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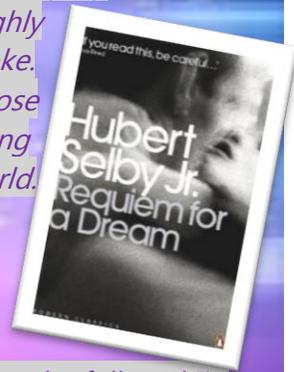
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# Introduction to the student coordinators



*Hiya EAC first years!!*

*So, first off congratulations on making it to the University of Manchester! I hope that you all enjoy your next 3-4 years (beware they will fly by!) I'm Leonie and I'm one of the student coordinators for the EAC peer mentoring scheme. I am currently going into my third year studying English Literature, and I've thoroughly enjoyed every moment of being thrown into the big smoke. I was born and bred in Devon and I'm a Southern gal whose found her feet in Manchester! I love literature and anything to do with travelling or getting out into that big wide world. My favourite book is Requiem for a Dream by Hubert Selby Jr and essentially anything a little bit dark.*

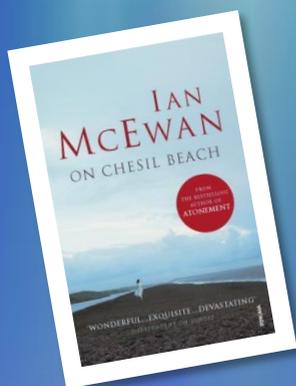


*I'm really enthusiastic about using my time at University to the full, and I'm equally keen on helping people settle into university, with the hope that their time at university will live up to everything they expected. Moving to University from Sixth form or College is one of the biggest changes that will occur in your life and can sometimes be quite daunting! However, remember we are here to help, and I'm especially ready for a good old natter with you about anything! You can have a read of this guide and keep it with you throughout the year as it should cover most things. However, if you do need help with anything else then mine and Scarlett's contact details are in the 'contacts' section of this guide. We are always more than happy to help. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!*

Hello and welcome, first years! I hope you're all very proud and excited to be coming to the Uni of Manchester this September – your hard work has set you up to have the best three or four years possible!



I'm Scarlett, the other student coordinator for the EAC peer mentoring scheme, about to start my third and final year studying English Literature. I've always lived up north but moving to Manchester has been the best decision I've ever made. It's a fantastic city without the overwhelming size, perfect for me coming from a village near Middlesbrough, and its universities are at the very heart of it in more ways than one. I love to read and write as well as keeping active through dance and long-distance running. My favourite book is *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan – I find anything about complex relationships between people so interesting!



I wanted to be a student coordinator to have an impact on how the university welcomes new students. I think it's so important that everyone feels at ease when starting their degree programmes; not just that, but having the most enjoyable time and both are so easy to make happen! I'm particularly keen to work for and with mature students and those that commute to Manchester to make sure they feel settled and engaged in uni life despite not living in halls of residence. On that note, I can't wait to organise

some fantastic socials, answer any questions or queries people may have about the uni experience and make the most of this academic year! See you in September!

# Introducing the Scheme

## **What is EAC peer mentoring all about?**

Within the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) there are several different peer mentoring schemes. As second and third year students, we run the English, American Studies and Creative Writing scheme to make your arrival at university smooth and ensure you have a productive, enjoyable first year. We organise ourselves but can call upon staff at any time to get you the information or support that you need.

## **Why have peer mentors?**

Peer mentors are well acquainted with the university and Manchester itself. We offer new students the chance to speak to someone in the know informally from a fellow student's perspective.

## **Contacting us**

Your peer mentor is available to contact throughout your first year and you will receive his or her email address at your first meeting in your Literature Tutorial seminar. We are happy to discuss anything with you, whether it's how to use the library or even advice a little removed from academic things such as budgeting or travel information. If your peer mentor isn't able to answer your query, he/she will find someone who can, plus you can talk to us via email or arrange to speak face-to-face on campus.

## **Our aims and promises**

- Help you settle into university life
- Use our budget to have socials that everyone is welcome to!
- Organise and notify you of events that appeal to all students

# The Mentors

You will find out which mentor has been assigned to you in your first Literature Tutorial seminar when teaching starts. Below is a list of mentors' names so make a note of who yours is in this guide once you've met them. Some of the mentors have introduced themselves in this guide – you are more than welcome to contact any of us!

