

***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:	Biomedical Sciences
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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.

Activities in groups

Please note that for some activities, you have been divided into two groups (groups A and B) as follows:

GROUP A: SURNAME A-K (and students studying Biomedical Sciences ‘with Mandarin Chinese’)
GROUP B: SURNAME L-Z

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

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K (and students studying 'with Mandarin Chinese')	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
09.00 – 11.00	Registration with Programme Directors Building: Stopford Building, 2 nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)	N/A
11.00 – 12.30	Essential Course Information – Presentation by Senior Advisor, Professor Tracey Speake Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2) <i>(To allow you to attend your language introduction, any students studying 'with Mandarin Chinese' should attend the alternative Essential Course Information session on Tuesday 23 September at 2.30pm - 4pm in PCC2 Stopford.)</i>	Registration with Programme Directors Building: Stopford Building, 2 nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)
12.30 – 13.00	N/A	
13.00 – 14:00	Registration with the School of Biological Sciences <i>Register at the SBS Registration Desk on the first floor of the Stopford Building and collect your reusable SBS mug!</i>	
14.00 – 15.00	'With Entrepreneurship' Meeting (only for students registered on a degree 'with Entrepreneurship') Building: Roscoe Building Room: 1.009	
	'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 st Floor Room: Theatre 2	

Tuesday 23 September

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
09.00 – 10.00	N/A	Stopford Building Tour (Optional) <i>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.</i>
10.00 – 11.00	Stopford Building Tour (Optional) <i>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.</i>	Start of Year Fair Location: Marquee outside University Place (in front of the Williamson Building) <i>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</i>

		<i>services, including Careers, Volunteering, Go Abroad, Library and the Sports Team.</i>
11.00 – 12.00	EDI: Celebrating Diversity - Presentation from the Students' Union Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street Building Room: Cordingley Theatre	
12.00 – 13.00	Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier Building: Stopford Building, 1 st Floor Room: Theatre 1	
13.00 – 14.00	eLearning and IT Presentation Building: Roscoe Building Room: Theatre A <i>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).</i>	
14.00 – 14.30	Start of Year Fair	N/A
14.30 – 15.00	Location: Marquee outside University Place (in front of the Williamson Building) <i>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.</i>	Essential Course Information Presentation by Senior Advisor, Professor Tracey Speake Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2)
15.00 – 16.00	Stopford Building Tour (Optional) <i>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 Building' signs.</i>	

Wednesday 24 September

15.30 – 16.30	Meet Your Tutor <i>You will be informed of your tutor group in advance of this meeting. Further information will be sent via email prior to the event.</i> Building: Whitworth Building Room: Whitworth Hall
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Thursday 25 September

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
10.00 – 11.00	School Welcome and Research Showcase 1 – Dr Mino Belle Senior Lecturer, Division of Neuroscience Building: Simon Building Room: Theatre E	
12.00 – 13.00	Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS) (Including Lab Coat Collection) Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street	N/A

	Room: Cordingley Theatre	
13.00 – 14.00	Lab Coat Collection Building: Stopford Building, 2 nd Floor Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 11 for Small/X Small Lab Coats • Section 12 for Medium Lab Coats • Section 13 for Large/XL Lab Coats 	N/A
14.00 – 15.00	N/A	Course Unit Selection Drop-in Clinic Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 1 (PCC1) <p><i>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.</i></p>
15.00 – 16.00	Course Unit Selection Drop-in Clinic Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 1 (PCC1) <p><i>For help with enrolling onto optional course units on the student system (NB this is <u>not</u> 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.</i></p>	Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS) (Including Lab Coat Collection) Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street Room: Cordingley Theatre
16.00 – 17.00	N/A	Lab Coat Collection Building: Stopford Building, 2 nd Floor Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 11 for Small/X Small Lab Coats • Section 12 for Medium Lab Coats • Section 13 for Large/XL Lab Coats

Friday 26 September

Time	
12.00 – 13.00	Programme Lunch Building: Stopford Building, 1 st Floor Room: Common Room
13.00 – 15.00	Orientation Session and Quiz

	Building: Roscoe Building Room: Theatre B
15.00 – 16.00	Lab Coat Collection (Optional – for any students who missed the PASS session) Building: Stopford Building, 2 nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Section 11 for Small/X Small Lab Coats</i> • <i>Section 12 for Medium Lab Coats</i> • <i>Section 13 for Large/XL Lab Coats</i>

Monday 29 September

09.00

Lectures Begin