

UNI:4U 2026

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 15 June - 22 July 2026. 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 Greater Manchester

Dates: 15 June - 17 June 2026

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!



BUILDING TOMORROW:

Construction, Engineering & Technology

Location: Stockport College

Dates: 23 June - 25 June 2026

Non-residential

Want to build something amazing?

This summer school is your chance to dive into the world of Construction, Engineering and Technology and see how big ideas become real inventions, structures, and solutions.

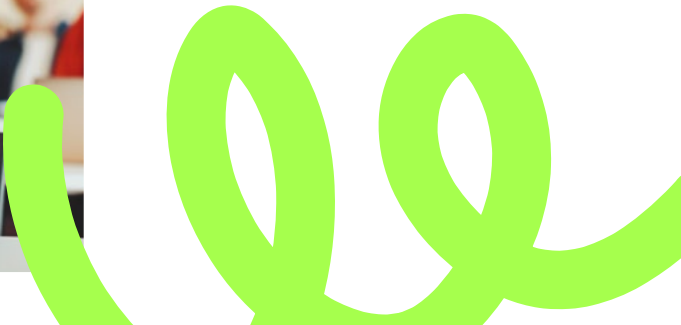
Across three days, you'll take part in hands-on activities and real-world challenges that show just how creative and future-focused these subjects can be.

Get ready to:

- Use VR to explore design in 3D.
- Build and test structures with LEGO.
- Learn to code and use problem-solving skills to tackle real tech challenges.
- Discover how these subjects are taught in higher education—and what careers they can lead to.

But it isn't just about learning skills—it's about the experience. You'll meet new people, work in teams, and connect with student ambassadors and current higher education students who'll give you an insider's view of what studying these subjects is really like.

You'll leave feeling more confident about your future, with new strengths in teamwork, problem-solving, communication, resilience, and presenting. You'll also walk away with a real taste of higher education—and memories of an experience that'll inspire you well beyond the summer.



WISE UP

Location: The University of Manchester

Dates: 7 July - 9 July 2026

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!

FROM PAGE TO STAGE

Location: University of Salford, Peel Park Campus

Dates: 8 July - 10 July 2026

Non-residential

Ever dreamed of stepping into the world of theatre-on stage, backstage or everywhere in between? This summer, join us for a three-day Technical Theatre summer school, where you'll have the chance to create, rehearse, and bring to life a full performance in the University of Salford's New Adelphi Theatre.

During the summer school, you'll:

- Explore creative subjects including Creative Writing, Performance and Technical Theatre – giving you a real peek behind the curtain at the diverse roles that make live theatre happen!
- Get to use professional, in-house equipment in our state-of-the-art theatre, learning technical roles such as lighting design and sound engineering.
- Learn about playwriting, from developing a narrative and creating characters, to writing dialogue and stage directions.
- Work on your acting and performance skills, giving you confidence to portray your character and collaborate with others on stage.
- Showcase your creativity, teamwork and technical skills to 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.

SCIENTIFIC YOU

Location: Manchester Metropolitan University

Dates: 20 July - 22 July 2026

Residential (three-days, two-nights)

Considering studying science at college or university? Curious about how science shapes the world around you?

Let us show you what it's really like!

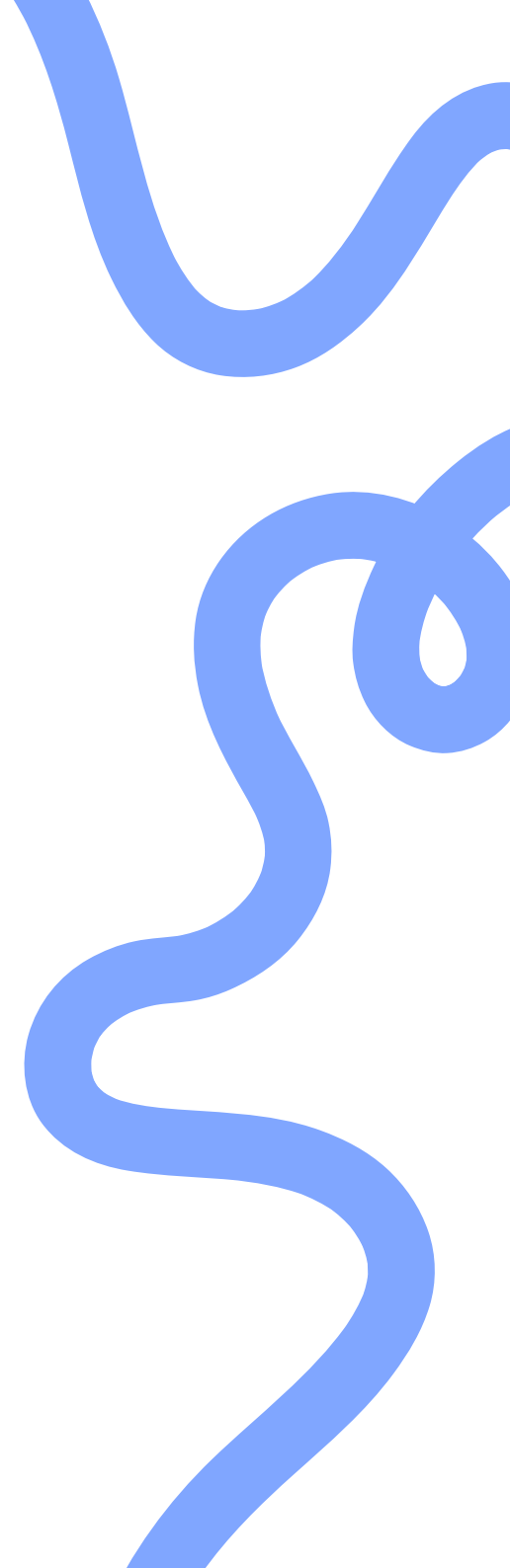
Our summer school gives you the chance to explore a range of scientific subjects, experience university-style learning, and get a real taste of life as a student.

Highlights include:

- Two overnight stays in Manchester Met's halls of residence, giving you a real taste of student life whilst experiencing one of the UK's largest research-led science faculties.
- Take part in a range of inspiring subject tasters, explore our vibrant city-centre campus, and learn directly from our academic staff.
- Build confidence, work with others and step outside your comfort zone through hands-on, interactive activity designed to stretch you (with prizes up for grabs)!
- Gain valuable insights into higher education — what it's really like to study at university, how to prepare, and what your next steps could be.

Throughout the programme, our friendly Student Ambassadors will be by your side, sharing their experiences and helping you make the most of every moment.

Expect a lively, supportive atmosphere, a touch of friendly competition and plenty of chances to ask questions and explore where science could take you.



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 2026

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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