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WELCOME

Dear students,

I am delighted to welcome you to Manchester for the International Summer School in Medicine. I am looking forward to meeting you all and to getting to know you over this three-week programme. The purpose of the summer school is to provide medical students from around the world with the opportunity to explore various aspects beyond the standard curriculum, and to experience teaching at our world class institution along with students from a diverse range of backgrounds. We believe that working in this environment will provide you with new ideas and perspectives as well as help to consolidate existing skills.

The University of Manchester has a high international standing with 25 Nobel Prize laureates among our current and former staff and students. Manchester Medical School turns 150 years old this year; it is the UK's largest medical school and the biggest provider of healthcare graduates to the NHS in North West England. One of the University's core goals is 'Social Responsibility', which is the idea that we as individuals (as well as organisations like the University) have a duty to benefit society as a whole. Social responsibility also forms the overarching theme for this Summer School. Manchester is ranked top in the UK and Europe and third in the world in the QS World University Sustainability Rankings. If you have never heard about social responsibility before then please do not worry as there will be plenty of opportunities to learn more about it during your time with us.

You will find an outline of activities on the following pages: details of precise times and locations will be provided on your arrival. All teaching sessions will take place during standard UK working hours from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, on the campus on Oxford Road. You may need to do some additional work in your own time, and some social activities (including trips) may take place outside these hours. Key buildings will be highlighted to you at the beginning of the school, and staff and student helpers will be available to guide you towards the correct location.

Some teaching sessions will take the form of traditional lectures, such as talks from our 'Star speakers'. However, the majority of classes are workshop-based and will involve you working in a small group to complete a task or discuss an idea. For the more interactive, clinically-focussed sessions, the group will be divided up and you may be attending the class at a different time to your friends or working with students you have not met before. This will offer a fantastic opportunity to meet students from all over the world, allowing you to create a global network of friends and future colleagues.

Throughout the summer school, you will be working with a small group of students to prepare a scientific poster on a topic of your choice, which will be presented before the closing ceremony on the final day. There will be small prizes and certificates awarded to the groups with the best posters according to our academic judges. Don't worry if you have never created a poster before as we will guide and support you throughout the process.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

H.M. England.

Dr Hazel England,
Academic Lead for Medicine International Summer School



AIMS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

During the Summer School, our key aims are for you to:

- Gain first-hand experience of teaching at Manchester University
- Make meaningful connections with medical and healthcare students from other countries, cultures and backgrounds
- Gain skills in key areas of communication, research and clinical interactions
- Learn about Social Responsibility and consider how you can contribute to this in your future career.

These will be achieved through a range of teaching activities including lectures, interactive workshops, and practical classes.

The format of some classes may be familiar to you, whereas others will challenge you to work in new ways.

We encourage you to embrace this opportunity to try new things, experience different teaching styles and develop your learning, communication and interaction skills in a friendly and welcoming environment.



WEEKLY THEMES

The school is divided into three themes, focussing on Communication, Clinical skills and Research. Each week will focus on one of these themes, but some content may run outside of its assigned week and some activities will span the whole Summer School. Further details of the schedule including exact session timings, group allocations and room bookings for your group will be provided on your arrival in Manchester.

WEEK ONE: COMMUNICATION SKILLS

This week will focus on improving communication skills; after some teambuilding games, you will be encouraged to consider how we communicate both through different media and to different audiences. You will take part in interactive workshops and work in small groups to create your own short video that will be presented back to the other students. You will consider misinformation and how this can be addressed by healthcare professionals.

We will explore what Social Responsibility is and why it is so important to us here at Manchester, and you will begin work on your group posters for presentation at the end of the school. On Friday there will be a trip for all the summer school students.

WEEK TWO: CLINICAL SKILLS

This week will give you the chance to practice some key clinical skills, using a range of simulation-based activities. You will learn about patient-centred communication and practice some basic clinical examination skills in our purpose-built Consultation Skills Learning Centre.

Other sessions will include an interactive prescribing workshop and Clinical Debrief, which offers an opportunity for students to reflect on clinical cases with an experienced clinical facilitator. You will hear from some of our Star Speakers about their own clinical journeys. There will also be an opportunity to get feedback on your draft group posters. On Friday there will be a trip for all summer school students.



WEEK THREE: RESEARCH SKILLS (WITH CAREERS SESSIONS)

This week will focus on research skills, considering key factors from the planning stage through to publishing your work. This week will begin with a practical laboratory session which will give you hands-on experience in some commonly used microbiology techniques. There will then be talks and interactive workshops on key research skills, such as the basics of statistical analysis, ethical considerations, and writing skills.

There will also be two careers sessions this week, including a guest speaker from the General Medical Council, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the postgraduate study opportunities at Manchester.

On Friday, we will end the Summer Schools with presentations of the poster you have made as well as an award ceremony with prizes for the best posters, followed by a celebratory lunch.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

HEALTH AND SAFETY

If you require urgent medical assistance, or a crime is currently happening, you must call 999.

