber is a Fellow of the Royal Society, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the British Computer Society, the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the IEEE, a member of Academia Europaea and a Chartered Engineer. In 2003 he was awarded a Royal Academy of Engineering Silver Medal for "an outstanding and demonstrated personal contribution to British engineering, which has led to market exploitation". He held a Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award from 2004 to 2009. In 2007 he was awarded the IET Faraday Medal, "...the most prestigious of the IET Achievement Medals." Professor Furber was awarded a CBE in the 2008 New Year Honours list "for services to computer science" and in 2010 he was a 2010 Millenium Technology Prize Laureate.

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013

10:00-16:00

**Students Union Welcome Fair
Venue: Manchester Academy**

19:00

Welcome Week Production ‘Two’ by Jim Cartwright in the John Thaw Theatre, Martin Harris Centre (42 on map)



Jim Cartwright’s Two witnesses laughter, tears and plays host to whole range of clientele, from Early Birds to Last Orders, in your favourite Northern local. Join us as we drink our way through an evening of laughter and tears, building a pressure cooker inside this steamy, overcrowded pub, so that the sobering truth, just before the lights go out, hits you all the harder. Please note: *This is an amateur production *This production of ‘Two’ is presented by special arrangements with Samuel French Ltd *The video and/or audio recording of this performance by any means whatsoever is strictly forbidden *This production contains strong language

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

10:00-16:00

**Students Union Welcome Fair
Venue: Manchester Academy. There will also be a marquee set up behind the Union building**

18:30 - 19:30

‘We Are All International Students Now’ Evening Performance with Sam Harris from the International Society in the Contact Theatre, Devas Street (next to 78 on map) In the Purposes of a Manchester Education, the University commits to forming Manchester graduates who ‘have been encouraged and enabled to confront their own civic values and responsibilities as local, regional and global citizens’. Sam Harris of the International Society gives us the opportunity to explore



what this new experimental global community means for all us through laughter, questions and anecdote.

18:30 – 19:30



Public History Event: Professor Michael Wood “in Conversation” with Tristram Hunt MP in Lecture Theatre B, University Place (37 on map) Historian and broadcaster Michael Wood is the University's newly appointed Professor in Public History. He will teach undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University, lead historical field trips and give three public lectures a year. For thirty years now, Michael Wood has made compelling journeys into the past, which have brought history alive for countless readers and viewers. He is the author of several highly praised books on English history including *In Search of the Dark Ages*, *Domesday*, and *In Search of England*. He has now made well over one hundred documentary films, among them *Art of the Western World*, *In Search of the Trojan War*, *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great*, *Conquistadors* and *The Story of India*, - all of which were accompanied by best-selling books. His recent series, *Story of England*, the tale of one village (Kibworth in Leicestershire) through history, was praised by the Independent as ‘the most innovative TV history series ever.’ Michael was born in Moss Side, Manchester and educated at Manchester Grammar School and Oriel College Oxford, where he did post-graduate research in Anglo-Saxon history. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the RSA and the Society of Antiquaries, and a governor of the RSC.

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

All day event

Food Market (next to Union Building)

18:00 – 20:00



An Evening of Discovery at the John Rylands Library, Deansgate (on city map) The John Rylands Library has been acclaimed as the best example of neo-Gothic architecture in Europe and is indisputably one of the finest libraries in the world. Today, this beautiful building holds one of the finest collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. Come along to explore the Library and have fun with a treasure hunt and other activities.

18:30 – 19:30



‘Intellectual Property and the Commercialisation of Science’ Professor Sir John Sulston, Chair of iSEI in Lecture Theatre B, University Place (37 on map)

The impact of science and technology on society, and the pace of change, is dramatic. This growth brings obvious benefits, but also brings ethical and regulatory dilemmas, including the need to balance profitability with social justice. The institute for Science Ethics and Innovation was founded to examine these issues. In 2010 it published the Manchester Manifesto (subtitled ‘Who owns science?’), which has led to a number of debates on the subject. Our discussion will look at the issues raised in these exchanges, placing them in the global context of science and society, at recent developments in biological patenting, and at the responsibility of the University. Professor Sir John Sulston was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 2002 jointly with Sydney Brenner and Bob Horvitz. He was the Founder Director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Centre from 1992 to 2000, where one third of the task to sequence the human genome was completed and in 2002 he co-authored with Georgina Ferry *The Common Thread*, an account of the science, politics and

ethics of the human genome project. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and an Honorary Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2013

All day event

Food Market (next to Union Building)

1830 – 1930

'Dinosaurs, trace-metals and the origins of Life' Dr Phillip Manning, Reader in Palaeobiology (STFC Science in Society Fellow) in Lecture Theatre B, University Place (37 on map)



The Manchester Palaeobiology Research Group takes an applied interdisciplinary approach that has established a solid scientific foundation rooted in modern Physics, Geology, Chemistry, and Biology. This unique Manchester-approach is improving our understanding of the evolution of life on Earth. Dr Manning heads the Palaeontology Research Group in the School of Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences (SEAES) at The University of Manchester. Dr Manning is also a Research Fellow at the Manchester Museum and a Research Associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (Colorado, USA). His research includes international collaboration with projects in Europe, New Zealand and North America. Research successes of the group have attracted worldwide attention and as a result members have been invited to travel to give presentations spanning the globe from New York to Patagonia

19:00 – 22:00

A Night at the Museum at the Manchester Museum Evening Performance (44 on map)

Come and join us to celebrate the end of the Manchester Welcome and the start/recommencement of your new lives here with a night of music and exploration



ALL WEEK EVENT

Every day at 5pm

Film at 5 in the Students Union