Rachel Adams, Catherine Alexander, Scarlett Ash, Amarah Baig, Kate Blackhurst, Leah Blampy, Grace Bullas, Leonie Dunn, Naomi Evans, Edmund Farrell, Camilla Hampson, Lauren Heraty, Fia O'Loughlin, Karthryn Mason, Sally-Anne Moran, Annabel Murphy, Lucy Rhodes, Sophie Roberts, Peter Stallard, Merle Streck, Heather Striplin, Rebecca Thomas, Ellie Tindsley, Avinash Virdee



**Name and course:** Camilla Hampson (History and American Studies)  
**Top tip:** Don't be afraid to approach other students and talk to them – it's the best way to make friends.  
**Favourite book:** The Harry Potter series  
**Special skill:** Approachable and happy to listen to problems or worries  
**E-mail:** camilla.hampson@student.manchester.ac.uk

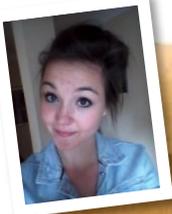
**Name and course:** Sophie Roberts (English Literature)  
**Top tip:** Try to make (and stick to) a budget!  
**Favourite book:** Love in the Time of Cholera – Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
**Special skill:** Positivity  
**E-mail:** sophie.roberts-2@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Kate Blackhurst (English Literature)  
**Top tip:** Take advantage of lecturers and tutors office hours. Office hours are there for a reason  
**Favourite book:** Brideshead Revisited – Evelyn Waugh  
**Special skill:** A good listener  
**E-mail:** kate.blackhurst@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Grace Bullas (English Literature)  
**Top tip:** Make the most of tutor's office house – they really do help.  
**Favourite book:** The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
**Special skill:** Good listener.  
**Email:** grace.bullas@student.manchester.ac.uk





**Name and course:** Merle Streck (History and American Studies)

**Top tip:** Don't worry about your first assessed essays and exams too much. If you do not get the grades you wanted straight away, then do not worry because that is what first year is for.

**Favourite book:** Colum McCann- Let the Great World Spin

**Special skill:** I'm extremely sociable and love to meet new people

**E-mail:** merle.streck@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Edmund Farrell (English Literature and Spanish)

**Top tip:** Never leave essays until the night before, give yourself enough time.

**Favourite book:** If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things – Jon McGregor

**Special skill:** Obscenely chatty and approachable

**E-mail:** edmund.farrell@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Sally-Anne Moran (English Literature and American Studies)

**Top tip:** It is never too late to start making friends or to try something new. Freshers week can be hectic - if it doesn't go the way you planned, don't worry about it.

**Favourite book:** Life of Pi' by Yann Martel

**Special skill:** open-minded, and I make a mean chilli

**E-mail:** sally-anne.moran@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Rebecca Thomas (English Literature)

**Top tip:** It's a really good idea to get as involved as possible with societies outside of your course, as I really regret signing up to things but not committing to things.

**Favourite book:** Perfume by Patrick Suskind

**Special skill:** Very approachable, always happy to meet new people

**E-mail:** rebecca.thomas@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Cat Alexander (English Literature)

**Top tip:** Don't worry too much about the marks you're getting at first. It'll seem like a big jump from getting A's at A-Level but try not to let this bother you too much. Eventually you'll start getting higher marks!

**Favourite book:** Lolita

**Special skill:** I'm really funny!

**Email:** catherine.alexander@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Peter Stallard (English Literature)

**Top tip:** To not worry too much!

**Favourite book:** The Master and Margarita – Mikhail Bulgakov

**Special skill:** Easy going and approachable.

**E-mail:** peter.stallard@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Ellie Tindsley (English Literature and Linguistics)

**Top tip:** Don't assume the 1<sup>st</sup> year modules replicate the whole course. There is better literature to come.

**Favourite book:** Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

**Special skill:** I'm quite approachable and like chatting to people.

**E-mail:** ellie.tindsley@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Rachel Adams (English Literature and American Studies)

**Top tip:** Make use of the peer mentors - that's what we're here for! No question is too big or too small or too silly, and chances are we thought the exact same thing in our first year.

**Favourite book:** A Diamond as Big as the Ritz - F. Scott Fitzgerald

**Special skill:** I'm always up for a good chat over coffee!

**E-mail:** rachel.adams-2@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Lucy Rhodes (English Literature and American Studies)

**Top tip:** Get a head start on the reading if you can, it really takes the pressure off later in the year when you're trying to write essays and keep on top of your weekly work too! It also means you get to enjoy the texts as opposed to rushing through them!

