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***GET READY  
FOR MANCHESTER***

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# ***THIS IS YOUR FUTURE***

**Since 1824, great minds like yours have come to Manchester to question assumptions, create the exceptional and change the world.**

Today, we're the world's number one university for social and environmental impact\* and a community committed to building a better future.

*\*Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021*



Whatever your passions or attributes – curious, creative, groundbreaking, committed to making an impact, becoming a pioneer or simply being yourself – this is the place where you'll find like-minded people and activities that will help you to create your legacy.

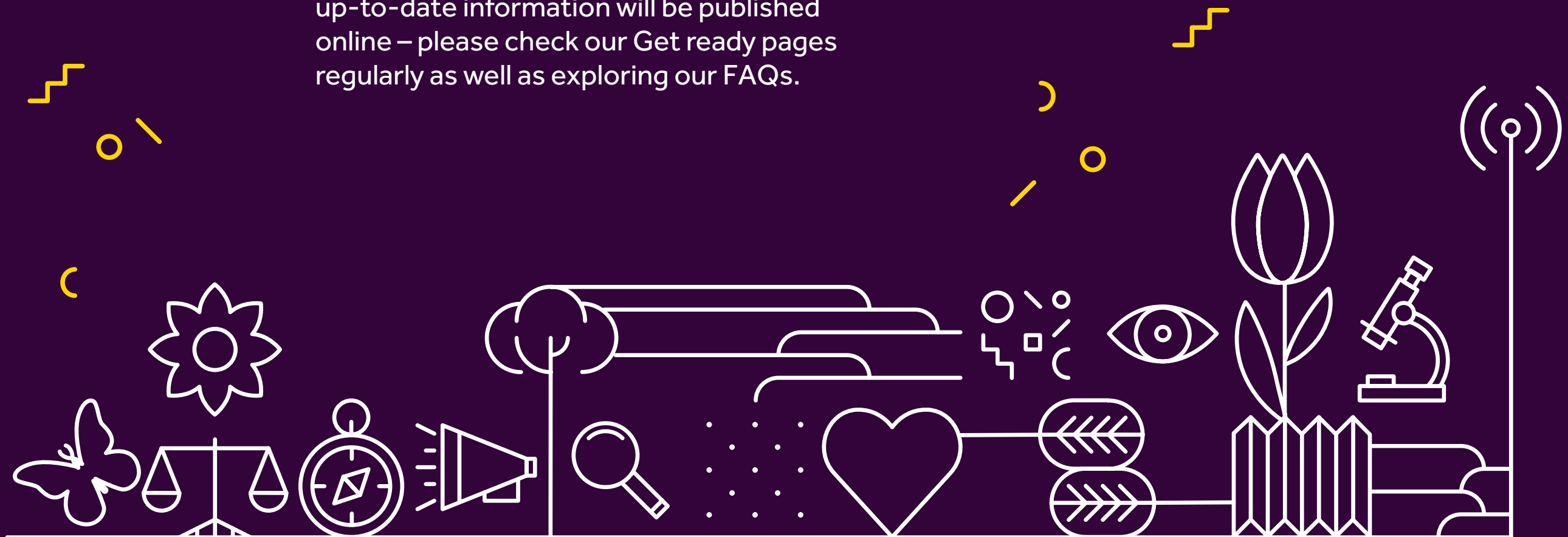
We know that getting the grades is just the start when it comes to your university journey. There can be a lot to think about before your arrival, that's why we've put together this essential guide to help you get organised.

As plans evolve and we adapt, all the most up-to-date information will be published online – please check our Get ready pages regularly as well as exploring our FAQs.

And as you begin your journey to Manchester, why not think about what you'll bring to our community and what will shape your experience with us.

**Get ready to make your mark at Manchester.**

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# ARRIVAL, WELCOME AND INDUCTION

To kick off your time at Manchester, we're organising an extensive programme of Welcome events – all with the goal of helping you settle in, make new friends and get fully prepared to start your course.

## Key documents to remember

There are a few important details and documents you'll need to bring with you, especially if you're coming from abroad.

