

UNI:4U 2025

YEAR 10 PROGRAMME



WHAT IS UNI:4U?

Uni:4U is a programme of summer school events which take place at a range of university and higher education campuses across the region. They include workshops, interactive sessions, and the chance to chat with staff and students who can help you get ready for the future.

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE PART?

Taking part in a summer school is a unique experience, and you'll get to:

- Scope out what university life is all about.
- Meet like-minded students from across Greater Manchester.
- Level up your skills and boost your confidence.
- Take a deep dive into various courses and fields of study.
- Learn about different industries and the careers they can open up for you.
- Get crucial advice on making big moves post Year 11 and beyond.

WHO'S IT FOR?

Year 10 students, within Greater Manchester, who want to check out the university scene or other higher education options.



IT WAS GREAT MEETING NEW PEOPLE FROM A DIVERSE BACKGROUND BUT WITH THE SAME AMBITION.

WHAT DO THE EVENTS INVOLVE?

Our programme offers something for everyone. We've got events that give you a taste of specific subjects, and others that give you the whole low down of higher education and uni life.

Here's what you need to know:

- Get ready for interactive workshops, campus tours, group projects and social activities.
- All activities are led by staff, and you'll also be supported by friendly student ambassadors.
- Everything's free, including food and travel to and from school.
- We pinky promise it's way more fun than your typical school day!

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE UNI:4U EVENTS?

The events take place on different dates between 9 June – 23 July 2025. Everything happens on campus at the higher education institution or provider.

You can get more information about each summer school on the next few pages or visit our website:

gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u

MURDER ON CAMPUS

Location: University of Bolton

Dates: 9 June - 10 June 2025

Non-residential

Calling all Sherlocks, Poirots and Miss Marples, the game is afoot! We need your help to solve the ultimate murder mystery and ensure justice is served.

At this summer school, you'll come face to face with the realities of the criminal justice system, as faced by our public services, legal professionals and psychological experts every day.

You'll learn how a criminal case is built, what drives the criminal mind and how justice is served, as well as meeting real life justice professionals and pitting your wits against our clues and riddles.

If you think you have what it takes to solve a real-life 'whodunnit', then this event is for you!



GLOW UP MANCHESTER

Location: Salford City College, University Centre

Dates: 17 June - 19 June 2025

Non-residential

Glow Up Manchester is a three-day, non-residential summer school where you'll get the inside scoop on creating jaw-dropping catwalk show make-up looks.

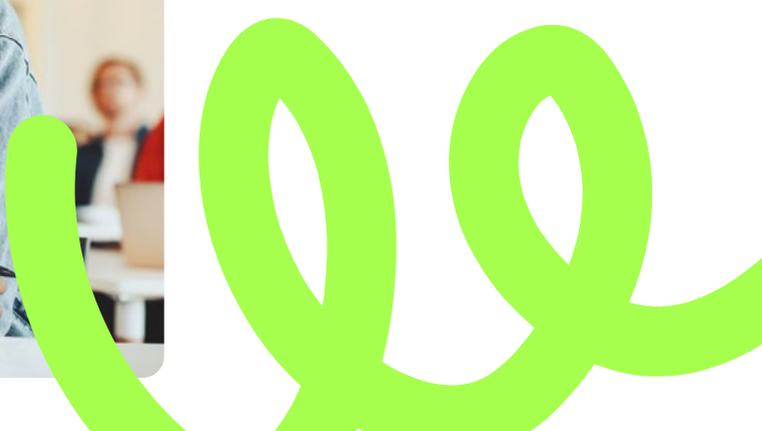
From perfecting your make-up skills to selecting hair designs and designing couture fashion garments.

You won't be alone on this creative journey - industry experts will be there every step of the way, sharing their insider tips, stories, and career advice to help you make it in the world of make-up and fashion.

On the final day, you and your team will showcase your creations in a live catwalk, on a real runway using professional lighting, music and more. An expert industry panel will provide feedback on your work – this is your moment to shine!

But that's not all – you'll also get to experience hands-on workshops, a campus tour, and gain a deeper understanding of higher education, boosting your confidence and academic drive.

Don't miss out on this incredible chance to glow up your skills and kickstart your future in the make-up and fashion industry.



GAMES DESIGN

Location: Futureworks, Manchester City Centre

Dates: 1 July - 3 July 2025

Non-residential

Join us at Futureworks where you'll step into the shoes of game industry professionals and create your own concept for a game in three-days from scratch. From brainstorming ideas to bringing your vision to life, you'll work alongside industry experts to turn your very own game into reality.

During the three-days, you'll:

- Explore real-life roles in the gaming industry.
- Get insider knowledge and tips from real industry professionals who know what it takes to create hit games.
- Get hands-on experience with the same toolkit that game designers use.
- Work in teams to develop your very own game concept, pushing the boundaries of creativity.
- Build something epic - whether it's a storyboard, game outline, or even a prototype.
- Unleash your skills – not only will you enhance your creativity and development skills, but you'll also master teamwork, problem-solving, and presentation techniques.

By the end of the summer, you'll not only have a finished game concept to show off, but you'll also have developed a deeper understanding of the gaming world, along with skills you can apply in the future—whether that's in coding, design, or even your own startup ideas. Bring your big ideas, your creativity, and your drive, and we'll show you how to turn them into reality.

