

SCIENTIFIC YOU

21 July - 23 July 2025



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Hello, thank you for signing up to the Scientific You programme. We're very much looking forward to meeting you, and welcoming you to our campus.

Please take some time to read through the information in this booklet, as it'll help you prepare for the event.

Although you've already made the very good decision to attend, we take this opportunity to remind you of the basics of the programme.

Across three days you'll: meet other like-minded young people from different schools in Greater Manchester; discover more about higher education; experience our high-end campus facilities; stay in our accommodation for two nights; learn from our academic staff; and get plenty of time to ask questions of our current students.

Best wishes,
Sam

Here's what students have said

- It really gave an insight to biology labs in higher education and how they're extraordinarily different to high school.
- I enjoyed having the freedom to follow a method and complete an experiment on my own.
- It was all fun, interesting and different. I enjoyed being in the high-tech lab.
- It helped me understand how my studies now affect my future studies and how university is useful in many ways.



MEET THE TEAM

Sam Wade



I'm a Widening Participation Officer at Manchester Met, and I'm leading the summer school. I achieved fairly average grades at GCSE level, and dropped out of college aged 17 with one AS Level completed. I later returned to college aged 23 and completed an intensive Access to HE course, gaining Distinctions throughout. I then studied English at Liverpool John Moores University, achieving a 1st Class B.A. (Hons) Degree.



Ivan Hay

I'm a Widening Participation Officer at Manchester Met, and have been in the team for nine years. I studied Politics at the University of Central Lancashire after doing A Levels in my home city of Leeds. I lead pre-entry advice and guidance for Care Leavers, and all activities with Local Authorities and young people in care.



MEET THE TEAM

Andy Moore



I look after the Widening Participation Team at Manchester Met. After school and college, I studied Business Management and Music Production at the University of Chester. I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to university when I was at college, but it was definitely one of my best decisions! The skills and confidence it gave me have led me into lots of interesting jobs, working in careers advice, international education, and teaching in Spain, before eventually working at Manchester Met. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all on campus!



TIMETABLE

Monday 21 July

Time	Activity
8:00 onwards	Collection from school
10:30	Welcome to campus
11:30	Icebreakers
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Subject taster A/B
15:30	Break
15:45	Accommodation check-in
17:30	Dinner
18:30	Campus Quest
21:00	Return to accommodation
23:00	Lights out

Tuesday 22 July

Time	Activity
9:00	Breakfast
10:00	Subject taster B/C
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Higher education workshop
14:00	Subject taster A/C
16:00	Break (back to accommodation)
17:30	Dinner
17:45	Evening activities
21:30	Return to accommodation
23:00	Lights out

Wednesday 23 July

Time	Activity
9:00	Breakfast
10:00	Store bags and possessions/register
10:30	Higher education workshop
11:30	Lunch
12:30	Closing talk
13:30	Depart

FURTHER INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothes** - You'll need clothes for the three days and two nights that you're with us. This should be appropriate (i.e. something you'd wear on a non-uniform day at school) and should include comfortable footwear you can enjoy across the days.
- **A towel and personal products** - (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries, sanitary items); we also suggest bringing sun cream.
- **Mobile phone and charger.**
- **Medication** - make sure you bring any medication you need whilst staying with us – we can't buy any medication for you.
- **Water for the coach journey.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **Excessive amounts of, or inappropriate, clothing.**
- **Expensive valuables** - (e.g. laptops, jewellery).
- **Bedding.**
- **Food items or cookware** - (all meals will be provided).
- **Any intoxicating substances or illegal items.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

TRAVEL

On the morning of Monday 21 July, you'll be collected by coach, or an alternative, from your school; we expect pickup times to start from around 8am. You'll be returned to your school in the afternoon of Wednesday 23 July; you may expect to arrive back at the school from around 2.15pm onwards, depending on the location of your school. You should check the transport itinerary which will be shared with you, and any emails we send, for exact details.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

We would like to invite you and your parent/carer to attend an online (Microsoft Teams) information evening on Tuesday 8th July, 18:00-18:30. This will be an opportunity for your parent/carer to meet some of our staff and find out more about what you'll be doing during the event. There'll also be an opportunity for us to answer any questions you have. While attendance at the information evening is optional, many parents and children in the past have found it really useful, so we do encourage you to attend if you are able to. Your parent/carer will receive an email with a link to join the meeting online.

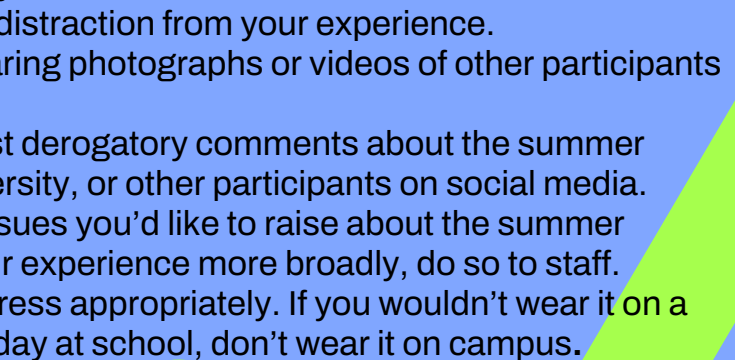
ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Please make sure you advise us in advance of any specific needs you have. This includes medical, food, learning needs. Also note that it's your responsibility to take your medication, and to look after it.

CODE OF CONDUCT

While you're on our campus, we expect you to adhere to our Code of Conduct. Unless you tell us otherwise, we assume you accept the Code of Conduct; if you don't accept the Code of Conduct, you can't attend the summer school.

