

WISE UP

9 July - 11 July 2024





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The Wise Up summer school has been designed to give you the opportunity to dive into student life at one of the UK's leading universities, whilst supporting you in making important decisions about higher education, and providing you with tools and techniques to help with your upcoming GCSE's.

During the event, you'll be given your own room in a student flat and shown that university life is so much more than just studying. You'll get to explore our campus, make new friends, take part in university workshops, and relax and unwind during our fun evening activities.

All the activities have been chosen to give you a sneak peak of university life, and to show you what a typical day for a student really looks like; whether that's spending time in lectures and seminars, chilling at the students union, or completing a group project with other students, we hope there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

Here's what the students said last year

- Putting myself out there is not as scary as I had imagined.
- It was great meeting new people from diverse backgrounds but with the same ambition.
- It was super fun and engaging, it tested our skills in a good way.
- I learnt that everyone can go to university.
- The disco was the best experience ever!



MEET THE TEAM

Abbie Mountford



Hi, I'm Abbie and I graduated from a degree in Psychology at The University of Manchester back in 2017. I've worked here since then and love my job! I also love going for hikes, exploring new countries and reading books (my aim is 58 this year!) This is my second year leading the Wise Up summer school, and I'm really excited to meet you all!



Courtney Hayes

Hi, I'm Courtney and I studied Communication and Media at Bournemouth University in 2018. After completing my degree, I lived and worked in China as an English teacher for a year and a half before returning to the UK. I now work at The University of Manchester and I get to deliver exciting events for young people. I'm really looking forward to Wise Up this year!

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Rachael Law



Hi, I'm Rachael and I graduated in 2017 from Manchester Met with a Social Work Degree. I started working at The University of Manchester in October but before this job, I had worked for 5 years with young people in Trafford supporting them with their mental health and wellbeing. I love music and comedy and going to live events. I also enjoy writing poetry, collage art and making things out of clay. I am super excited for Wise Up and look forward to meeting you all!



Izaak Murray



Hi, my name is Izaak. I studied at The University of Manchester and graduated with a degree in Geography in 2022. After completing my degree, I moved home to West Yorkshire and worked as a learning assistant for students with visual impairment for a year. I've recently moved and began an internship working at the University of Manchester! Outside of work I love listening to music, going to gigs, and watching football. I support Huddersfield Town (unfortunately). This is my first ever Summer School and I cannot wait for it!

TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9 July

Time	Activity
Daytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the Wise Up community – event leads, student ambassadors and other Year 10's.• Get guidance on 'choosing what and where to study'.• Take part in a campus quest.• Learn some revision skills for your GCSE's.• Start your group project.
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take part in our quiz, and get to know other students and our ambassadors more.

Wednesday 10 July

Time	Activity
Daytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a session on wellbeing and looking after yourself.• Take part in a university subject taster session.• Develop some other key study skills.• Create your own campaign at the Students' Union.• Consider different careers available after university, and how you talk about yourself when applying for a job.
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enjoy a student social at the halls of residence; including a DJ, games and snacks.

Thursday 11 July

Time	Activity
Daytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out about student finance and how to budget your money whilst at university.• Find out about different extra curricular activities that university students take part in.• Celebrate the end of summer school at our Wise Up graduation ceremony; where your family and friends can come and celebrate with you!

FURTHER INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothes** - You'll need clothes for the three days that you're with us. You don't need to wear school uniform, so wear something you're comfortable in. You'll be walking between the accommodation and University each day (25-30 mins), so make sure you have a jumper/jacket, comfortable shoes, and come prepared for rain (coat/umbrella). We'll also be having a social on the last night, so feel free to bring your party clothes!
- **A towel** - Bed linen is provided, but you'll need to bring a towel for a shower.
- **Toiletries** - Shampoo, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- **Electronics** - An alarm clock (or your mobile phone), and your phone charger.
- **Medication** - Make sure you bring any medication you need whilst staying with us – we can't buy any medication for you. If it's likely to be sunny outside, you should consider bringing suncream and/or a hat too.
- **Money** - You won't need to buy any meals at summer school, but you might want to bring money to buy snacks on the walks back to halls in the afternoons. Please don't bring a lot of money though.

FURTHER INFORMATION

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Pens or paper
- Any expensive electronics - we understand you'll probably want to bring a mobile phone, but please don't bring laptops, iPads etc - you won't need them.

TRAVEL

Transport will be arranged to collect you from school and drop you off at Wise Up on the morning of Tuesday 9 July. We'll send details to you and your teachers in the next few weeks and to let you know what time you need to arrive at school. Don't be late or you might miss the coach! We'll chat to your parents and carers about how you'll be getting home on the Thursday too.

PARENT/CARER SESSION

An online parent/carers information session will take place on Tuesday 18 June, from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Teams. The Wise Up team will provide further information about the summer school, including what activities will be taking place, where you'll be staying, and more about our graduation ceremony (that parents/carers are invited to). We'll send joining instructions at least 1 week prior to the session.

