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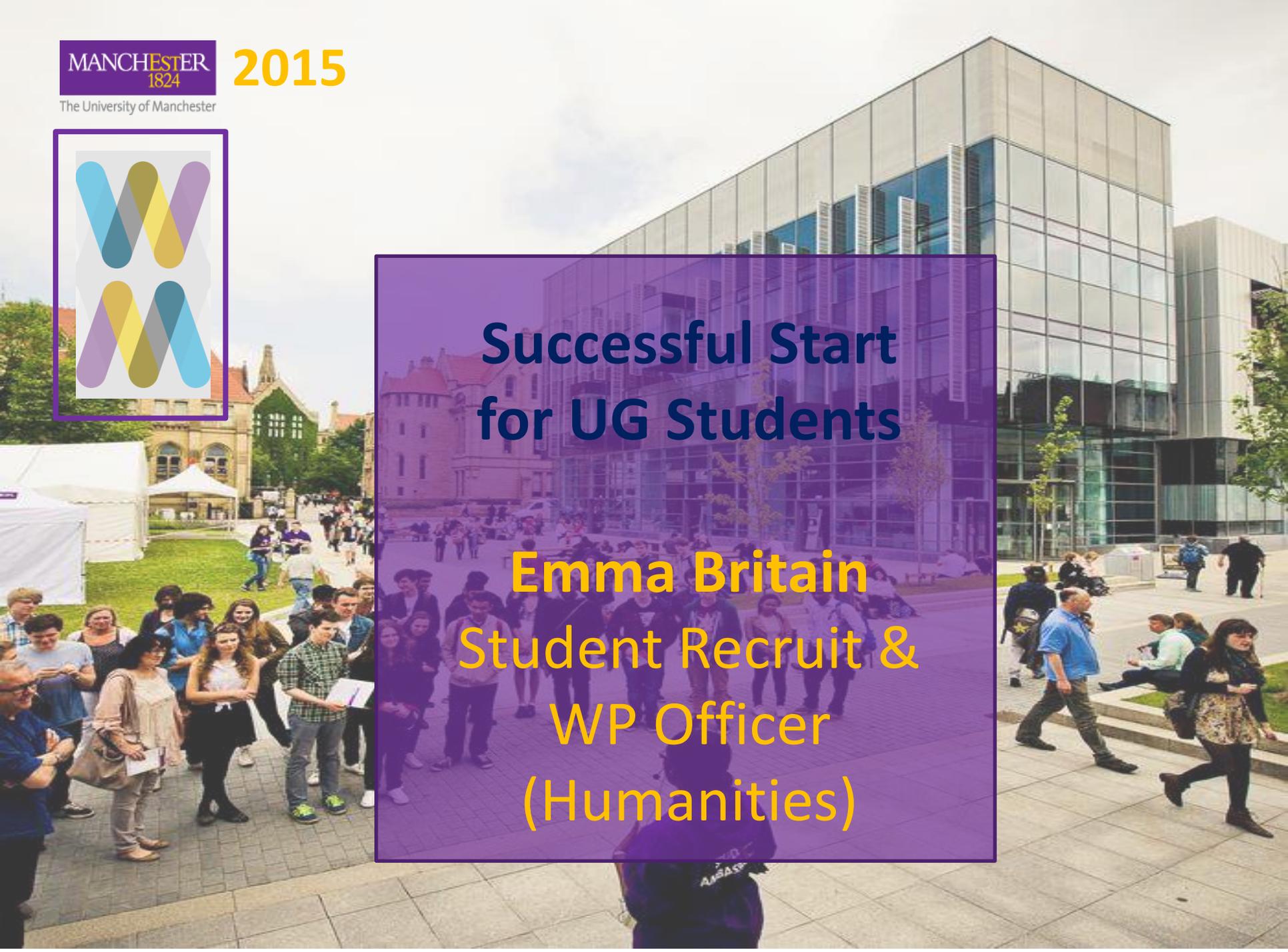
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Successful Start for UG Students

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A Successful Start for Undergraduate Students

Contents

How to be a successful student:

- Working out the best way of studying for you
- Planning your semester
- Learning how to use different resources
- Having a break and having fun

What do we mean when we use the phrase 'successful student'?