FROM PAGE TO STAGE

Location: University of Salford, Peel Park Campus

Dates: 2 July - 4 July 2025

Non-residential

Ever dreamed of stepping into the spotlight or working behind the scenes to make a live performance come to life? This summer, join us for a three-day Technical Theatre Summer School at the University of Salford's New Adelphi Theatre, where you'll have the chance to script, perform, and tech an unforgettable live performance.

During the summer school you'll:

- Explore Creative Writing, Performance and Technical Theatre and you'll get a peek behind the curtain to the different roles in the theatre world, both on stage and off.
- Get to use state-of-the-art lighting, sound design, and other high-end tech equipment in the New Adelphi Theatre – just like the pros!
- Develop new talents and key theatre skills that are essential to bringing a production to life.
- Show off your talent and feel the excitement of a live performance – on the final day, you'll put everything together and perform for an audience of family, friends, and supporters.

This summer school is perfect for anyone with a passion for drama, creativity, and performance. Whether you dream of being on stage or behind the scenes, there's a role for everyone to play in this experience.

WISE UP

Location: The University of Manchester

Dates: 8 July - 10 July 2025

Residential (three-days, two-nights)

Ever wondered what it's really like to live the university life? Ready to experience the excitement of student life, try out university accommodation, and connect with other students who share your passions? Wise Up is your chance to do all that and more!

This three-day, two-night residential summer school at The University of Manchester invites you to dive into life as a university student in one of the UK's coolest cities.

During the summer school you'll:

- Get all the insider info on how to make smart decisions about higher education, figure out how to afford uni, and set yourself up for your dream job in the future.
- Gain a clearer understanding of the perks and opportunities of going to university.
- Dive into the real student experience with activities that'll make you feel like a uni student, like hanging out at the Students' Union.
- Explore a range of fascinating subjects you can study at university.
- Take part in a fun campus quests to uncover the best spots around the university.
- Make new friends and enjoy evening social activities.
- Boost your team-building skills and stretch your mind with challenges designed to help with your upcoming GCSE's.
- Live it up by staying in the halls of residence, fully immersed in the campus experience!

Grab this opportunity to get a taste of what university life is all about!

SCIENTIFIC YOU

Location: Manchester Metropolitan University

Dates: 21 July - 23 July 2025

Residential (three-days, two-nights)

Ready to dive into the exciting world of science? Whether you're eager to explore biology, chemistry, or want to get hands-on with product design engineering, our 'Scientific You' summer school is the perfect fit for you.

Get ready to immerse yourself in one of the largest research-led science faculties around. You'll have the chance to explore a variety of subject tasters across different scientific fields, all while learning from our expert academic staff.

By joining us at our city centre campus you'll:

- Get hands-on experience by taking part in lab-based activities.
- Explore the campus on a group-led quest.
- Get a taste of uni life with an overnight in our student halls, where you'll get your very own private bedroom and en-suite bathroom.
- Make new friends from all over Greater Manchester and socialise at our evening activities.
- Find out what you need to know about higher education and your future options.

Throughout the programme, you'll be joined by current Manchester Met students who'll guide you and share their personal experiences, giving you an authentic insight into university life.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to kickstart your scientific journey.



HOW DO YOU SECURE YOUR SPOT?

To be considered for one of our summer schools, you'll need to complete an application to express your interest. You'll find the link to the form in the summer school event listing on our website:

gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u

You'll be asked for some information about yourself and which event you'd like to attend. Please make sure you complete the application carefully.

You'll also need to provide your parents'/carers' contact details, so they can confirm they're happy for you to attend. Please remember to ask for their permission before providing these details.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 6 APRIL 2025

Shortly after this date we'll get in touch to let you know if you've been allocated a place or whether you've been added to a waiting list. If you've been given a place, you'll receive more information about the event.

If at any point you're not sure what to do next, please speak to your teacher.

Find out more:
gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u



FAQ'S



How much does it cost?

It's free. We cover the costs of all food, travel and, for residential summer schools, accommodation.

Why have you been invited to participate?

This is because your school has been working with Greater Manchester Higher who deliver a range of educational activities, which encourage you to consider your options after you leave school.

Greater Manchester Higher are funded by the government, aiming to increase the number of learners going to higher education from areas where this is lower than the national average.

For further information please visit gmhigher.ac.uk/about or speak to your teacher.

Is it safe?

Yes. All staff (including student ambassadors) working at the event have an enhanced DBS and you'll be supervised at all times.

All events have been risk assessed and created with student safety in mind.

Who can you contact if you have any questions?

Each event will have an event lead who'll be contactable for the full duration of the event and in the run up to the summer school.

Details will be sent out in advance to you, your parent/carer and your school.

Is there anything your parent/carer needs to do for you to attend?

Your parent/carer will be required to complete a form to say they're happy for you to attend the summer school. We'll use the details you've provided on your form, so please make sure these are accurate.

If you're offered a place, there'll be a parent/carer information session delivered by the event lead where they can ask any questions they might have. Further information will be shared with you about this.

Is there anything you'll need to be able to attend?

There isn't anything you'll need specifically but if you get a place confirmed, the event lead will let you know if there is anything they recommend that you bring/wear such as comfortable clothes.

What happens if you no longer want to attend?

If you don't want to take up your place, please let your teacher and the event lead know as soon as possible. You'll be required to attend every day of the summer school, so please ensure you're available for the full duration.





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