

*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:** Microbiology

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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](mailto:sbs.hub@manchester.ac.uk)

## **Monday 22 September**

- 10.00 – 11.00      **Meet Your Programme Director**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Bay C, 1 SUGT (1st Floor Teaching Labs)
- 11.00 – 12.00      **Registration with the School of Biological Sciences**  
*Register at the SBS Registration Desk on the first floor of the Stopford Building and collect your reusable SBS 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 2

## **Tuesday 23 September**

- 10.00 – 11.00      **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.*
- 11.00 – 12.00      **Environmental Sustainability Talk – Dr Maggy Fostier**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 1
- 12:00 – 13:00      **Stopford Building Tour (Optional)**  
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- 13.00 – 14.00      **EDI: Celebrating Diversity**  
Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room: Theatre 1
- 14.30 – 16.00      **Essential Course Information – Presentation by Senior Advisor, Professor Tracey Speake**

Building: Stopford Building, Ground Floor  
Room: PC Cluster 2 (PCC2)

### **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. Further information will be sent to you via email ahead of the day.*

11.30 – 12.30

#### **Course Unit Selection Drop-in Clinic**

Building: Stopford Building

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.*

### **Thursday 25 September**

09.00 – 10.00

#### **School Welcome and Research Showcase – Dr Martin Pool**

[Senior Lecturer in Molecular and Cellular Function](#)

Building: Stopford Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Room: Theatre 1

12.00 – 13.00

#### **Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS) (Including Lab Coat Collection)**

Building: Humanities Bridgeford Street

Room: Cordingley Theatre

13.00 – 14.00

#### **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**

11.00 – 12.00

#### **eLearning and IT Presentation**

Building: Nancy Rothwell Building

Room: Theatre A (2A.040)

*Note that this event will also be live-streamed into Room A2.7, Ellen Wilkinson Building for any students who prefer a quieter venue (limited spaces are available).*

12.00 – 14.00

#### **Lunch and Quiz**

Building: Ellen Wilkinson Building

Room: B2.4

### **Monday 29 September**

09.00

**Lectures Begin**