**Favourite book:** The Time Travelers Wife - Audrey Niffenegger

**Special skill:** Positivity

**E-mail:** lucy.rhodes@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Avinash Virdee (English Literature)

**Top tip:** Make friends on your course. It is one of the best things I did and makes going to university that much more enjoyable.

**Favourite book:** A Thousand Splendid Suns

**Special skill:** I love Beyonce and like to organise things far too much.

**E-mail:** avinash.virdee@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Naomi Evans (English Literature)

**Top tip:** Get to grips with the idea of secondary reading early on, so that when you move into second/third year you've mastered the skill.

**Favourite book:** The Submission by Amy Waldman

**Special skill:** Friendly and good at giving advice

**E-mail:** naomi.evans@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Fia O'Loughlin (English Literature)

**Top tip:** Make sure you know how to contact your peer mentors and advisors, then contact them!

**Favourite book:** Just Kids – Patti Smith

**Special skill:** Chatty and confident

**E-mail:** fia.oloughlin@student.manchester.ac.uk

**Name and course:** Leonie Dunn (English Literature)

**Top tip:** To speak up when not certain about something. The truth is that most people in the room are probably thinking the same thing. No question is a silly question.

**Favourite book:** Requiem for a Dream by Hubert Selby

**Special skill:** Friendliness! A smile can go a long way.

**Email:** leonie.dunn@student.manchester.ac.uk



**Name and course:** Scarlett Ash (English Literature)

**Top tip:** Getting lost is a common worry, but one that is easily tackled. Don't be reluctant to approach the 'ask me' students in purple hoodies standing around during Welcome Week.

**Favourite book:** On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

**Special skill:** Good listener.

**Email:** scarlett.ash@student.manchester.ac.uk

# Guide to Manchester

## Area Guide

**Oxford Road Corridor:** This is where the main university campus is, and the main library. The northern campus is located on Sackville Street closer to the city centre.

**Fallowfield:** This is an area to the south of Manchester where a large majority of our student halls are located.

**Rusholme:** This area is also often called the 'curry mile' for its large amount of curry houses and takeaways.

**Victoria Park:** A greener and quieter area where some other accommodation is located.

**City Centre:** To the north of the university, this is the heart of Manchester. You can find pretty much everything here.

**Northern Quarter:** The creative urban heart of Manchester. Come here for something a bit different: independent fashion, record stores, cafés, bars and restaurants.



## The Food Shop

To do the food shop on a budget consider **Aldi** in the city centre, **Lidl** on Oxford Rd (opposite Whitworth Park) or the **Asian supermarkets** in Rusholme.

*Free Bus! Catch the 147 for free with your student card between the Student's Union to the Northern Campus.*

## Transport

**Bus Pass:** If you're going to be coming to and from your accommodation via bus it is a good idea to get yourself a Stagecoach 'UniRider'. You can buy these online.

**Taxis:** Union Cars (01618334141), Street Cars (01612287878), or if you haven't already download the Uber App on your phone!

**Metroshuttle:** These free buses travel around the city centre between train stations.

**Train Stations:** There are four train stations in Manchester. Piccadilly is the main station for destinations around the country.

**Coach Stations:** There are two coach stations in Manchester. A coach is often a cheaper alternative to a train!

**Metrolink:** The tram service around Manchester,

**Airport:** To the south of the city, you

## Leisure

- Sugden Sports Centre (Grosvenor Street, off Oxford Rd).
- Armitage Centre (Mosely Rd, in Fallowfield).
- Aquatics Centre (on Oxford Rd).
- Dog Bowl (Whitworth Street West).

## Culture

### Literary Culture, Museums and Galleries

- Central Library (St Peter's Square)
- Centre for New Creative Writing (Martin Harris Centre)
- John Rylands (Deansgate)
- Manchester Art Gallery (Mosely Street)
- Manchester Museum (Oxford Rd)
- MOSI (Liverpool Rd, off Deansgate)
- Whitworth Art Gallery (Oxford Rd)

### Theatres, Music, Comedy and Shows

- Contact Theatre (Oxford Rd)
- Opera House (Quay St)
- Palace Theatre (Oxford Rd)
- Phones 4 U Arena (Trinity Way)
- Royal Exchange (St Ann's Square)
- The Academy (Oxford Rd)
- The Comedy Store (Whitworth St West)
- The O2 Apollo (Stockport Rd)
- The Odeon (Printworks)
- Bridgewater Hall (Lower Mosley St, off Oxford St)

