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The University of Manchester

Pre-arrival Information Pack

School of Natural Sciences - Fashion Business and Technology

Welcome to The University of Manchester!

We know that starting at University is a big milestone and so we want to provide you with some useful information before you get started.

In this guide, you will find information about the following topics:

- Welcome Week
- School of Natural Sciences Support Hub
- Your Programme
- Studying at The University of Manchester (UoM)
- Health and Safety
- Student's Union (SU)
- Life in Manchester



Welcome Week

Monday 22 September - Friday 26 September

Welcome Week is a period of orientation when you first start at the University. There will be various activities and events taking place to help you settle in, get to know the University and meet new people! For more information related to starting at The University of Manchester, please head over to this [webpage](#).

You will meet fellow classmates, as well as the academic staff on your programme, and will learn about all of the resources and support that Manchester offers.

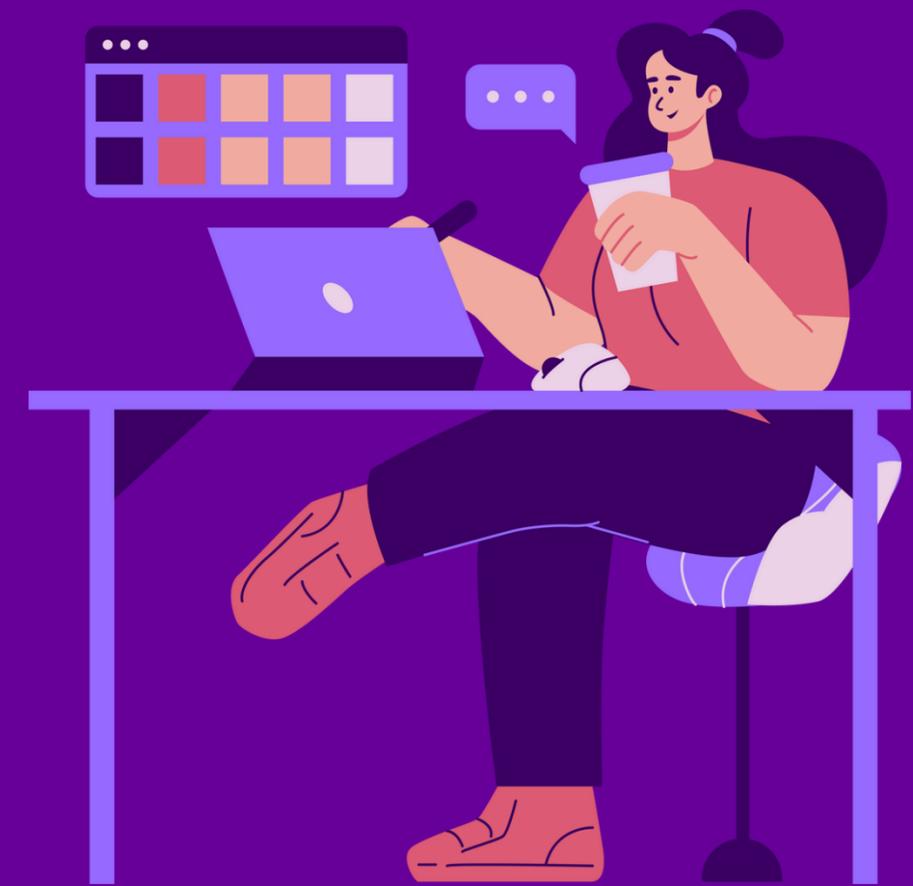
Activities and events will automatically appear in your personalised timetable and you will receive a PDF version via email too. Please be sure to check when you have activities scheduled so you know what you need to attend! To access your personalised Welcome Week timetable, please follow this [link](#).

As a student of the School of Natural Sciences, you can find useful information about starting within the school [here](#).



Your Programme

Fashion Business and Technology



We offer three PGT courses:

- **International Fashion Marketing**
- **International Fashion Retailing**
- **International Fashion Retailing (Entrepreneurship and Innovation)**

On all these courses you will develop your skills for research, critical thinking, analysis, problem solving and effective communication in the context of fashion business.

You will be taught by a variety of lecturers, many of whom conduct academic research in their specialist topic and have significant industry experience, which ensures our course content is up-to-date, and inspired by the latest discoveries of our research groups and the expertise of our staff. The courses are campus-based and are delivered through a blended, flexible model. Students study a mixture of predominantly in-person, on campus activities, lectures and classes, and recorded video content and other materials from lecturers.

