



Orientation Programme and Airport Collection September 2011

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- Outline of Orientation Programme and Airport Collection Service 2011
- What's new this year
- The involvement of Schools, Faculties and Central Services
- The development of the Orientation Programme for the future

Key Dates

- Tuesday 13th September – Airport Collection Service/ Helpdesks open
- Thursday 15th September – Orientation Programme begins
- Sunday 18th September – Orientation Programme ends
- International Society Helpdesk and Police Registration continues through Welcome Week

Airport Collection Service

Tuesday 13th - Sunday 18th September 2011
8.00am- 9.30pm

- Free service from Manchester Airport to 10 stops around University Halls of Residence.
- Service primarily for new, unaccompanied international students in University Accommodation
- Welcome desks at each Airport terminal
- Integrated service with the Accommodation Helpdesks

Orientation Programme

Thursday 15th September – Sunday 18th September.

International Society Helpdesk and Police

Registration continues through Welcome Week

- Over 2,000 students will attend
- Based primarily at and around University Place
- Some events and information in following week for later arrivals
- Aims to equip students with the essential information they need to begin life in Manchester and provide the opportunity to make friends

Programme Content

- Presentations by staff and guests:
 - Formal Welcome
 - Registration
 - Support Services
 - The Students' Union
 - Personal Safety and Security
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - The International Society

Workshops

- Halls IT
- Banking and Money Matters
- English Language Support
- Careers and Working in the UK
- Immigration and Visas
- Getting to Know the British
- Finding and Living in Private Accommodation
- The University Chaplaincy
- Living in Manchester Discussion Groups – led by Purple People

Tours

- Campus Tours – led by Purple People
- Self Guided Campus Tour Quiz
- City Coach Tours
- Supermarket Trips
- Manchester Museum
- Whitworth Art Gallery

Social Events

- Afternoon Film Screenings
- World Quiz
- Karaoke
- Ceilidh
- Street Dancing
- Tea, coffee and light music evenings
- Welcome to the Students' Union
- International Society Barbeque
- Last Night Party

Other activities

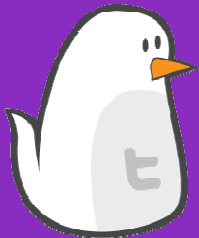
- Helpdesks
- Services Fair
- Specialised sessions
 - Study Abroad, Erasmus and Exchange
 - Postgraduates
 - Students with Families
 - Quick Guide to the University
- Sport

New this year

- More use of Facebook and Twitter



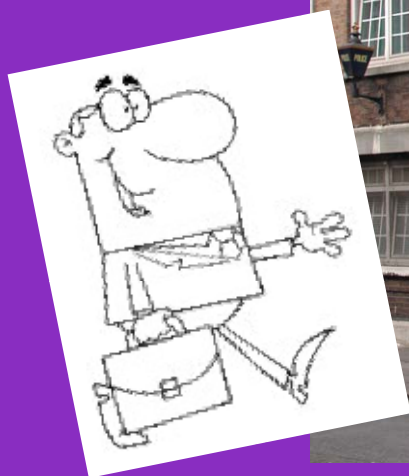
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An appointment system for International Visitor (Police) Registration



Additional workshops – private accommodation, visas and immigration, living in a multi-faith community



Additional social events – UMSU welcome lounge, Film at 5, croquet tournament, self guided tour



Altered focus for the Services Fair on Friday and Saturday



‘talking heads’ for those who
don’t make it to orientation



No vaccinations



Involvement of Schools, Faculties and Central Support Services

- Dissemination of key messages
- Sharing of information – before & during the event
- Encouragement to use the Helpdesks

So what next?....



- Smaller/larger?
- Is it appropriate to separate international & EU from home?
- Can we/ should we be more joined up?
- Is orientation about giving information or settling in?
- How can we be better coordinated with Schools and Faculties?
- and the Union?

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