## Food & Drink

### Around the campus:

- Big Hands (Oxford Rd)
- Kro Bar (Oxford Rd)
- Pub Zoo
- Student's Union
- Veggie Café (next to the library)

### Fallowfield:

- 256 (Wilmslow Rd)
- Fuzion (Wilmslow Rd)
- Kebab King (Wilmslow Rd)
- Ram and Shackle (Wilmslow Rd)
- Revolution (Wilmslow Rd)

**The Curry Mile! (It says it on the tin- A whole mile of curry houses to choose from)**

### In the City Centre:

- China town
- Red Hot World Buffet (Deansgate)
- Spinningfields (Deansgate)
- The Arndale
- The Printworks
- Wagamamas (Printworks, Deansgate & Spinningfields)
- Wetherspoons (Everywhere!)



## Mentors' Picks

- Affleck's Palace in the Northern Quarter – Merle
- The Ram on Wilmslow Rd (Tuesdays is Bandaoke!) – Fia
- Apotheca Bar in the Northern Quarter – Leonie
- Richmond Tea Rooms in the Gay Village – Merle, Edmund
- Crafty Pig in the Northern Quarter – Rebecca
- Ziferblat in the Northern Quarter – Rachel
- The Liar's Club just off Deansgate– Sophie, Leonie
- The Manchester Art Gallery in the City Centre - Lucy
- Warehouse Project – Peter
- The Alchemist – Camilla
- Fifth Avenue Nightclub - Avinash
- Matt and Phred's in the Northern Quarter – Sophie
- Elixir on Deansgate – Naomi
- Tea Hive in Chorlton – Sally-Anne
- Factory Nightclub – Kate
- Platt Fields Park – Camilla
- Red Chilli on Oxford Road. (Good lunch deal) – Kate
- The Whitworth – Scarlett, Rachel
- Almost Famous Burger Restaurant – Avinash, Rebecca, Sally-Anne
- Antwerp Mansion – Peter
- Font in Fallowfield (also on Oxford Road) - Lucy



# Welcome Week

'Welcome Week', also known as 'Freshers', is a week before teaching starts at University. During this time there will be a lot on offer: introductory lectures; the welcome week fair; society meetings; tours; night's out; 'fresher's flu!'; halls activities and loads more.

## Mentors' Picks

Live Music Society – Peter  
Dance Society – Merle, Avinash  
Harry Potter Society - Rachel  
Cheese and Wine Society – Rebecca  
CAOS (Choir and Orchestra Society) – Kate  
SKUM (Skiing & Snowboarding) – Leonie, Naomi  
LitSoc – Ellie, Scarlett, Fia  
Japanimation – Sally-Anne  
Baking Society – Rachel  
Botanical Society – Edmund  
Hockey – Camilla  
The Mancunion – Sophie, Leonie



## A Selection of Societies

**Academic:** LitSoc; History Society; WriteSoc; Classics and Ancient History; Philosophy Society; The R.A.T Pack (Religion & Theology).

**Arts, Music and Performance:** Fuse TV; The Mancunion; Manchester Art Group; Manchester Live Society; Photography Society; Script and Screen; Open Media, Choir & Orchestra Society; Music Society; RAW (Rock Society); Drama Society; Panto Society.

**Campaigning & Charities:** Arts Emergency Manchester; Amnesty International; LGBTQ; Read International; Save Our NHS; Oxfam Society; Student Action; RAG (Raise and Give).

**Sports & Recreational:** Dance Society; Pole Fitness and Aerial Arts Society; Beer Society; Cheese and Wine Society; Comedy Society; Duke of Edinburgh's Society; Harry Potter Society; Gaming Society; VegSoc; Vintage Society; Hiking Society.

**International:** African Caribbean Society; Arab Society; Chinese Students Society; Irish Society; Hispanic Society; Nigerian Students Society; Pakistan Society; Romanian Society.

**Politics:** Conservative Future; Anticapitalist Students; Labour Students; Manchester Debating Union; Socialist Students.

**Religion:** Buddhist Society; Christian Union; Jewish Society; National Hindu Student Forum; Sikh Society; Islamic Society.



# City Map



# Semester 1 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00					
10:00					
11:00					
12:00					
13:00					
14:00					
15:00					
16:00					
17:00					

# Semester 2 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00					
10:00					
11:00					
12:00					
13:00					
14:00					
15:00					
16:00					
17:00					

# A (LITTLE) MAP

## KEY

- It looks just like a tin can, University Place.
- The Samuel Alexander Building
- Nicknamed 'Aji G', The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons
- The Main Library
- The Martin Harris Centre
- The Whitworth Building
- The Students' Union
- Recognisable because of the giant crab in the window, the Manchester Museum.