Your Programme

Fashion Business and Technology - Academic Staff



Dr Mohammed Mirza

PGT Programme Director

Fashion, Business & Technology



Dr Lindsay Pressdee

Programme Co-ordinator

International Fashion Marketing



Dr Amy Benstead

Programme Co-ordinator

International Fashion Retailing

**International Fashion Retailing
with Enterprise & Innovation**

Your Programme

Fashion Business and Technology - Academic Advisor

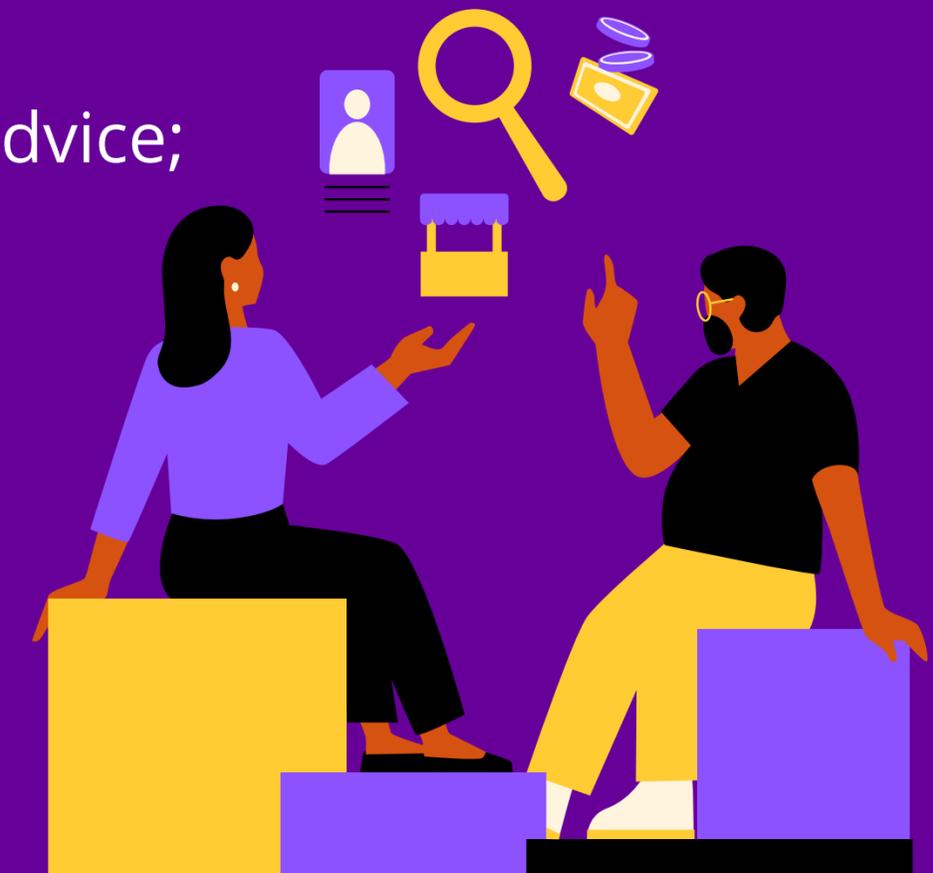
Your Academic Advisor is an academic member of staff who you can go to for academic support.

They are assigned to you by your department and will reach out to you to organise a meeting at the beginning of the semester.

Building a good relationship with your Academic Advisor is extremely useful as they will be able to discuss your academic progress on the programme and offer advice and support to you.

Your advisor can:

- discuss your academic progress with you and offer support and advice;
- provide information and guidance on course unit choices;
- direct you to appropriate support services;
- provide references for you;
- help you to prepare for careers and life after graduation.



Your Programme

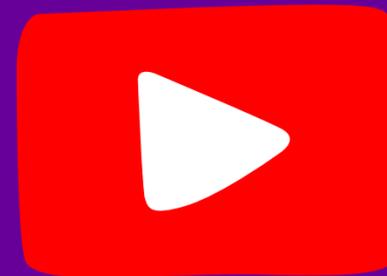
Fashion Business and Technology - Global Threads: A fashion podcast



Starting university — especially in a new city or even a new country — can feel exciting but also overwhelming. That's why we've created this series: to give you insider advice, real student experiences, and expert guidance to help you settle in, succeed in your studies, and make the most of your time at Manchester.

Hear from programme leaders, lecturers, current students, and industry voices who will share practical tips on studying, living in the UK, boosting your employability, and thinking critically about the future of fashion.