If the incident occurs on campus, call the University of Manchester's security team (number on the back of your student card) on 0161 306 9966 as well. The security staff will be quicker to attend to the person in danger, has received first-aid training and will be needed to arrange for the ambulance to get to the right place. Similarly, if the incident occurs in your accommodation, please inform reception so that they can help.

If you have an urgent medical concern, but do not need medical assistance, you must use 111.

If you have been a victim of a non-emergency crime that has already happened, you need to report it by calling 101. Examples of such non-emergency crimes include stolen laptops, smartphones and mobile phones, minor traffic collisions, property damage or drug dealing.

If you are feeling ill and can wait for an appointment with the GP, please do so. This will require for you to have registered with a GP prior to taking the appointment, which is why we recommend you do this as soon as possible.

SUPPORT STAFF

If you need assistance with an issue concerning the summer school, reach out to our amazing support team by emailing siss@manchester.ac.uk.

This inbox is monitored between 9am-5pm.

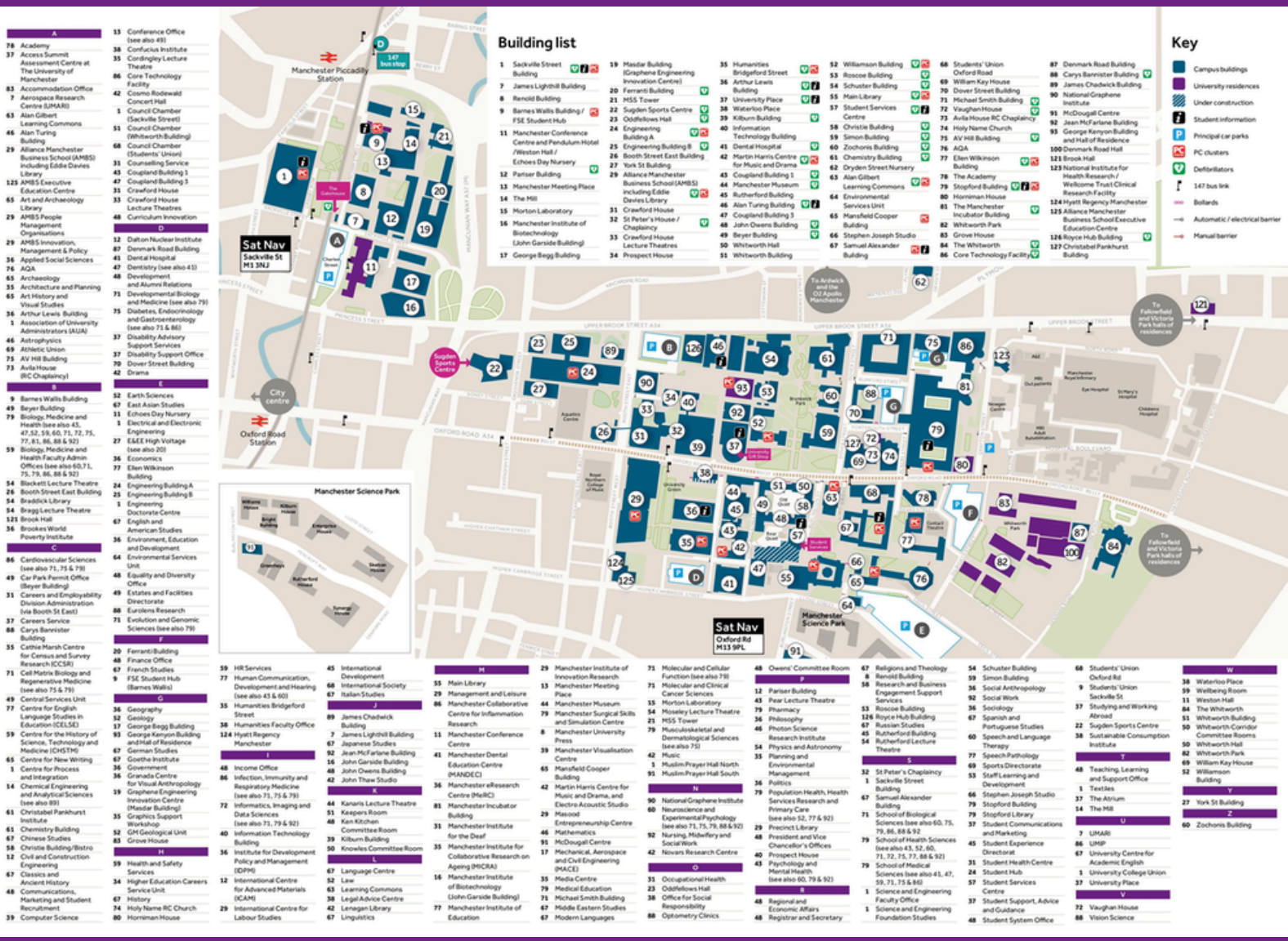
ACCOMMODATION

If you require any assistance regarding the accommodation, please contact:

Whitworth Park
316 Oxford Rd
Manchester
M13 9WJ

Tel: +44 (0)161 275 4950
Email: accommodation@manchester.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY MAP



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