Lost? Find someone with an Ask Me badge or hoodie!



If you are feeling unsafe around Oxford Rd and Fallowfield look for businesses with this logo above their door – this is a safe place to stop and request help from.

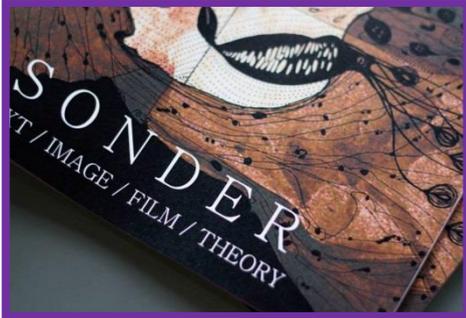


# Checklist

- Pick up your student card (this doubles as your library card and free bus pass on the 147)
- Depending on your degree you may need to choose some course units
- Register with a doctor
- Explore your surroundings
- Join the 'Uni of Manchester English Lit, American Studies (EAC) Freshers 2015-16' Facebook Group
- Familiarise yourself with the Main Library (most EAC books are on Blue 3 and High Demand) and the Samuel Alexander building
- Buy your books. Second hand books are much cheaper so look out for University book sales (see events)
- Buy a 2015-2016 Diary (there are some nice ones in the Students' Union)
- Check your student email every day
- Meet with your Academic Advisor often
- Take advantage of talks and workshops
- Make use of the EAC Common Room located in W114 Samuel Alexander
- Re-apply for student finance every year
- Get involved in societies and University

# LitSoc

The Literature Society aims to cultivate an academic and social community not only within English and American studies but across the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. In particular, we have strong links with the Art History department.



The previous chairs of the Literature Society Amber De La Haye and Josh Mcloughlin are the founders and Editors of *Sonder Magazine*, an interdisciplinary publication which provides a platform for SALC students from 1<sup>st</sup> year to PhD to write creatively and critically on a range of arts & humanities subjects. Sonder also provides the opportunity to gain valuable writing, editing, design, social media management and events planning experience.

The Literature Society organises trips to the Manchester's brilliant

Royal Exchange Theatre, and live screenings of National Theatre productions, as well as regular socials, meet-ups, book swaps.

## Planned events for 2015/16

- **September: Freshers' socials**
- **October: Trip to Dublin (date TBA), Manchester Literature Festival**
- **January: Post-exam social**

Our socials often take place at KROBAR on Oxford Road and Koh Tao in Fallowfield. You will hear about many more events in store for you once you arrive in Manchester so keep an eye out!

## Facebook Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/uom.lit.soc/?fref=ts> - LitSoc

<https://www.facebook.com/sondermag> - Sonder

E-mail:  
uom.lit.soc@gmail.com

# Events Calendar

## September 2015:

- Welcome Week Fair
- Bar Crawl
- Book Sale
- Pizza and Film Night
- Student Social Wednesdays at the Whitworth
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## October 2015:

- Student Social Wednesdays at the Whitworth
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for coffee – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Students Union

## November 2015:

- Student Social Wednesdays at the Whitworth
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 18<sup>h</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## December 2015:

- Christmas Social
- Student Social Wednesdays at the Whitworth
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## January 2016:

- Teacup Crawl
- Book Sale
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## February 2016:

- Accommodation Talk
- StudentDrop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## March 2016:

- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## April 2016:

- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## May 2016:

- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

## June 2016:

- End of year EAC & LEL Ball
- Drop-in for a coffee – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm, Bikos Café, Student's Union.

Look out for more details of these events via posters, emails and Facebook seminars. Also look out for the research and guest speaker talks that SALC hold and events taking place at the Whitworth, Manchester Museum, Martin Harris Centre and John Rylands Library at this web address:  
<http://events.manchester.ac.uk/highlights>