Listen on Youtube or Spotify



Your Programme

Fashion Business and Technology - Timetable

Use this [website](#) to view your personal timetable

MATS_Y1_FBT

Week No. 5 2025_26 (Mon Oct 20 2025 - Sun Oct 26 2025)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
0900	MATS11301 ASYNCHRONOUS Wks: 2-6, 8-13	MATS11201 Nancy Rothwell_B LABORATORY Wks: 5	MATS11301 Nancy Rothwell_TA COMPUTER CLAS Wks: 2-6, 8-13		MATS11701 Nancy Rothwell_3A.071 M&T SEMINAR Wks: 2-6, 8-13
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1300			MATS11201 ASYNCHRONOUS Wks: 2-6, 8-13		MATS12220 Chemistry_G.54 TUTORIAL Wks: 2-3, 5-6, 9, 11-12
1400	MATS Uni Plt PASS Wks: 3	MATS Uni Plt PASS Wks: 3	MATS Uni Plt PASS Wks: 3	MATS Uni Plt PASS Wks: 3	MATS Uni Plt PASS Wks: 3
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1700					
1800					

In order to see your timetable, you must complete at least steps 1 - 9 of Registration and be enrolled on your course units

Studying at UoM



Lecture — form of learning where you receive information. Typically delivered in a lecture theatre, by your lecturer, supported by a PowerPoint. These are recorded so you can access them at any time.

Seminar — a small teaching session that is more interactive than a lecture.

Tutorial — small group learning focusing on course-specific and transferable skills such as referencing and careers support.

It's normal to come across new words and acronyms you've never heard before. The Library Student Team have created a useful glossary [here](#).

Studying at UoM

Do you need help with referencing, presenting, writing, revision, English Language or something else?

The Library offer a vast array of useful academic skills training, including face-to-face workshops, you can find a full list [here](#).

The Digital Learning Service have provided a list of resources [here](#).

An [academic phrasebook](#) may be useful to improve the tone and vocabulary of your writing.

If you need extra help with English Language the UCAE can assist with a range of [resources](#). The UCAE also offer [workshops](#) to cover key skills in academic English.

Do not struggle, ask for help!

Healthcare

You should register with a GP (General Practitioner) as soon as you can.

A GP is a local/family Doctor who can treat you for ongoing or minor illnesses.

Find GPs close to the University using this [map](#) or this [list](#).

For serious injury or illness you should call 999
or visit Accident and Emergency (A&E)

Familiarise yourself with NHS Emergency services [here](#)

[How to register with a GP](#)

[Students' Union advice](#)

