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Welcome to Manchester!

We would like to welcome you to Manchester, the U.K.'s second city! Manchester is a beautiful, thriving city nestled in the rolling hills of North-West England, only a train ride away from Liverpool, North Wales, Chester, Blackpool, the Peak District, and the Lake District.

Manchester stands out in the U.K., and internationally, for its contributions to science, music, sport, history, industry, and education.

Whilst studying at Kings Hall College, we encourage you to make the most of your time in Manchester. We hope that that this handbook will provide you with all of the information you need to help you explore the city.



Piccadilly Gardens

The beating heart of Manchester, and only a 30-second walk away from our college.



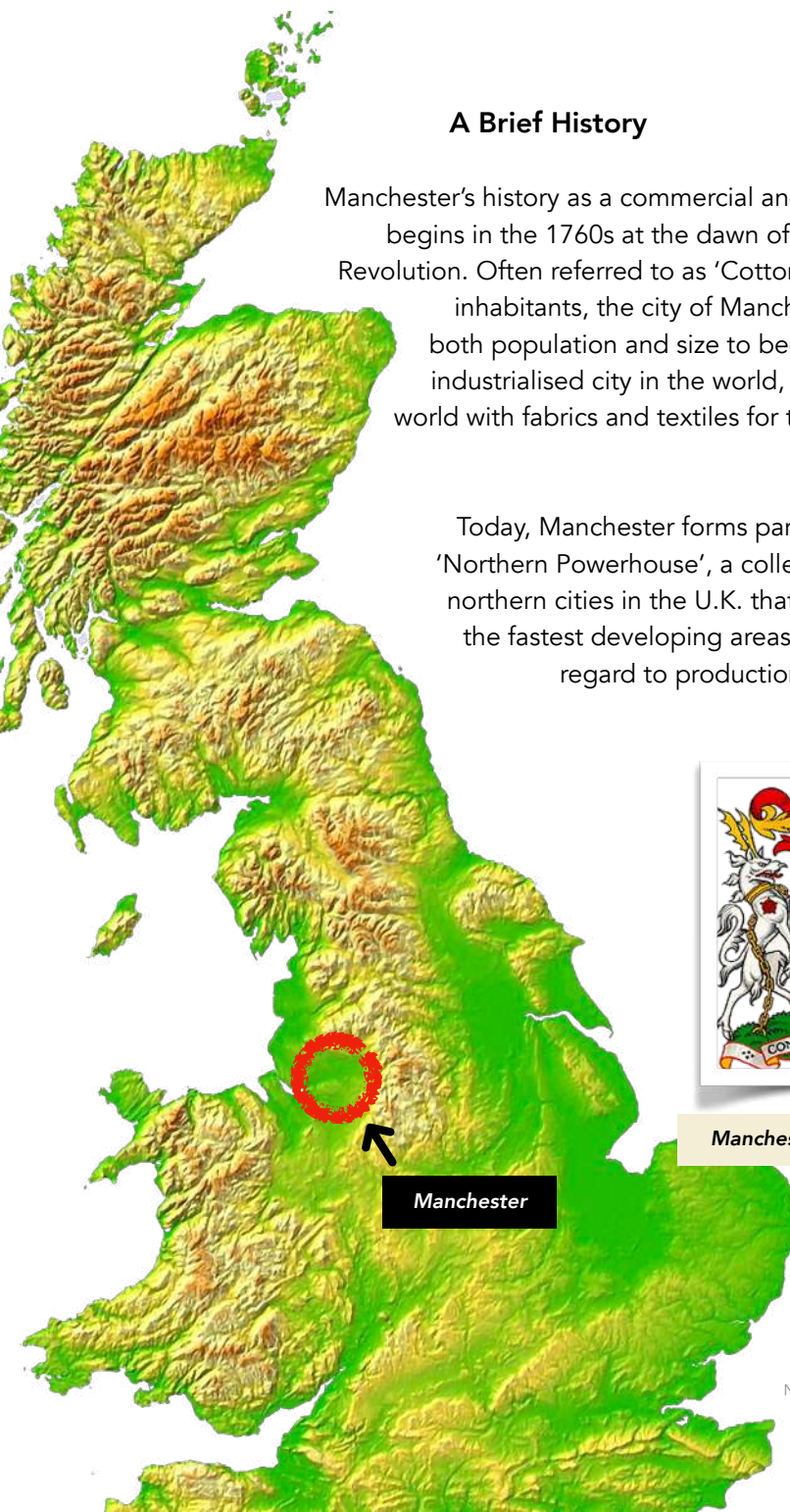
A Brief History

Manchester's history as a commercial and trading hub begins in the 1760s at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. Often referred to as 'Cottonopolis' by its inhabitants, the city of Manchester grew in both population and size to become the first industrialised city in the world, providing the world with fabrics and textiles for the century to follow.

Today, Manchester forms part of the U.K.'s 'Northern Powerhouse', a collective band of northern cities in the U.K. that are amongst the fastest developing areas in the U.K. in regard to production, media, and business.