- Getting the best marks you can?
- Utilising different study skills?
- Working well with others?

AND

- Adjusting to how learning at University is different to how you learned at school or college



Congratulations on Selecting Manchester!

World Class University

World Class Facilities

World Class Research

World Class Teaching

WORLD CLASS YOU!

So... What's different about studying at University?

- ● ① Contact Hours
- ● ② Teaching methods
- ● ③ Assessment types

SO.. WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY?

- ▶ Course work
- ▶ Group work
- ▶ Field work
- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Presentations
- ▶ Projects
- ▶ Examinations
- ▶ Dissertation



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A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.00	Number Theory	Number Theory			
10.00-11.00		Number Theory tutorial	Buy food!	Random Models tutorial	
11.00-12.00	Algebra			Geometry	Personal tutor meeting
12.00-13.00	Time Dynamical Systems	Meet Tom for lunch		Geometry tutorial	Algebra
13.00-14.00	Prepare Geometry presentation	Metric Spaces tutorial	Hockey	Print essay and hand in	Algebra tutorial
14.00-15.00			Hockey		
15.00-16.00	Random Models	Metric Spaces	Hockey	Revise for Algebra mock	Metric Spaces
16.00-17.00	Geometry			Essay deadline	
Evening activities	Natalie's birthday meal		Proof read essay	Revise for Algebra mock	Hockey Social night out



THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT...

Responsibility

Focus

Communication skills

Initiative

Independent thinking

Dedication

Time Management

Team working

Self - discipline



Remind yourself why you are here...

Why did you decide to study for a degree? Remembering why you did will help motivate you to make the most of your time with us at Manchester.

FOCUS ON YOUR GOALS!



WHAT RESOURCES CAN I USE TO STUDY?

- ▶ The University Library
- ▶ Blackboard
- ▶ Manchester's local libraries
- ▶ Local Archives
- ▶ The INTERNET!
- ▶ Your tutors

WHERE DO I LIKE TO STUDY?



- In the library?
- At home in my room?
- On my own away other people?
- In group study sessions?
- With background noise?

WHEN SHOULD I STUDY?

- ▶ Are you a morning person?
- ▶ Do work better if you treat your study like a 9-5 job?
- ▶ Do you study differently to your friends?

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CONTACT TIME...

LECTURE, SEMINARS AND STUDY GROUPS

- ▶ Active Listening
- ▶ Note taking
- ▶ Using Short-hand
- ▶ Keeping files and notes together



ACTIVE LISTENING

- ▶ **Watch and listen**
- ▶ **Be actively engaged** – *to be thinking about the material as you go along*
- ▶ **Note taking** - maintaining attention vs being a distraction



WRITING DOWN NOTHING VS. WRITING DOWN EVERYTHING

- ▶ Find a **middle way** between these two extremes
- ▶ You **will not remember** *so write something down*
- ▶ There is **no single 'best'** way to write notes. Be clear, concise and structured.



In deciding what form your notes should take, consider your aims in writing them

Note taking aims

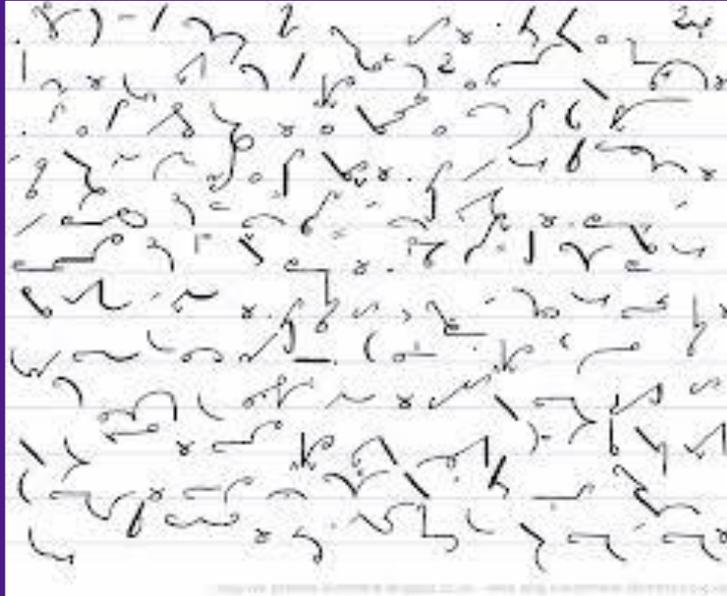
- ▶ To create a **record** for exams etc
- ▶ To **remember** key ideas, concepts, questions, thinkers, experiments, examples, arguments...
- ▶ To log what you thought was **interesting**
- ▶ To **make links** to other things you know
- ▶ To note what you **don't understand**