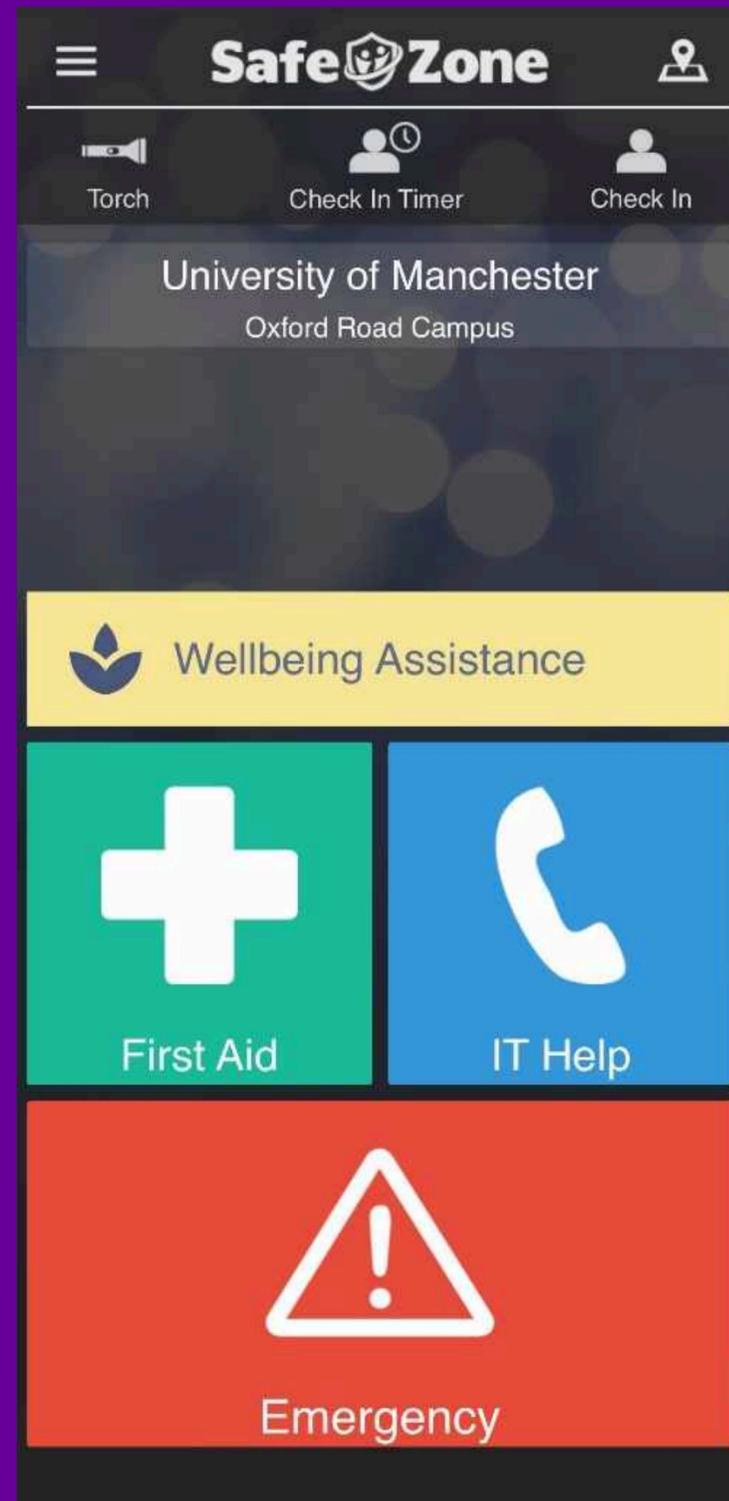


SafeZone

SafeZone is our mobile app designed to help keep you safe and give you extra peace of mind across campuses in the city.

- It's free and easy to use
- Contact Campus Security quickly and discreetly
- Get medical or wellbeing assistance

Find out more and download [here](#).



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Alan Turing Building

Talk to us about any
issues you have!



SoNS Student
Support Hub

Alan Turing Building

9.00am to 5.00pm,
Monday to Friday

0161 529 4517

[sons.hub@manchester.ac.
uk](mailto:sons.hub@manchester.ac.uk)

[@uom_sons_hub](https://twitter.com/uom_sons_hub)

[Virtual Hub](#)

Student's Union

The Student's Union is here to support you in your life outside of academics. You can join clubs and societies, attend events, find advice and support or enact change at the University.

[Student's Union](#)

[What They Do](#)

[Advice](#)

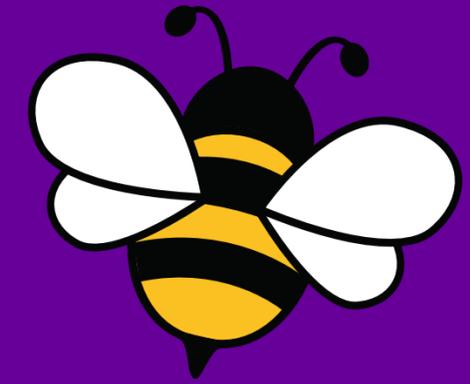
[Jobs](#)

[What's on!](#)

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[Meet the 2025/26 Exec team](#)

[Academic Reps](#)



Life in Manchester

Greater Manchester is a diverse place with endless possibilities. This historic hub of science, politics, music, arts and sport offers something for everyone! Some common student hotspots include:

- Northern Quarter - a bustling area packed full of cafes, bars and restaurants
- Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens - a beautiful 90 acre park in south Manchester
- Fallowfield - a student heavy area sporting many affordable bars and pubs
- Arndale Shopping Centre - home to 200+ stores, food outlets & leisure venues
- Chorlton - a lovely area in southwest Manchester, great for cafes, green spaces and charity shops

Life in Manchester

The [UoM Student Life](#) page gives an insight into students favourite things to do in Manchester, as well as some ideas for how to explore Manchester on a budget.

[Visit Manchester](#) advertises a plethora of experiences and events on offer all around Manchester.

[Manchester's Finest](#) explore page can be used to search for specific experiences by type or location. Their website also posts articles on a range of Manchester related topics.



Checklist

- Register
- Move in
- Sign up to GP
- Set up a bank account
- Check Timetable
- Attend Welcome Week
- Meet Academic Advisor
- Visit the SU
- Explore Manchester!

Download a Get Ready Guide [here](#)



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We can't wait to meet you!