Passport

Visa (if applicable)

University acceptance letter

Accommodation  
license agreement

Record of any vaccinations you  
have had (if applicable)

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# ***IT AND COLLECTING YOUR STUDENT CARD***



**Getting your University email address, IT access and your student ID are key steps for starting your studies.**

- You'll be sent details for setting up your IT account via your email address when you confirm your place.
- When you've arrived and completed your student registration you'll be invited to collect your student card.
- Your student card is your student ID. It gives you access to areas of campus such as the Library, and gets you student discounts in a range of shops and restaurants.

## **Welcome and induction**

Our induction is based over two weeks. There will be a number of University Welcome events, adhering to any COVID-19 safety guidelines set out by the UK government at the time. You'll be able to get involved in a range of activities to help you get to know the University and connect with people that share your interests.

The Students' Union and residences are also organising fairs and chances to meet other students outside of your course.

## Not in Manchester for Semester 1?

No problem, that's why we're offering:

- online lectures;
- a selection of online induction events.

So you won't miss out if you're not on campus.

If you're studying a subject which requires a clinical placement or a programme that has Semester 1 activities associated with professional body accreditation, then this won't be available for remote study but your School will be in contact with you directly about what options are available.

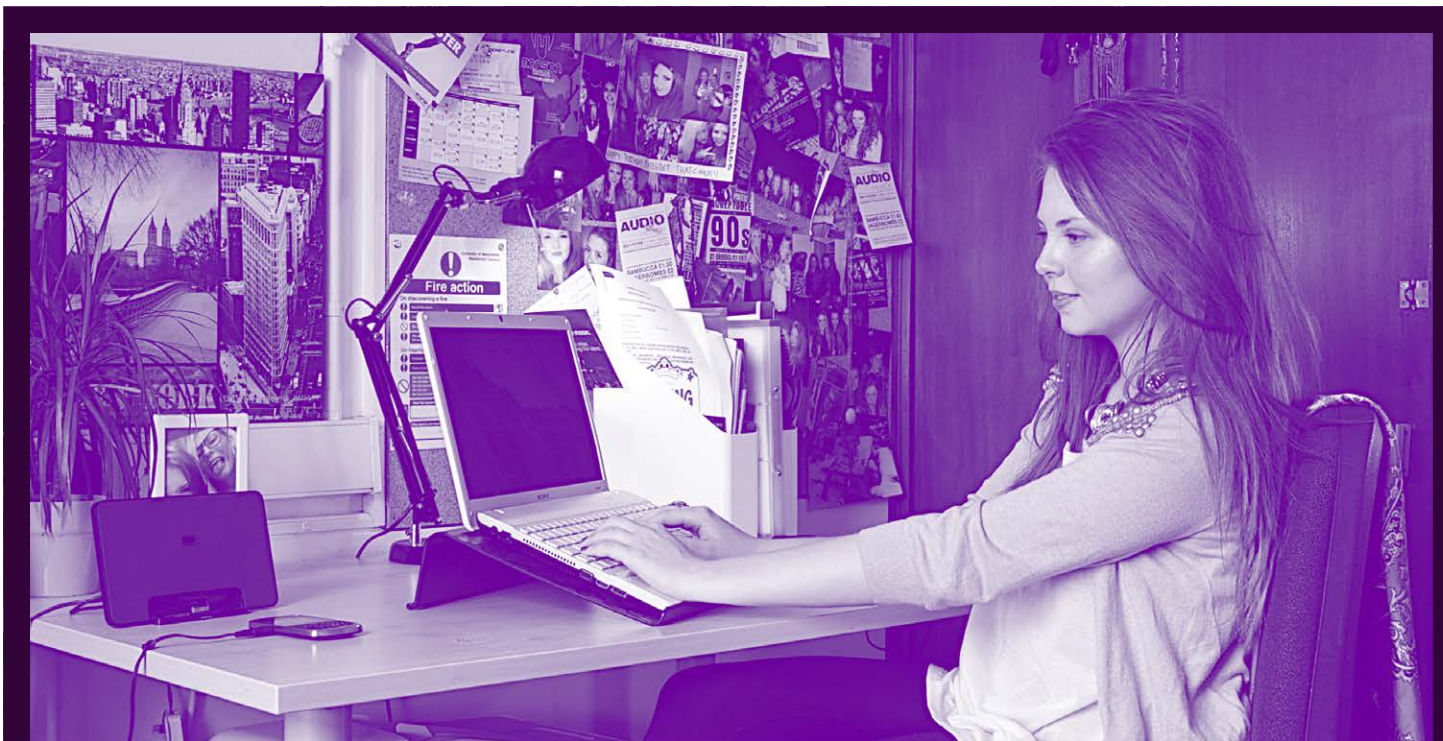


## Teaching and learning

What to expect in Semester 1:

- Your studies will be predominantly in-person activities on campus (such as lectures, seminars and labs), supplemented with new recorded video content and other materials from your lecturers. Some of your activity will be 'synchronous', where you learn live with your lecturer/peers and can interact and discuss the topics covered. At other times it will be 'asynchronous', where you access materials in your own time (within a framework provided by your programme). This blended approach will help you study in a way that works for you.
- You'll be able to work through material at your own pace, where and when best suits you.
- Your timetable will have all the details, which you'll get after you register ahead of Welcome.

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# TRAVEL AND VISAS



Understand  
visa requirements  
(if applicable)

Wherever you're coming from, we're working hard to support you to travel to Manchester and begin your studies.

[uom.link/get-ready-travel](https://uom.link/get-ready-travel)

## Visas

Those who need to apply for a visa to study with us must have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) issued by The University of Manchester.

When you are applying for a visa, we strongly recommend you choose the University as the place where you will pick up your BRP card, using the collection code 2HE372.

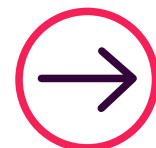
Check our latest guidance on immigration and visas:

[uom.link/get-ready-visas](https://uom.link/get-ready-visas)



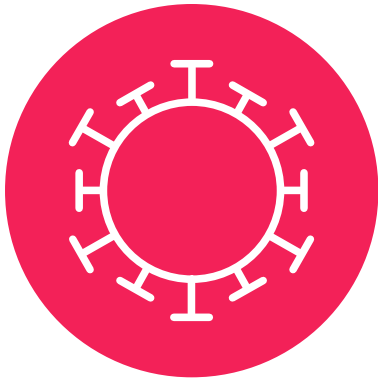
If your course requires an ATAS certificate, this must be obtained before applying for a visa. More information can be found online:

[uom.link/get-ready-atas](https://uom.link/get-ready-atas)



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**Check if you need to quarantine on arrival**

## Quarantine

For all students planning to travel to the UK, it is important to be aware of the current rules and requirements relevant to your circumstances before travelling. The situation may be subject to change, so we strongly advise you to regularly check the advice available from the UK government.

Arriving from outside the UK may require you to undertake a short period of quarantine. If you're travelling to England, what you need to do depends on where you have been in the ten days before you arrive.

**[www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england)**  
**#stay-up-to-date**



**We'll support your arrival with our virtual airport support service**

## Getting to Manchester

Whether you're arriving by air, rail or road, check our website for our latest advice and guidance.

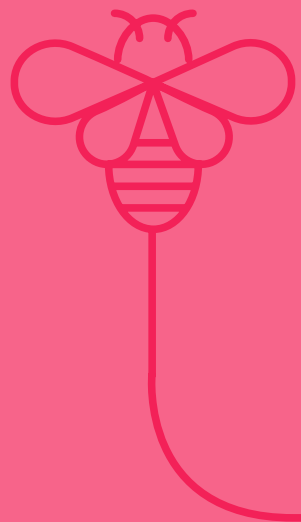
If you're worried on your journey, our virtual airport support service will be on hand in September from 7am to 10pm UK time to help with your arrival. Accessible by social media, Slack or WeChat, the service will be able to assist you in your move to both University halls of residences or private accommodation.

**[uom.link/get-ready-getting-to-manchester](https://uom.link/get-ready-getting-to-manchester)**

# ***FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARRIVING IN MANCHESTER THIS YEAR***

**1**

We've been busy making sure that the support we can offer you will meet your needs and comply with all government guidance.



**2**

As this guidance changes, we will continue to keep our website up-to-date. If you are uncertain about anything, check there first.



**3**

It's important to sign up with a GP as they'll be your first port of call if you feel ill. We recommend signing up as soon as you have your term time address.

**4**

We recommend that you bring with you a stock of face coverings for your personal use.



**5**

If you're quarantining or self-isolating on arrival, we'll put you in contact with a member of our dedicated self-isolation team.