# Study and Essay Tips

## Do

- Do go to your seminar tutor's/lecturer's office hours for help or advice
- Do plan your essay first to save yourself repeating previous points and to make sure every point adds to your argument.
- Do save your work as you go and back it up
- Do write a thesis statement – we know the word ‘thesis’ sounds scary but they’re really useful! A thesis statement serves as a good introduction to an essay and is also a good point of reference for you
- Do keep to the question throughout and make sure that you respond to every part of the question
- Do check the MHRA guide when in doubt – it contains pretty much everything about essay writing (this can be downloaded from the internet: [www.mhra.org.uk/Publications/Books/StyleGuide/download.shtml](http://www.mhra.org.uk/Publications/Books/StyleGuide/download.shtml))
- Do select your secondary material carefully and engage with it – choose from the recommended secondary reading that your course offers or JSTOR and the library catalogue. If you are particularly strapped for time using the computer search function that brings up particular words or phrases within an article or website. On that note, when referencing websites be sure they have credibility
- Do reference your work correctly – use the MHRA guide and the EAC Guidelines on Written Work
- Do put your bibliography on a separate page at the end of your essay in surname alphabetical order
- Do print the full question (as it appears on the question sheet) at the head of your essay along with your student ID number and essay word count
- Do use double spacing except for long quotations which can be single spacing
- Do be clear about where new paragraphs begin and remain consistent with your method (eg. by indenting the first line of the new paragraph)
- Do number your pages
- Do leave plenty of time to proof read. It can be helpful to have other people read your essays to find typos or to check whether what you’re saying makes sense
- Do consult the grade criteria which can be found in your course handbook – they provide valuable information to guide you in your writing
- Do read essay feedback! This will help your essay writing skills. If anything is unclear go see your tutor

## Don't

- Do not fit the question to what you know; make what you know fit the question
- Do not exceed the required word count
- Do not use wikipedia, blogs, message boards or ask.com – these are not reliable sources
- Do not include your bibliography in your word count (note that footnotes should be included)
- Do not plagiarise – this is an offence and can have serious consequences. You must acknowledge any ideas or terms that are not your own. If in doubt provide a reference and make your sources clear

### **Mentor's Picks for Modules:**

**Sophie** - Standing on the Shoulders of Giants in First year. You focus on a different key figure each week which mixed it up a lot.  
**Edmund and Peter** – Theory and Text in First year. Both found the course rewarding as it explodes all prior concepts of approaching English Literature making it 100% worth it.

**Rachel** – Reconstruction to Reagan in First Year. It was really interesting to see the roots of modern America and just how slow the progress has been.

**Leonie** – Creative Writing in Second Year. You have to apply to get onto the course so if you are interested keep your eyes peeled for the due date of the application especially through student emails. I loved getting to develop my stories and especially loved reading everyone else's.

**Ellie and Avinash** - Writing, Identity and Nation in Second year. The reading list really appealed to both students especially as it was something different to anything they had previously studied.

### **Computer Clusters on campus**

- Main Library
- Alan Gilbert Learning Commons
- Samuel Alexander Building (Leamington, W2.19)
- Ellen Wilkinson Building (B3.1, B3.17, B3.3)
- Mansfield Cooper Building (2.1)
- Simon Building (top floor)
- Alan Turing Building
- Chemistry Building
- George Kenyon Building
- Stopford Building
- Sackville Street Building
- Barnes Wallis Building
- Williamson Building (3.33, 3.59, 4.06)
- Martin Harris Centre (F31)
- Humanities Bridgeford Street (2.1, 2.2, 2.88)
- Precinct Library
- Joule Library Building
- Owens Park Main Building (first floor)

**To check for available computers you can do this via the iManchester App!**

## **The University of Manchester Academic Calendar 2015-2016**

Semester 1 starts – 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2015  
Winter graduation – 14 -18 December 2015  
Christmas break starts – 18 December 2015  
Christmas break ends – 18 January 2016  
Semester 1 exams – 18-29 January 2016  
Semester 1 ends - 31 January 2016  
Semester 2 starts – 1 February 2016  
Easter break starts – 18 March 2016  
Easter break ends – 11 April 2016  
Semester 2 exams – 19 May – 8 June 2016  
Semester 2 ends - 10 June 2016  
Summer graduation – 11-22 July 2016

# Websites, Facebook Pages and Other Social Media

## Facebook Groups to join:

- Uni of Manchester English Lit and American Studies EAC Freshers 2015-16
  - English Literature Society – University of Manchester:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/uom.lit.soc/?fref=ts>
  - Kick Ass Manchester University American Studies Society:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/597025120336047/?fref=ts>
  - Manchester Creative Writing Society:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/writesoc/?fref=ts>
  - University of Manchester Arts, Histories & Cultures Career Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149668965110712/?fref=ts>
- There are specific Accommodation Facebook groups too – look up your halls of residence and see if they have a group; if they do start talking to the people you’ll be living with!**

