

Widening participation at The University of Manchester

Given the unusually [low retention](#) rates of estranged students, the University aims to support them as much as possible in their journey to and through higher education to ensure that they can learn and thrive regardless of their background. The University of Manchester is committed to [widening participation](#) by organising outreach events, supporting current students and offering [contextual admissions](#).

If a student chooses to disclose their situation to you it is pivotal that you signpost them to the resources available and encourage them to make full use of the support. If they are facing difficulties, students should also be encouraged to contact their school-specific [student support contact](#) and make them aware of their circumstances. The student support contact is responsible for student wellbeing and can help with all non-academic queries.

In the meantime, in order to best support the student, you can familiarise yourself with the challenges faced by estranged students and the [financial](#), [housing](#), [emotional](#), [academic](#) and [other resources](#) available to them.