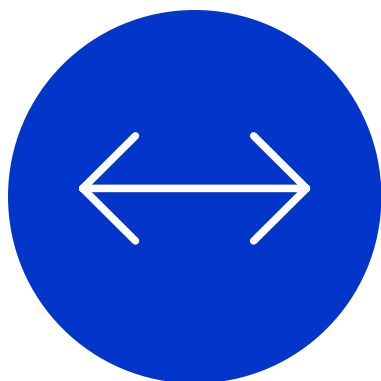
# ***KEEPING YOU HEALTHY AND SAFE***



**We know that health and safety is an important consideration ahead of starting university, especially in the current circumstances.**

You'll be fully briefed on health and safety as part of your welcome and induction activities, but in the meantime explore how we're ensuring our campus is a safe and healthy environment for your studies.

[uom.link/get-ready-safety](https://uom.link/get-ready-safety)



**Social distancing**

## Using our campus

We're currently making plans for in-person teaching and other activities to resume safely on campus from September. We'll continue to keep campus facilities and services open wherever possible.

It's likely that some social distancing and cleaning measures will remain in place, to keep everyone safe – though the exact details will depend on government guidance. We'll keep you updated on how our teaching spaces, libraries, study spaces, labs and other facilities will operate to ensure everyone's safety.



**Security team**

## Safety on and off campus

Manchester as a city is generally safe, but as in any large city, you should take precautions. We recommend students visit our student support pages for tips for keeping safe in the city. Your safety and security on our campus is always our first priority. If you need to contact our Security Team, you can call at any time of day or night. You can also download the SafeZone app, which allows you to quickly contact the Security team in an emergency.

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# HEALTHCARE



## Check medical eligibility

**While studying with us, if you have an illness or injury that won't go away then it's best to make an appointment with your General Practitioner (GP).**

All students should register with a GP so that, if you ever need one, you can access the service. A GP:

- provides primary and continuing medical care in the community;
- refers patients to hospital clinics for further assessment or treatment;
- may run specialist clinics within the practice for patients with specific conditions.

They provide a range of services by appointment, including:

- medical advice;
- examinations;
- vaccinations;
- prescriptions;
- access to other NHS services such as non-emergency medicine.



**Check vaccinations are up to date**

## **Vaccinations**

We strongly recommend you're vaccinated against the following before coming to university:

- Measles
- Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningitis ACWY

If you're from the UK, you'll have probably had these immunisations – but it's worth asking your GP to check your health records.

If you're coming from outside the UK, it's important to make sure you get these vaccinations before you leave. If you are unable to do so, you can get them from your GP (local doctor) once you've arrived. You will also be able to access a range of COVID-19 vaccinations, whether you have already received one dose, or are yet to receive any.

Depending where you are from, you may also need a certificate to prove you are free from infectious tuberculosis (TB) as part of your visa application.



**Register with a GP**

## **UK students**

We recommend that you register with a GP before you arrive on campus. GP practices are providing online registration.

## **International students**

We work with the NHS on a process that allows you to register with a GP before you leave your home country. Look out for more information closer to your arrival.





### **EEA and Switzerland (with settled/ pre-settled status):**

Treatment is available for free on the NHS to all students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland who are studying in the UK for six months or longer who have successfully applied for settled/pre-settled status.

### **International (except EEA with settled/ pre-settled status):**

If you're studying on a student visa you'll be entitled to receive NHS treatment, but you need to pay an immigration health surcharge as part of your visa application.

Citizens of Australia and New Zealand are exempt from paying the immigration health surcharge.

If you're not eligible for free NHS treatment, you should take out private medical insurance.



# ACCOMMODATION



**Whether you're looking to secure a room in one of our residential halls, a private rental, or wanting to continue living at home while you study, find out the options available to you and what you should do next.**

[uom.link/get-ready-accommodation](https://uom.link/get-ready-accommodation)



## University accommodation

The University's huge range of accommodation means we've got something for all tastes and budgets.

You can apply for University accommodation by completing an online application. Applying is free but if you wish to accept an offer of accommodation you'll need to make an Advance Licence Fee Payment of £400 to secure your room. You'll need a valid email address to complete the application and a valid University of Manchester ID number which will be on your offer letter.