## Websites

- My Manchester: [my.manchester.ac.uk](http://my.manchester.ac.uk)
- Library Website: [www.library.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk)
- Library Catalogue:  
[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/searchresources/librarysearch/](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/searchresources/librarysearch/)
- JSTOR: [jstor.org/](http://jstor.org/)
- SALC Website: [www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/)
- Students’ Union Website: [manchesterstudentsunion.com/](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/)
- Skiddle: [www.skiddle.com](http://www.skiddle.com)

# Contacts

- **My Academic Advisor**  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_
- **My Peer Mentor**  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
~ If after week one you aren't sure who your peer mentor is please contact either Scarlett or Leonie ~
- **Scarlett Ash (Student Coordinator)**  
Email: scarlett.ash@student.manchester.ac.uk  
Tel: 07591575894
- **Leonie Dunn (Student Coordinator)**  
Email: leonie.dunn@student.manchester.ac.uk  
Tel: 07742834292  
**The University of Manchester**  
Address: Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL  
Tel: 0161 306 6000  
Website: www.manchester.ac.uk
- **The University of Manchester Library**  
Address: Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PP  
Tel: 0161 275 3751
- **Student Services Centre**  
Address: Burlington Street, Oxford Road  
Email: ssc@manchester.ac.uk  
Tel: 0161 275 5000
- **Programme Director for English Literature**  
Dr Robert Spencer  
S1.3, Samuel Alexander Building  
Robert.Spencer@manchester.ac.uk
- **Semester 1 Programme Director for American Studies**  
Dr David Brown  
N1.7, Samuel Alexander Building  
Brown.D@manchester.ac.uk
- **Semester 2 Programme Director for American Studies**  
Dr Natalie Zacek  
N1.12, Samuel Alexander Building  
natalie.a.zacek@manchester.ac.uk
- **Student Finance England**  
Open Hours: Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm  
Tel: 0300 100 0607  
Website: www.sfengland.slc.co.uk
- **IT Services**  
Help Desk: First floor, Main Library (Blue 1), or E floor, Joule Library, Sackville Street Building  
Open Hours: telephone support is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
Tel: 0161 306 5544  
Website: www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices/contacts
- **Students' Union**  
Address: Steve Biko Building (Oxford Road site), Sackville Street Building (Sackville Street site)  
Tel: 0161 275 2930
- **The Advice Service**  
Address: Ground floor of the Oxford Road site Students' Union

Open Hours: 10am-4pm all year round both in and out of University terms - with the exception of public holidays and occasional training days.

Email: [advice.su@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:advice.su@manchester.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0161 275 2952

- **Nightline**

Open Hours: 8pm till 8am during term time

Email: [nightmail@nightline.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:nightmail@nightline.manchester.ac.uk)

Tel: 0161 275 3983/4

- **Counselling Service**

Address: Fifth floor of Crawford House, Booth Street East

Email: [counselling.service@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:counselling.service@manchester.ac.uk)

Tel: 0161 275 2864

- **Disability Support Office**

Address: Second floor, University Place

Email: [des@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:des@manchester.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0161 306 7976

- **International Advice**

Address: located in the Student Services Centre

Email: [iat@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:iat@manchester.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0161 275 5000

- **Careers Service**

Address: Careers Service, The Atrium, 1st floor, University Place, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

Email: [careers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:careers@manchester.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0161 275 2828

- **Accommodation Office**

Address: located in the Student

Services Centre

Email: [accommodation@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@manchester.ac.uk)

Tel: 0161 275 2888

Website:

[accommodation.manchester.ac.uk](http://accommodation.manchester.ac.uk)

- **My Accommodation**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

- **My Halls of Residence Duty Tutor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

- **My Doctor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Open Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

- **My Dentist**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Open Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

- **My Optician**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Open Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Top tip! If you're struggling to find the email of a member of staff or a student then search in the directory: <http://directory.manchester.ac.uk/>

For a list of key staff members and their rooms and email addresses then please look to the handout accompanying this Pre-Arrival Guide

# FAQs

## **Will I be able to cope with all of the reading/workload?**

The small amount of contact time you will have in university means that you do have time to do your readings or essay writing! Split up your workload into smaller sections and complete bits every day.

## **How can I learn how to get around campus without getting lost?**

- In your first week you will see a tonne of people wearing 'Ask Me' badges and hoodies – ask them!
- Campus maps are available around campus in welcome week, get yourself one. Copies are always available at University Place.
- Download the 'My Manchester' app on your phone – that has a very useful interactive map.

