

*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.

**Zoom**

Your Welcome Week timetable may contain sessions delivered via Zoom. In order to create your Zoom account, you should visit [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and sign up with your University of Manchester email address.

**YOUR PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC WELCOME TIMETABLE**

**(WEEK COMMENCING 22 SEPTEMBER)**

**Programme:** Biology

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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.

**Field Trip to Risley Moss (Nature Reserve) on Wednesday 24 September**

You will see that a trip to Risley Moss has been included in your timetable below. Numbers on the trip are restricted to 25 – if you would like to attend, please complete the online registration form: [Risley Moss Registration Form](#) Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Queries about Welcome Week**

Queries about Welcome Week can be directed to the SBS Student Support Hub – [sbs.hub@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:sbs.hub@manchester.ac.uk)

## **Monday 22 September**

- 10.00 – 12.00      **Meet Your Programme Director**  
Building: Stopford Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Room: Section 8 & 9, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)
- 12.00 – 13.00      **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!*
- 13.00 – 14.00      **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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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)
- 11.00 – 12.00      **Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 1  
  
*(To allow you to attend your introductory language presentation, any students studying Biology 'with German' should attend an alternative Environmental Sustainability Talk at 12.00 - 13.00 in Theatre 1, Stopford Building)*
- 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.*
- 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      **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      **EDI: Celebrating Diversity**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 1

18.00 – 19.30      **Biology Programme Drop-in Clinic, Online (Optional)**  
Join on the day using the following Zoom link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/4955225878>

### **Wednesday 24 September**

09.30 – 10.30      **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.*

10.30 – 15.00      **Trip to Risley Moss Nature Reserve (optional – sign-up required)**  
If you would like to attend the trip to Risley Moss Nature reserve, please complete the following registration form – places are restricted to 25 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis:  
[Risley Moss Registration Form](#)

Those attending should meet at 10.30 promptly in the Stopford Building foyer.

15.00 – 16.00      **Field Course Talk**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 2

### **Thursday 25 September**

10.00 – 11.00      **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.*

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

13.00 – 14.00      **Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS)  
(Including Lab Coat Collection)**  
Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street  
Room: Cordingley Theatre

14:00 – 15:00

**Lab Coat Collection**

Building: Stopford Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

14.00 – 16.00

**Lab Coat Collection**

**(Optional – for students who missed initial lab coat collection)**

Building: Stopford Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

16.00 – 18.00

**Biology Social Event**

Building: Simon Building

Room: Theatre E

Followed by party at Sandbar 18.00 – 20.00.

**Monday 29 September**

09.00

**Lectures Begin**