GRADUATION

You'll have an exhibition and graduation at the end of the summer school (the afternoon of Thursday 11 July). We'll be inviting your parents, carers and teachers along. This will take place at The University of Manchester between 2pm and 4.30pm.

FAQs

Will my teachers be there?


No. The summer school will be overseen by University of Manchester staff and student ambassadors. In giving you permission to participate, your teachers are acknowledging that you are a mature and responsible young person who can be trusted to attend without their supervision.

Can I call home?

Of course! Please feel free to bring your mobile phone or to ask the summer school supervisors to borrow a university phone to call home.

What if I don't like it?

Don't worry! Talk to one of the student ambassadors or staff. We all really want to help you enjoy your time at the University as much as possible. Try to see it through as you may find it a little strange at first, but by the end you'll have really enjoyed the experience.



FAQs

What will I eat during the Summer School?

We know that you may be worried about the quality (and the quantity!) of the food, so hopefully we can set your mind at ease. You don't need to bring any food or drink with you. We'll provide breakfast, and dinner at Canterbury Court dining room, and lunches to eat on campus during the days. There are plenty of tasty options for dinner and breakfast, with halal and vegetarian diets catered for. Please just let us know what dietary requirements you have, and we'll ensure you get lots of yummy food. There's something for everyone, and it always goes down a treat.

Where will I stay?

You'll be staying in Canterbury Court, where you'll have your own single study bedroom with en suite bathroom. The rooms are arranged in small flats of no more than 10 rooms, and each flat will be supervised by a Student Ambassador. The Ambassadors have been trained and you can go to them if you have any problems, or if you're feeling unwell. The Wise Up team, as well as additional overnight staff, will also be at Canterbury Court throughout the evenings and overnight.

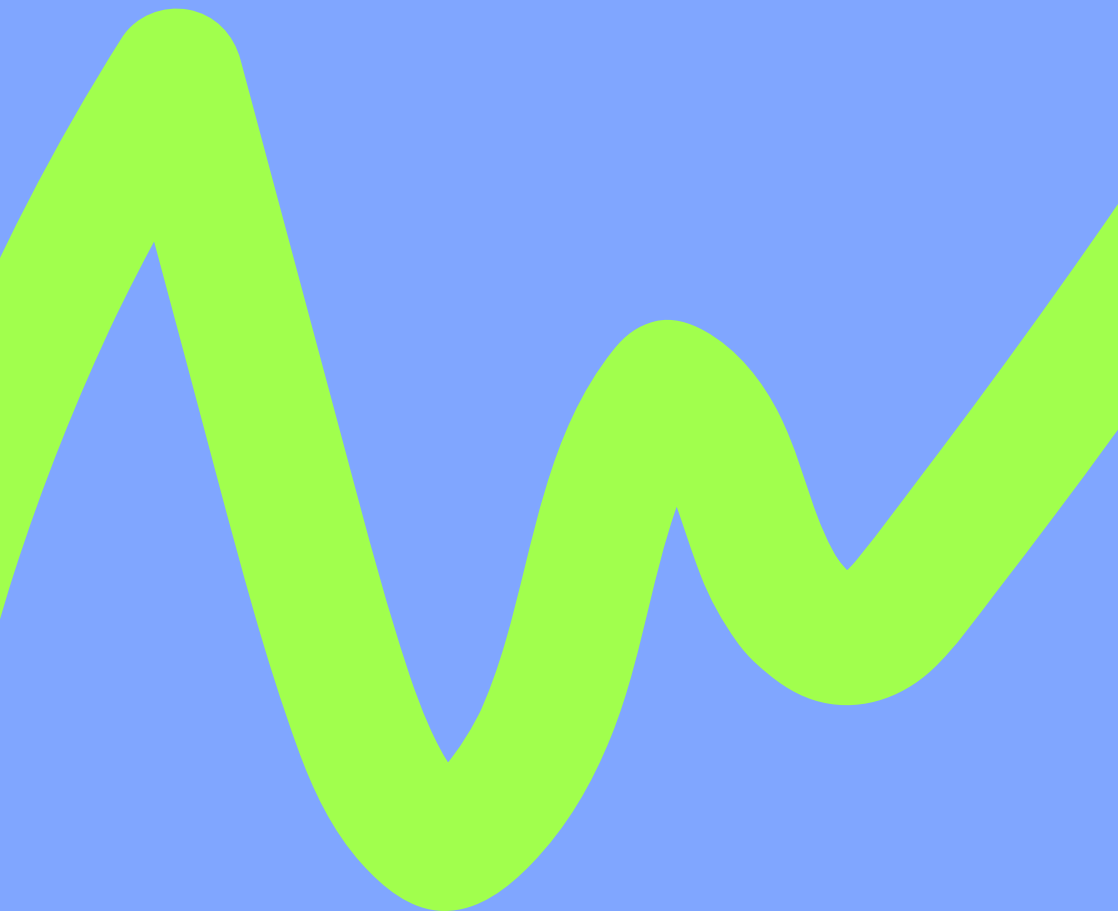
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