



Welcome!

Congratulations on getting in to one of the best and most exciting Uni's around! Manchester is an incredible place, to work hard and play harder! The city is a hub of excitement and capable of catering for all. Whether you were drawn by the lights and sights of its nightlife, the culture and beauty of its museums, the infamous music scene or all of the above – Manchester will not disappoint!

Everything you will ever need lies on one long road with two names: Oxford Road and Wilmslow Road! At the far end lies Manchester Piccadilly Station, the city centre (for all your shopping needs) and various club and bar areas. The University also sits a little further up, right next to the Curry Mile. And then there's Fallowfield, most definitely the best of the three campuses and an amazing place to live! Off in the other direction lies Didsbury, a great place to explore. Running up and down the road, at all hours and whenever you need them are the god-sent magic buses. You will be told hundred times that it's the "busiest bus route in Europe" and it definitely lives up to its name! The most popular option is to buy a UniRider from Stagecoach at the beginning of the year, which lets you get on all Magic and Stagecoach buses for the whole year all over Manchester!

Being in Fallowfield gives you the greatest variety and student life in Manchester. Just outside your door step are the various clubs, bars and fast food joints that make it so loveable and sociable! There's also a huge Sainsbury's just a stone's throw away, and Gaffs across the road to satisfy all your late night munchies.

Ashburne and Sheavyn are a top choice for your Halls of Residence. Ashburne used to be an all-girl's Hall to encourage females in higher education, and Sheavyn was added as a mixed self-catering block in 1994. They share all their facilities and one JCR (Junior Common Room Committee) resides over both. First Year is famed by most as the best year of your Uni life, and living in Fallowfield gives you the greatest opportunities available! As well as the positioning, there's the Halls themselves. Beautiful and surrounded by green pastures, there's nothing nicer to walk back to from a long day at Uni or a late Night Out. The grounds are also a great place to relax and socialise, or work via the wireless internet. When it comes to the dreaded exam time, you'll come to love the library, as you frantically try to learn a semesters worth of work in the few weeks you have left. The various common rooms are great places to chill out, watch TV, eat dinner, play pool or pre-drink before going out. And for those of you who like to dabble in music, there are soundproof music rooms with pianos and drums below Behrens House (the White Building at the end of Ashburne). One of the best ways to get stuck in is to join one of the Sports' Teams; not only will it help keep you in shape, but give you a whole new social circle too!

First year can also be a scary time as you are facing so many new challenges, but have no fear! Ashburne and Sheavyn have a great pastoral team; and Norman the Warden (what a legend!) and the tutors are always there to help! There's always a Duty Tutor on call in the evenings and at the weekend, reachable by phone.

The Fresher's Reps have been working hard to prepare for you a 'Welcome Week' that will cater for all, and get you integrated into Uni and Hall life! There are a variety of events planned to show you why Manchester is famed with the nightlife it has! All this information can be found among the huge pile of paper you get greeted with. Make sure you check it out and come along to the events to get to know all your new neighbours! Check out Facebook for this year's Ashburne & Sheavyn page.

**Love your JCR**