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:	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 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

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K (and students studying 'with Mandarin Chinese')	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
09.00 – 11.00	**Meeting with your Programme Directors** Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)	
11.00 – 12.30	**Essential Course Information Presentation** Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2) *(To allow you to attend your language introduction, any students studying 'with Mandarin Chinese' should attend the alternative Essential Course Information session on Tuesday 22 September at 2.30pm - 4pm in PCC2 Stopford.)*	
11.00 – 13.00		**Meeting with your Programme Directors** Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor Room: Sections 11-13, 2 SUGT (2nd Floor Teaching Labs)
12.30 – 13.30	**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		**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: University Place Room: 4.205	
	'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: Lecture Theatre 2	

Tuesday 22 September

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
10.00 – 11.00	**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*	**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*

	Stopford Building. Please look for Ambassadors holding the 'SBS Stopford Tour' signs.	*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.*
11.00 – 12.00	**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.*	**Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier** Building: University Place Room: Theatre B
13.00 – 14.00	**eLearning and IT Presentation** Building: Nancy Rothwell Room: Lecture Theatre A	**EDI: Celebrating Diversity - Presentation from the Students' Union** Building: University Place Room: Lecture Theatre B
14.00 – 15.00	**Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier** Building: University Place Room: Lecture Theatre B	
14.30 – 16.00		**Essential Course Information Presentation** Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2)
15.00 – 16.00	**EDI: Celebrating Diversity - Presentation from the Students' Union** Building: Nancy Rothwell Room: Lecture Theatre A	
16.00 – 17.00	**BIOL10401 Introduction to Laboratory Science (Practical Unit) Induction** Microsoft Teams meeting. Join online here on the day: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/313968604599653?p=9kulGKGb9KhvKlUd1W	

Wednesday 23 September

13.00 – 13.30	**'Get Started' Presentation from the University's Library Team** Building: University Place Room: Lecture Theatre A
14.00 – 15.30	**Board games and refreshments in the SBS Hub (Optional)** Building: Stopford Location: 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.*
15.30 – 16.30	**Meet Your Tutor** *You will be informed of your tutor group in advance of this meeting. Further information will be sent via email prior to the event.* Building: Whitworth Building Room: Whitworth Hall
16.30 – 17.00	**SBS Placement Fair (Optional)**

	Location: Stretch Tent (Activity Zone), behind the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons *Find out what it is really like to complete a year in industry as part of your degree programme. Explore placement opportunities, hear from recently returned placement students, and learn how a year in industry can build skills and boost employability.*

Thursday 24 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: Roscoe Building Room: Lecture Theatre A	
12.00 – 13.00	**Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS) (Including Lab Coat Collection)** Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor Room: Lecture Theatre 1	
13.00 – 14.00	**Lab Coat Collection** Building: Stopford Building, 2nd Floor 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*	
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.*
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Friday 25 September

Time	Group A: SURNAME A-K	Group B: SURNAME L-Z
11.00 – 12.00		**eLearning and IT Presentation** Building: Nancy Rothwell Room: Lecture Theatre B
12.00 - 13.00	**Programme Lunch** Building: Stopford Building, 1st Floor Room: Common Room	
13.00 – 15.00	**Orientation Session and Quiz** Building: Roscoe Building Room: Lecture Theatre B	
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) • *Section 11 for Small/X Small Lab Coats* • *Section 12 for Medium Lab Coats* • *Section 13 for Large/XL Lab Coats*	

Monday 28 September

09.00 **Lectures Begin**