With our accommodation guarantee you can apply for a place in halls with the reassurance that your Advance Licence Fee Payment is fully refundable should you be unable to take up your offer to study at Manchester.

We've also adjusted our residences license agreement terms to provide maximum flexibility for any further disruption caused by coronavirus.

[uom.link/get-ready-uni-halls](https://uom.link/get-ready-uni-halls)

## Private accommodation

There is plenty of private accommodation across the city if you don't fancy living in University halls.

Manchester Student Homes can provide details of privately rented properties, independent housing advice and a free contract checking service.

[uom.link/get-ready-private](https://uom.link/get-ready-private)

## Living at home

Many students choose to live at home while studying at Manchester.

The Students' Union runs tailored support services if you're living at home to make sure you get the most out of university life, and the same opportunities to socialise with other students as those living on campus.

[uom.link/get-ready-home](https://uom.link/get-ready-home)



# MONEY



**From setting up personal banking and getting budget-savvy to paying your tuition fees and finding scholarship information, we're here to help.**

[uom.link/get-ready-money](https://uom.link/get-ready-money)

## **Tuition fees**

All university students in the UK are required to pay tuition fees. Your offer letter from the University will state how much you need to pay.

Fees are paid as part of the registration process at the beginning of the year.

## **Financial support**

There's lots of financial support available to help while you're studying. Find out more online.

[uom.link/get-ready-finance](https://uom.link/get-ready-finance)



## **Setting up a bank account**

### **UK students**

It's worth setting up a student bank account – they offer a wider range of services than current accounts, so it's important to consider your options and shop around. A main benefit of student bank accounts is interest-free overdrafts, which can be very handy during your studies.

### **International students**

If you want to pay your tuition fees or University accommodation fees in instalments by Direct Debit, you'll need to set up a UK bank account.

It's also more convenient to have a UK bank account, as you can avoid transactional or currency conversion charges incurred through using a foreign bank card.

More information about setting up a UK bank account can be found on our finance pages.

[uom.link/get-ready-banking](https://uom.link/get-ready-banking)

# ***WELLBEING AND STUDENT SUPPORT***



**Looking after you is our key priority and your wellbeing will be central to your experience at Manchester. Our six ways to wellbeing will support you to feel good and live well throughout your studies.**

We also have a comprehensive range of support services to help you with anything from employability and finances to counselling and study support. Check these out online.

[uom.link/get-ready-support](https://uom.link/get-ready-support)





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**The University's framework for wellbeing encourages everyone to take care of themselves. When I was a wellbeing champion, we held yoga afternoons outside and smoothie-making competitions. It was great because you met like-minded people.**

”

Nancy McDonald  
BSc Psychology graduate



**Our six ways to wellbeing are:  
Connect, Be Active,  
Take Notice, Learn and  
Develop and Give**



# ***MAKE YOUR MARK AT MANCHESTER***

**Our students are curious, creative, groundbreaking and make an impact on the community, finding their own voice to stand for what they believe in and enriching the culture of our city. While you prepare to begin your time in Manchester, here are some stories of how our students have made their mark during, and after, their time with us.**



Working with his friend, Gareth used his degree, and a passion for urban agriculture, to grow sustainable mushrooms at home and Hive Urban Farms was formed.

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**We designed and built our own mini mushroom farm, growing oyster mushrooms on waste coffee grounds we collected from cafes around the city... we supplied various restaurants across the region, including Grafene, TNQ, Hispi and The Creameries.**

”

Gareth Williams  
Alumnus BA Geography





India and Gabriella were able to create a volunteering campaign which helped a cause close to both their hearts.

“

**We created Once a Month which aims to distribute care packages of sanitary items and chocolate to women in need.**

**Indy and I have developed a really strong friendship this year. We've pretty much spent at least four days a week together, whether it's at a volunteering project, planning another volunteering project, or going and doing research in the city centre together.** ”

India Burgess  
Alumna BA History

Gabriella Hartfield  
Alumna LLB Law





Participating in the University's Manchester Access Programme (MAP) helped to prepare Safia for her studies. Now, as a summer intern she's helping others to gain the same advantages.