USING SHORTHAND?

Using Shorthand is a great way of writing notes quickly...

So long as you REMEMBER what your shorthand means and be consistent with it?



TAKE A BREAK AND HAVE FUN!

Having fun is part of being a successful undergraduate!

Part of the 'University Experience' is all about having fun, making friends and developing life skills...

There's so much you can do as a student to have fun!





Clubs and Societies

Alpha Kappa Psi; Animal Rights Collective; Circus Skills; Dubstep Society; Engineers Without Borders; Folk & Ceilidh Society; Gilbert and Sullivan; Glee Club; Hiking Club; Japanimation; Knitting; Manchester Debating Union; Dodgeball; Photographic Society; Non-Gender-Specific Society for traditionally female pursuits; Poker Society; Twisty Puzzles Society; Pirate Society





SPORT

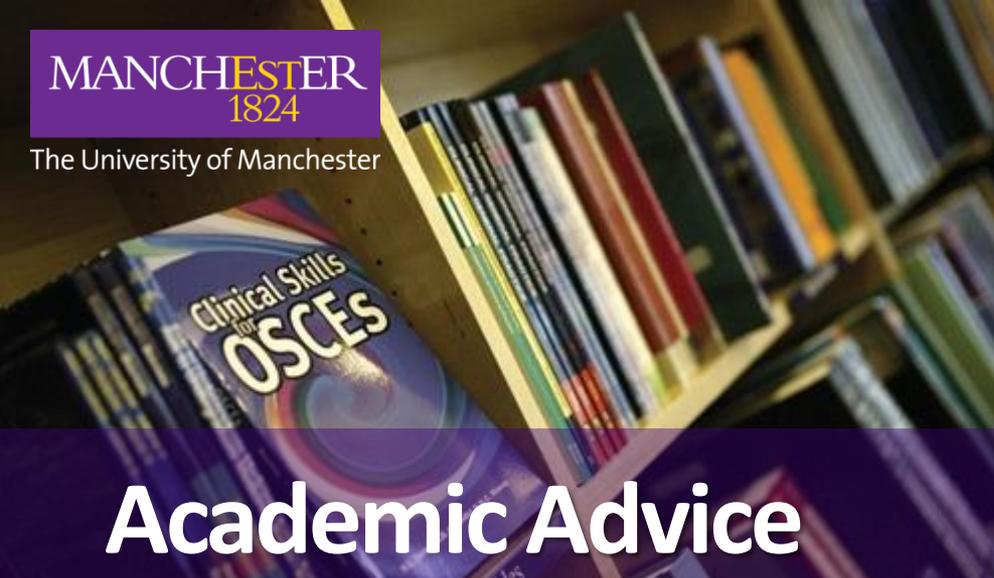
- A wide variety of sport available
- Top class facilities subsidised by universities
- Wednesday afternoon is designated for sport





STUDENTS' UNION

- Student Radio/ Newspaper/TV!
- Campaigns
- Advice and Welfare
- Union Executive
- Student Shop
- Clubs & Societies
- Bars and Cafés
- NUS discount card
- Gigs



Academic Advice



Disability Support

SUPPORT SERVICES



Financial
Support



Confidential
helpline



Careers Advice

Career Choice

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**And we look
forward to helping
you to be the
BEST THAT YOU
CAN BE!**