## **Living on my own... how will I cope (cooking/washing etc)?**

Get a step-by-step list of how to do things from your parents/siblings/whoever. Practise things before you come here. Your flatmates will probably be independent for the first time themselves so try cooking together for example and share tips!

## **English isn't my first language and I'm worried it won't be up to scratch. Help!**

Speak to your academic advisor or peer mentor (or both) and express your worries. If you're still really worried, have people proof-read your essays for you (this goes for native speakers of English too!).

## **Will I be able to work at the standard expected of me at degree level?**

Since your first year doesn't count towards your final degree grade this is your time to make a couple of mistakes. Remember you earned a place on your course by being good at the skills involved in it and your grades will steadily improve as you develop as a student. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something.

## **I'm scared of being overwhelmed by university and all of the new things I'm going to experience. Any advice?**

It can be harder for some people to settle in and make friends, if you're like that then make sure you push yourself, but one bit at a time! Take it one step at a time and praise yourself for small victories. During Welcome Week, look at your timetable, see what lectures you have to go to and familiarise yourself with your routine. As for balancing work and socialising, sometimes it's necessary to put the books down for a night and just go out and have fun with your flatmates/coursemates. Uni isn't just about the academic side; it's also about making long lasting friendships and exploring a new and exciting city.

## **What if I don't enjoy the course?**

This is a feeling that a lot of students go through, and this can be down to many reasons. For the most part, this feeling subsides. If you're not enjoying the course then perhaps persevere for a while – but never suffer in silence. Make sure you speak to your academic advisor or peer mentor!

## **How can I cope with homesickness?**

Homesickness is something that affects most who come away to study at university, no matter the distance. Keep in touch via skype/facebook/phone regularly.

## **I'm worried about making friends. How do I go about it?**

Everyone is there to make friends so don't worry! This is particularly true during the first month or so, which is a magical time during which you can chat to whoever you want and be best friends with everybody without question, so make the most of it! There are so many students here at Manchester,

and you're bound to find someone you get on with! Join societies, go to events and get to know everyone around you.

### **I'm a commuting student; will I get the chance to take part in university social life?**

Absolutely. You will have just as much opportunity as everyone else. Late night events can sometimes prove an issue (say if your last bus leaves at 11pm) so camping out on a friend's floor for the night can be a good idea – if they're ok with that of course!

### **I don't drink; are there activities and events for people who don't drink during the evenings?**

Yes, there will always be events on that do not involve alcohol – theatre trips, bowling, meals etc. will always be available. Joining one of the many societies available within the Students' Union is a good idea as many of them have nothing to do with drinking.

### **How do I get to and from Fallowfield?**

Oxford Road is one of the busiest bus routes in England so it is unlikely that a minute will pass without a bus driving past. Therefore buying a bus pass is an excellent idea. Manchester's campus is part of a busy network of cycle routes – consider cycling as a cheap, quick and environmentally friendly mode of travel.

### **Can I buy food on campus?**

There are plenty of cafés and shops dotted around University, some cheaper than others. Most buildings have a café inside. You can top up your student card with money to spend in any FoodOnCampus outlet. You will also receive extra discounts and benefits by doing this.

### **How do I take out a library book?**

You simply scan your card, enter your pin and then scan the bar code inside the book.

### **What are University examinations like?**

University exams are very similar to college exams – you will have specific instructions on your exam paper and it is likely that your course leader or tutor will familiarise you with this. However you will have to find out when your exams are on your blackboard site and be sure to keep checking this as some exams change locations.

### **Where can I buy books?**

You can buy your books online (eg. Amazon or ebay) or at the University bookshop Blackwells (they offer a reward card) but often you can find yourself spending a fortune! Your peer mentoring scheme is organising two second hand book sales (see events) although we cannot guarantee every book you will need will be there. Taking books out of the library saves money but be warned that the library will only have a certain amount of one book so try and get them out early.

### **I'm worried about meeting my flatmates. What if I don't like them?**

Try to be open to the idea of moving onto a new chapter in your life in which you have the space and time for new, exciting and different people. However if you do experience problems then you can always contact your flat tutor to discuss possibly moving. Never think that your situation is the ultimatum, if you're unhappy it's in your hands to change it. Keep in mind that there are so many other places to meet friends elsewhere. There will always be someone to talk to.

### **If you've got any of your own questions be sure to ask your mentor!**