Sanctions, including being removed from the summer school in extreme cases, will be applied to participants who breach the Code of Conduct:

- You'll be respectful towards other attendees, staff members, and property.
 - You'll not leave the campus at any point unless authorised to do so; nor will you invite anyone to the campus.
 - Mobile phones will only be used at permitted times.
 - No mixing is allowed in accommodation, other than in designated shared areas; you may not swap rooms.
 - Use of intoxicants (including smoking/vaping) is forbidden.
 - Online links must not be shared.
 - We discourage the use of social media while at summer school; it's a distraction from your experience.
 - Taking or sharing photographs or videos of other participants is forbidden.
 - You'll not post derogatory comments about the summer school, University, or other participants on social media.
 - If you have issues you'd like to raise about the summer school or your experience more broadly, do so to staff.
 - You should dress appropriately. If you wouldn't wear it on a non-uniform day at school, don't wear it on campus.
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FAQs

Will the programme be sociable?


It's normal to be nervous about a new experience and meeting of new people. We'll be making sure that everyone is as integrated as possible, and has the chance to make new friends along the way.

Can I contact my parents/carers?

Although we'll ask phone use to be at appropriate times, you'll always be able to reach home, and your parents/carers will always be able to contact you.

How hard will it be?

While the programme aims to introduce you to study in higher education, all our workshops are tailored to your age group. Plus, if you don't know much about higher education, we'll be running a short workshop to give you an overview of your options.



FAQs

Could the timetable change?

While we've done our best to ensure the accuracy of this information, it's possible that the academic taster sessions will be subject to change; in such a case, we'll seek to provide a suitable alternative.

What food will be available?

A range of foods will be made available, to suit most dietary requirements. Please let us know of specific requirements you may have in advance, as it gives us the best chance of securing the items you need.

Where will I stay?

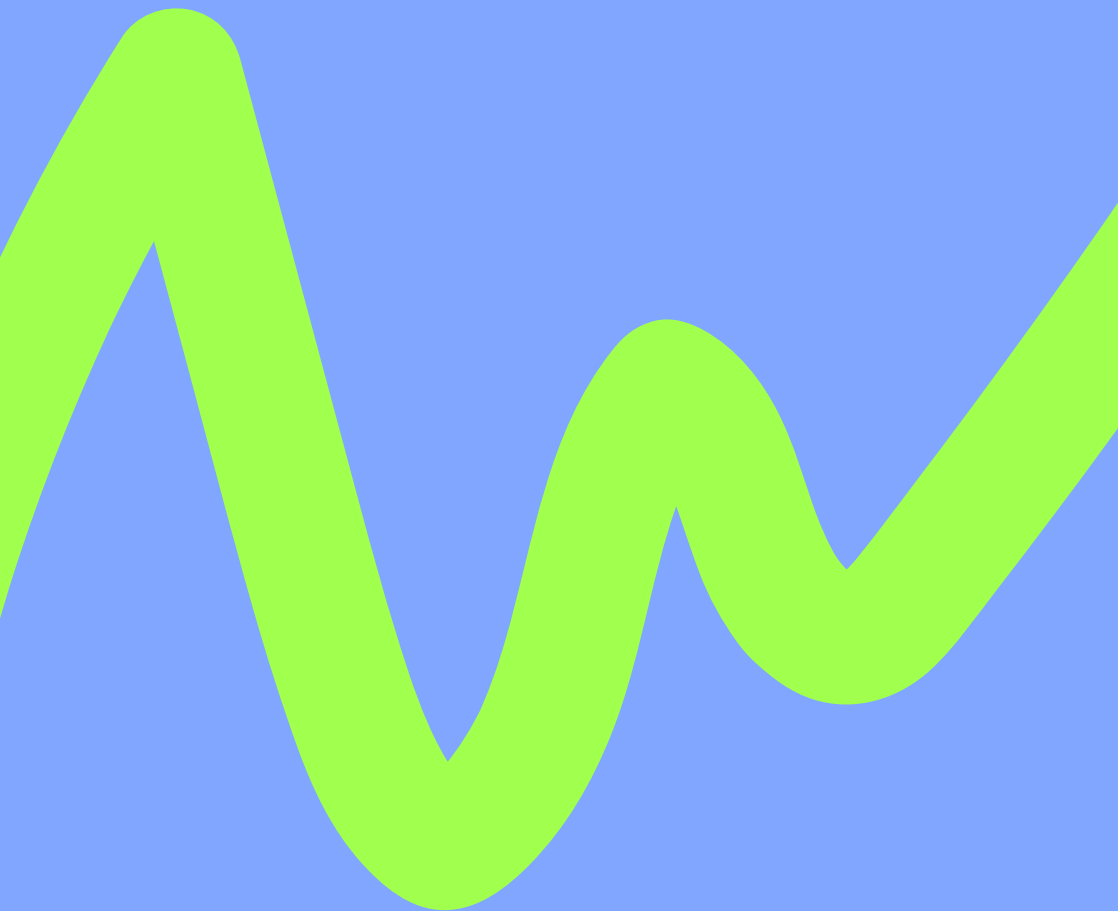
Accommodation is in flats on our Birley site, a short walk from the main university campus. Each flat has 8 en suite rooms. Each attendee will have their own room. Accommodation for young people will be single sex. Staff will supervise each flat; we aim to have same sex staff for each flat; we reserve the right to deploy opposite sex staff in certain situations. Staff have been Enhanced DBS checked, meaning they've been police checked and are cleared to work with young people. If you've any questions about the accommodation, please contact the event lead directly.

CONTACT DETAILS

You can contact the event lead if you have any questions:
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