School of Biological Sciences
University of Manchester

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

WELCOME WEEK SEPTEMBER 2026

University of Manchester Welcome Activities

Alongside your programme-specific induction, the University runs a range of welcome presentations and activities that will help you get settled into the University and find out how you can make the most of your time at Manchester. Further information is available here: Welcome and induction | Welcome to Manchester | The University of Manchester

Finding your way around the University campus

A copy of the campus map can be found at the link here: https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/ You can use this to locate the buildings referenced in your timetable below.

YOUR PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC WELCOME TIMETABLE (WEEK COMMENCING 21 SEPTEMBER)

Programme:	Biosciences Foundation Year
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SBS Help Desk

There will be an SBS (School of Biological Sciences) Student Help Desk in the Stopford Building Foyer on the Monday of Welcome Week, and SBS Student Ambassadors who will be happy to answer any queries you may have and direct you to the relevant rooms.

Stopford Building Tours

You will see that you have Stopford Building tours scheduled on your timetable. These are optional but are a useful introduction to the building where you will be spending a lot of your time once you start classes. You are not required to book on a tour in advance; just turn up at the desk in the Stopford foyer. Note that you may need to wait a few minutes for a tour during busy periods.

Queries about Welcome Week

Queries about Welcome Week can be directed to the SBS Student Support Hub – sbs.hub@manchester.ac.uk

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

10:00 – 11:00	Meeting with your Programme Director Building: Mansfield Cooper Room: G.22
11:00 – 12:00	Stopford Building Tour (Optional) Have a short tour of the building from one of our SBS Ambassadors! Tours start from the SBS Help Desk in the Foyer of the Stopford Building. Look for Ambassadors holding the 'SBS Stopford Tour' signs.
15:00 – 17:00	Meeting for International Students (only for international students, including EU Students) Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor Room: Lecture Theatre 2

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

11:00 – 13:30	Meeting at Xaverian College Building: Xavier Building, Xaverian College Room: XV12 You can also download a map of the Xaverian College Campus here: https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=76645
14.00 - 15.00	Start of Year Fair Location: Marquee outside University Place (in front of the Williamson Building) We have kept a slot free for you to visit the Start of Year Fair and have arranged that Faculty representatives be there to talk to you at this time at the various stands. This is optional but highly recommended and you will be able to chat to lots of different services, including Careers, Volunteering, Go Abroad, Library and the Sports Team.
15.00 – 16.00	Online Meeting with Xaverian College Only for students who are unable to attend the face-to-face session at 11am at Xaverian College. Only in exceptional circumstances should you attend this meeting rather than the face-to-face meeting (and with prior arrangement). Join online on the day using the following link (please ensure to use your University email address when accessing the link): Microsoft Teams meeting Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34333403747622?p=LgzcRQaIPZkI6SylFv Meeting ID: 343 334 037 476 22

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

14.00 – 16.00	Board games & refreshments in the SBS Hub (Optional) Building: Stopford Building Room: SBS Student Support Hub and Library (3rd Floor Stopford) Come along for a free drink, try out some board games, meet other SBS students, and chat with members of the SBS Student Support Team in a relaxed and friendly setting.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

10.00 – 11.00	Late Arrival Programme Director Meeting Online Only for students who were unable to attend the face-to-face meeting on Monday (with prior agreement with the Programme Director). Join via Microsoft Teams using the link below: Join the meeting on the day: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/386753618116525?p=21TgEZIyTsRvCTLivP
11.00 - 12.00	Meet Your Tutor Building: Simon Building Room: 3.44B
12.00 – 13.00	SBS Foundation Year Programme Lunch Building: Simon Building Room: 3.44B

Friday 25 September

11.00 - 12.00	eLearning and IT Talk Building: Nancy Rothwell Building Room: Lecture Theatre B
12.00 – 14.00	Carnival in the Quad (Optional, drop-in) Location: Stopford Building Quad Join us in the Stopford Quad for games and snacks!
14.00 – 16.00	Lab Coat Collection Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs) Section 11 for Small/X Small Lab Coats Section 12 for Medium Lab Coats Section 13 for Large/XL Lab Coats Don't forget to bring a bag or rucksack to this session. You'll be collecting your lab coat, laboratory book, cup and lanyard, so having something to carry them in will make your journey home much easier.

Monday 28 September

09.00	Lectures Begin