“

**During MAP, I learnt how to research and reference, network, manage my time and be organised; this knowledge has been invaluable as a university student. Through my MAP summer internship, I'm hoping to enhance my existing skillset while also learning new skills such as content creation and administrative skills.** ”

Safia Khan  
BSc Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology



Gabriela came to Manchester because she was curious about the world around her, and her degree has widened her horizons.

“

**There is an incredibly diverse student population on my course with people from different parts of the world, each with their own beliefs and values. This enriched the learning environment and expanded my views regarding the world... my degree helped me acquire a sense of social consciousness where I realised how my actions affected society. As a result, I started caring more about social issues such as the education gap that exists in the world, and modern-day slavery, among others.** ”

Gabriela Ponce De Leon Rodrigo  
BSocSci Politics and International Relations

# THINGS TO DO



**Why not use your summer to get prepared? Talk to a current student, make a to-do list, explore our clubs and societies, or think about your goals for the coming year... now is the time to get excited!**

Apply and confirm accommodation

Check if you need a visa and how to get one

Book travel

Make sure you have copies of your ID and travel documents

Register with a doctor/GP

**My notes**

# ***FIVE WAYS TO GET CONNECTED***

**Chat with a current student on  
UNIBUDDY**



and ask any questions you  
have about student life

[uom.link/get-ready-unibuddy](https://uom.link/get-ready-unibuddy)

**Take our  
CAMPUS VIRTUAL TOUR**



to get your bearings for  
when you arrive

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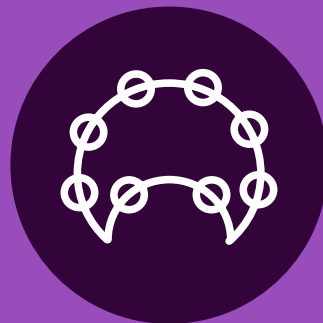
**Take our  
CITY VIRTUAL TOUR**



to get an idea of what you  
might want to explore first

[uom.link/get-ready-city](https://uom.link/get-ready-city)

**Check out the  
STUDENTS' UNION**



and see what it has to offer

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# ***THINGS TO BRING***

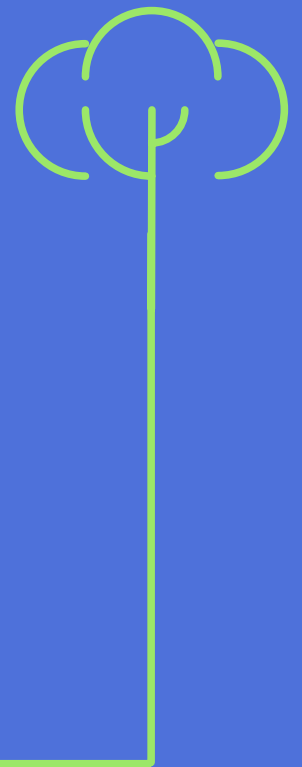
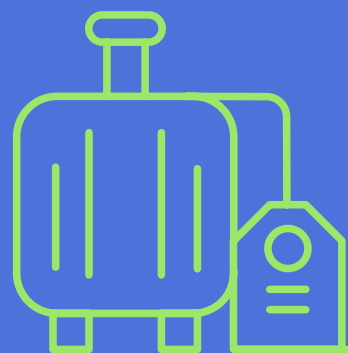
Use our checklist to make sure you have everything you need before heading off. Be sure to check what your halls provide as you won't want to bring extra things if you don't need to.



Also consider your room, there will be storage but not a huge amount so pack sensibly and remember (for most of you) you'll be moving out again in June.

Packing list:

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## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



### ID

Student discount cards such as a railcard

Details of accommodation and license agreement

University acceptance letter

Documentation regarding your COVID-19 status (if arriving from outside the UK)

## KITCHEN SUPPLIES



Pots and pans (see what you're able to share with housemates)

Scissors

Tupperware

Oven gloves

Tea towels

Bottle openers and tin openers

## ELECTRONICS



Chargers

Extension cable

Headphones

USB memory stick

## BEDROOM



Hangers

Laundry basket

Small first aid kit full of plasters, paracetamol

## MISCELLANEOUS



Umbrella

Pack of cards

Small sewing kit

A weekend or 'home' bag

A reusable water bottle



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All information in this document was correct at the time of launch, but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, including actions taken by the University in line with the UK government advice around coronavirus, please check our website.

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