Manchester's Coat of Arms





Areas of Manchester



1. China Town	Manchester is home to the third largest China town in Europe. If you are a fan of Chinese cuisine and culture, China town is perfect for you!
2. City Centre	Home to Kings Hall College and the Arndale centre. Shop to your heart's content and enjoy the delicious food in the many restaurants and bars around Piccadilly Gardens.
3. Deansgate	Home to numerous bars, clubs, and recreational areas. Deansgate is perfect for students who want to explore Manchester's nightlife.
4. Gothic Quarter	The Gothic Quarter is home to Manchester Cathedral and several of the oldest pubs in Manchester.
5. Northern Quarter	A modern and unique part of the city, the Northern Quarter is home to Manchester's sense of individuality. Enjoy a coffee in one of the many independent coffee shops and admire the city's street art.
6. Oxford Road	Also known as 'the University District', Oxford Road is home to a number of unique and interesting attractions frequented by university students.
7. Salford Quays	A scenic part of the city made up of numerous waterways. Home to the Imperial War Museum and the Lowry Theatre.
8. Spinningfields	Spinningfields is often considered to be the 'high end' of Manchester. Spinningfields is home to many prestigious bars and restaurants.



Things to Do: Entertainment



The Trafford Centre

If you are looking for places of interest to visit in Manchester after class, then the possibilities are endless. Choose to play games with your friends, shop at the local shopping centres, or take a trip to the theatre.

As the largest shopping centre in Greater Manchester (and the second largest in the U.K.), the Trafford Centre is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, a cinema, and Laser Quest. The Trafford Center is only a 26-minute tram journey from our college, so, it makes a perfect afternoon destination after class.



The Printworks

Home to numerous restaurants, bars, crazy golf, and the Vue cinema. There is always plenty to do at the Printworks.

Great Northern

Come and play bowling with your friends at Lane 7, enjoy a tasty meal at one of the Great Northern's many restaurants, and watch a film at the Odeon cinema.



The Palace Theatre

If you are interested in theatre and production, then the Palace Theatre is perfect for you. The Palace Theatre showcases a number of musicals and shows year-round.

NQ64

Manchester's answer to an old-school arcade club. If you are interested in playing arcade games, NQ64 is the place for you.





Things to Do: Restaurants & Cafés



Richmond Tea Rooms

Step into the world of Alice in Wonderland. Richmond Tea Rooms is a quirky and imaginative place to eat with your friends on rainy days. Enjoy the sweet treats and the colourful and cosy atmosphere.

Noi Quattro

If pizza is your thing, then Noi Quattro has you covered. Try one of Manchester's most authentic Italian pizzas made the true Italian way!



Samsi

Perfect for lovers of Japanese cuisine. Samsi provides both warm and cold meals to cover all tastes. Enjoy a plate of sushi or a heart-warming ramen—the choice is up to you!

Etçi Mehmet Steakhouse

If you enjoy steak and meat dishes, then Etçi Mehmet Steakhouse is the place to go. Etçi Mehmet Steakhouse has a unique atmosphere where waiters prepare your food before you.





Mackie Mayor

A perfect blend of food, coffee, and alcoholic beverages from around the world—Mackie Mayor has it all! Choose to dine inside the converted mill or sit outside by the colourful plants.

Grub

A unique food establishment located on the edge of the city centre. Taste home-made recipes made by the hard-working street vendors.



Wetherspoons

If you are interested in a traditional English meal, then Wetherspoons has you covered. Enjoy an outing to a traditional English pub with your friends.

Cloud 23

Enjoy a meal in one of Manchester's tallest towers. Located in Beetham Tower, Cloud 23 allows you to dine in style whilst overlooking Manchester's skyline.





Things to Do: Nightlife



Revolucion de Cuba

Perfect for anyone who wants to feel a Latin vibe in Manchester. Enjoy the live music with your friends and dance the night away.

The Alchemist

Dine in style at the Alchemist. There are, in fact, two Alchemists located in Manchester city centre, both of which exude a sophisticated style and atmosphere.



Flight Club

A perfect place to relax and play games. This quirky bar has a number of games to play with your friends.

Via

Via boasts a lively and charismatic vibe that can only be found on Canal Street. Enjoy classic party anthems in a warm and bubbly bar.





FAB Café

A bar designed to reflect classic pop culture. Step into a world of fantasy and intrigue whilst enjoying a unique blend of music and delicious drinks.

Lost in Tokyo

Japan meets Manchester. Enjoy a Japanese-themed bar with your friends. Collectable dinosaurs and Japanese trinkets can be found here.



Dive Bar

If you are looking for a bar that is loud and full of energy, then Dive Bar has you covered. Step into the party atmosphere and enjoy the loud music.

Twenty Twenty Two

Step into a hidden treasure. Twenty Twenty Two hosts a relaxing atmosphere and is a cool place to hang with your friends. If you get the chance, don't forget to play a game of ping-pong.





Things to Do: Sport



Etihad Stadium (Manchester City)

Home of Manchester City (Premier League Winners 2023-24).

Old Trafford

Home of Manchester United, who have 20 Premier League titles - the most of any English football club (tied with Liverpool).



