

Dear New Resident,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday, not working too hard and beginning to prepare for coming to Manchester and St Gabriel's Hall (Gabs). Quite a change is about to occur in your life and it would be very natural to feel a little apprehensive and nervous as well as excited about this. Rest assured that everyone here on the staff and the Student Residents Committee (JCR) are working very hard to make sure that you get the best possible welcome to help you settle in.

I would like to tell you a bit about the Pastoral Team, Student Residents Committee (JCR) and life in St Gabriel's Hall. The Welfare Team consists of myself (Warden), a Senior Tutor and 4 Residential Pastoral Advisers (Tutors) who are here to help you settle into the hall and support you throughout your studies by providing advice and guidance on a whole range of issues. The tutors are all students at the University and will understand issues that may arise throughout the year and point you in the right direction. They are also a friendly face around the hall to say hello to. A tutor is on call every night of the week and weekends in case of emergencies and if there are any issues. One of our tutors will be allocated your flat / floor and they will come and introduce themselves to you and give you more information about the hall. You can also contact your tutor to meet with them to discuss any queries you have.

The Student Residents Committee (JCR) is elected in March each year so they have been working hard to arrange Welcome Week events for you. Throughout the year they will be arranging socials, events, trips and sports - if you like to get involved there is plenty of opportunity. Zaynah's letter will explain further about the JCR.

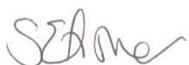
Now a little about Gabs, there will be around one hundred students in our small community; one third will be returners and two thirds first years like yourself. It is a catered hall with lots of opportunity to get involved. We have 6 formal dinners throughout the year where we like to get you as residents involved in them. We are lucky with the amount of [social spaces & facilities](#) available in the hall. It is a very friendly hall with lots of opportunity to meet others and get involved in things.

Onto your arrival at Gabs-if you arrive between Thursday 11th and Sunday 14th September you will be asked to attend Hall registration during the day which is in Gabs Reception. If you arrive in the evening (after 6pm) you will need to contact the Duty Tutor to receive your keys – there is a button on the front door of the hall which will call the Duty Tutor. There will be events on from Thursday 11th September, (the earliest date you can move into hall) through until Sunday 21st September for you to get to know your fellow residents, hall and surrounding area.

On the Sunday 14th September at 5pm there is a Hall Welcome meeting - all residents are expected to attend this, so we ask that you arrive in plenty of time to unpack, say your goodbyes to family and be there for the meeting which will end in a social get together and a Pizza Supper. This first Hall get together will provide you with essential information for the week ahead and much more importantly a chance to meet with the residents you will be sharing your University home with for the next year. Over the years I have found that this event really sets the foundation for the year ahead in halls and the start of lasting friendships.

If you have any questions about Gabs or you are worrying about anything at all to do with coming here then please email me (Stephanie.Fisher@manchester.ac.uk) or the Senior Student Zaynah stgabrielshall.jcr@hotmail.co.uk and we will try to help. You can also look at our [webpages](#) to find out more about the hall. On the webpages you will also find a link to a [Facebook](#) page that you can join and start to get to know other people before you actually arrive here in Manchester.

Best wishes to you from all the pastoral team, the JCR and of course myself. We all look forward to meeting you in September.



Stephanie Fisher
Warden – St Gabriel's Hall