

***School of Biological Sciences
University of Manchester***

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

WELCOME WEEK SEPTEMBER 2025

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 22 SEPTEMBER)**

Programme: Biology with Science and Society
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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 several Stopford Building tours scheduled on your timetable. These are optional but are a useful introduction to the building – you only need to select one of the time slots below if you do wish to have a tour. No prior registration is required.

Queries about Welcome Week

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

Monday 22 September

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Meet Your Programme Director**
Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor
Room: Section 3, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Registration with the School of Biological Sciences**
Register at the SBS Registration Desk on the first floor of the Stopford Building and collect your SBS reusable mug!
- 12.00 – 13.00 **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. Please look for Ambassadors holding the 'SBS Stopford Tour' signs.
- 14.00 – 15.00 **'With Entrepreneurship' Meeting**
(only for students registered on a degree 'with Entrepreneurship')
Building: Roscoe Building
Room: 1.009
- 14.00 – 15.00 **'With a Modern Language' Meeting**
(only for students registered on a degree 'with Modern Language')
Building: Roscoe Building
Room: 2.4
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Meeting for International Students (Including EU Students)**
Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor
Room: Theatre 2

Tuesday 23 September

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Essential Course Information – Presentation by Senior Advisor, Professor Tracey Speake**
Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor
Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2)
- 12.00 – 13.00 **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.*
- 13.00 – 14.00 **eLearning and IT Presentation**
Building: Roscoe Building
Room: Theatre A
- Note that this event will also be live-streamed into Room A.116 Samuel Alexander Building for any students who prefer a quieter venue (limited spaces are available).*
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier**
Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor
Room: Theatre 1
- 15.00 – 16.00 **EDI: Celebrating Diversity**
Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor
Room: Theatre 1

Wednesday 24 September

11.30 – 12.30 **Meet Your Tutor**
Building: Whitworth Building
Room: Whitworth Hall

You will be informed of your tutor group in advance of this meeting and further information will also be provided via email about this event.

15:00 – 16:00 **Field Course Talk**
Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor
Room: Theatre 2

Thursday 25 September

12:00 – 13:00 **School Welcome and Research Showcase – Professor Sam Griffiths- Jones**
[Professor of Computational Biology, Division of Evolution, Infection and Genomics](#)
Building: Simon Building
Room: Theatre E

14.00 – 15.00 **Course Unit Selection Drop-in Clinic**
Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor
Room: PC Cluster 1 (PCC1)

For help with enrolling onto optional course units on the student system (NB this is not a session to help you to choose your optional units – if you have queries about which optional units to select, you should contact your Programme Director). This session is to help you navigate the online unit selection system, if you are experiencing difficulties with this.

15.00 – 16.00 **Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS)**
(Including Lab Coat Collection)
Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street
Room: Cordingley Theatre

16.00 – 17.00 **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*

Friday 26 September

11.00 – 13.00 **Tour of the John Rylands Research Institute & Library (Deansgate, Manchester City Centre) and View Some of our Special Collection Material**
Meet at the main entrance of the John Rylands Library
For directions to the Library, please see here: [Getting here \(The University of Manchester Library\)](#)

15.00 – 16.00 **Lab Coat Collection**
(Optional – for any students who missed the PASS session)
Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor
Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)

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Monday 29 September

09.00

Lectures Begin