National Cycling Centre

Practise your sports skills and play with your friends.

National Football Museum

Perfect for students who want to learn more about the history of football.





Things to Do: Museums & Galleries



The Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)

Explore the history of Manchester and its impact on the world. MOSI is home to many interactive exhibitions that change from season to season.

Manchester Museum

Manchester Museum is a treasure trove of curiosity. Explore pre-historic wonders, look at ancient Egyptian relics, and see how our ancestors once lived. Manchester Museum is home to various exhibits and installations from our past.



Manchester Art Gallery

Manchester Art Gallery is home to Manchester's largest collection of art. The gallery houses pieces from all over the world, including works from some of Manchester's famous artists.

HOME

A modern take on an art gallery/ interactive space, HOME is a contemporary establishment that will allow you to explore your creative side.





Things to Do: Libraries

Manchester is home to several libraries that are all free to enter. The libraries mentioned below all have quiet study areas that are perfect for studying after class.



Manchester Central Library

Home to a vast collection of books for you to read. Manchester Central Library provides a perfect quiet space for completing your homework and revision.

John Rylands Library

One of Manchester's hidden treasures. John Rylands Library is often compared to Hogwarts (from the Harry Potter books) due to its old and magical feel.



Chetham's Library

Established in 1653, Chetham's library is the oldest free public library in Manchester. You can come here to study, or to simply tour the premises to take photos.



Famous People From Manchester

Several of the U.K.'s famous and well-known figures were born and raised in Manchester. Let's take a look at two famous Mancunians who left their mark on the world.



Emmeline Pankhurst

A British **activist** and organiser of the Suffragette Movement, Emmeline Pankhurst fought for the right for women to vote in the U.K.

A statue of Emmeline Pankhurst can be found in St. Peter's Square.

Activist (noun)

A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change.

Alan Turing

During World War 2, Alan Turing, and a team of expert code breakers from Bletchley Park, cracked the German enigma code to help Britain and other allied countries defeat Nazi Germany. Alan Turing is famed for his intelligence and hard work. A statue of Alan Turing can be found in Sackville Gardens.





Neighbouring Cities and Places of Interest

Manchester is ideally situated in the heart of the U.K., approximately halfway between London and Edinburgh, the two most visited cities in the country. With accessible links to other parts of the country, Manchester is the perfect base to travel from when visiting the rest of England, Scotland, and Wales.



Liverpool

Liverpool is a port city located to the west of Manchester, and is only a 38-minute train ride from Manchester Victoria. Liverpool is home to the Beatles and was the host of the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023.

Chester

Chester is a historic city to the south-west of Manchester, close to the Welsh border. Chester is home to a Roman amphitheatre and many other historic sites.



York

York is a walled city located in the north-east of England. The city is well known for its spooky ambience, and is home to many Harry Potter-themed souvenir shops.



Blackpool

Blackpool is a perfect destination for anyone who wants to take a trip to the seaside. Blackpool is home to the Blackpool Pleasure Beach, a large amusement park that is perfect for any thrill seekers.

North Wales

North Wales is known for its outstanding beauty, rolling green hills, and rugged mountains. North Wales is easily accessible from Manchester via train. Notable areas of interest in North Wales include Llandudno, Conwy, and Beaumaris.



The Peak District

The Peak District is a land of rolling hills and rivers. The Peak District is famous for its natural beauty and is a popular destination for hikers.

The Lake District

The Lake District is located to the north of Manchester and, as you may have guessed, is a land of lakes. The Lake District is visited by many tourist each year and is a perfect spot for some much needed rest and relaxation.





The Manchester Bee

The worker bee has been a symbol for both Manchester and its inhabitants for generations, but why?

The Industrial Revolution

The history of the Manchester Bee begins during the Industrial Revolution, at a time when Manchester's population drastically increased. Workers from Manchester worked in cotton mills to produce cotton yarn and cloth that was sold across the globe. The

Manchester Bee (a worker bee) represents the hard-working inhabitants of Manchester, whilst Manchester itself is represented by the bee hive.

Bees...Everywhere!

Today, numerous depictions of bees can be found all across Manchester. Whether you stumble across a bee statue inside the Central Library, or you happen to pass by a large painting of a bee in the Northern Quarter, you'll be sure to see black and yellow stripes in all directions. Even the public transport here in Manchester reflects the black and yellow fur of a bee!



Unity, Strength, & Creativity

The Manchester Bee is a unique symbol of unity, strength, and creativity, and will forever remain in the hearts of those who travel to our wonderful city!

Enjoy Your Stay!

We hope you enjoy your stay in Manchester and make the most of your time in our wonderful city.

We recommend downloading the apps below if you want to travel around Manchester and head out of the city for the weekend.



Bee Network App

The Bee Network is Manchester's public transport system. The Bee Network app has schedules for bus and tram journeys across the city.



Trainline App

The Trainline app is an all-in-one train app that lists train journeys across the U.K. Train journeys in the U.K. can be expensive at peak times, so we recommend buying a railcard to get cheaper tickets.

