

Pre-Arrival Information

This document will provide you with the relevant information that you need to know before arriving in the U.K. Please read this document carefully to ensure that you are prepared prior to travelling.

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What Should I Pack?

Manchester has a mild climate. Summer temperatures range from between 20°C to 24°C, but may sometimes reach 30°C. Winter temperatures range from 0°C-8°C, but can sometimes drop below 0°C. It is a good idea to bring warm clothes to wear in Winter, including hats, scarves, and gloves. If you forget to bring warm clothes to wear, then there are plenty of clothes shops in the city centre that sell affordable, warm clothes.

Complete a Placement Test

To make your enrolment as swift as possible, we advise that you complete an online placement test before arriving in the U.K. This can be completed online by clicking this [link](#). The online placement test will assess your grammar and vocabulary. You will be asked to complete a second placement test upon your arrival to assess your speaking and listening skills. If you do not complete the online placement test before you arrive in the U.K., then you will be required to complete it when you arrive at Kings Hall College.

Personal Safety and the Care of Valuables

Like most large cities in the U.K., and around the world Manchester is home to many people. In places where there are lots of people, it is important to be careful and safe. Always keep an eye on your personal belongings and do not showcase any valuables in public. It is important to be safe when walking around Manchester, especially at night and if you are by yourself.

Medical Insurance

We recommend that you buy medical insurance before you arrive in the U.K. Please click this [link](#) for more information. Additionally, you can purchase medical insurance from a variety of websites online.

Travel Insurance

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Compliance With the Law

Visitors to the U.K. must abide by British law when residing in the U.K. It is important to note that laws in the U.K. may be different from those in your home country. Notable laws in the U.K. include:

- It is illegal to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 18.
- It is illegal to drive in the U.K. without an issued driver's licence.

Pay Any Remaining Course and Accommodation Fees

Before you can begin your course at Kings Hall College, you must pay all remaining course (and accommodation) fees to the college. If you are unable to pay online, then you can pay in person at the college on your first day.

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When Should I Arrive in Manchester?

You should arrive in Manchester the weekend before your course is set to begin. We advise that you arrive in Manchester in the morning or the afternoon, as transport links to and from Manchester Airport are more frequent at these times of the day. However, taxi services are available throughout the day and night. If you are residing with a homestay host, then you must arrive at your host's house on a Sunday (the day before your course begins). It is important to arrive at your host's house in the morning, afternoon, or early evening.

How Do I Get to Kings Hall College from Manchester Airport?

Kings Hall College is located next to Piccadilly Gardens, which is accessible via train, tram, or bus.

- If arriving by train, take the train from Manchester Airport to Piccadilly Station.
- If arriving by tram, take the Metrolink (the tram) from Manchester Airport to Piccadilly Gardens.
- If arriving by bus, take the 43 bus from Manchester Airport to Piccadilly Gardens.

Useful links:

Transport Type	Company	Website
Train	Northern	https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/
	TransPennine Express	https://www.tpexpress.co.uk/
Tram & Bus	Bee Network	https://tfgm.com/ways-to-travel/tram

We recommend downloading the following apps to your phone to provide you with quick and easy transportation in and around Manchester:

App	Used For	Website
Trainline	Trains	https://www.thetrainline.com/information/apps
Bee Network	Trams and Buses	https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/ways-to-pay/bee-network-mobile-app
Uber	Taxis (Apple Users)	https://apps.apple.com/us/app/uber-request-a-ride/id368677368
	Taxis (Google Play Users)	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ubercab&hl=en_GB

What Do I Need to Bring on My First Day?

It is important to be well-equipped for your studies. You must bring a notebook and a pen to your class every day. To complete your enrolment, you must also bring your passport, which will be scanned on arrival. You will not be able to enter your class if you forget to bring either of these documents on your first day.

When Will I Receive My Timetable?

You will receive your timetable on your first day. This will be given to you at the end of your induction.

Things to Do in Manchester

Manchester is a city with a rich and extensive history. The city boasts many landmarks and places of interest. Please refer to our '[Welcome to Manchester](#)' handbook for more information about what to do in Manchester.

Other Important Information

Banking

We recommend that you open a bank account in the U.K. to make paying easier. We recommend using one of the following high street banks to open a bank account:

Bank Name	Address
Barclays	86-88 Market St, Manchester M1 1PD
Halifax	5 Piccadilly, Manchester M1 1LZ
HSBC	2-4 St Anns Square, Manchester M2 7HD
Lloyds	42-46 Market St, Manchester M1 1PW
Natwest	19 Market St, Manchester M1 1WR
Santander	28/34 Cross St, Manchester M2 7AQ

Local Places of Worship

Manchester is an international city that celebrates diversity and inclusion. Several faiths are prominent in Manchester, and there are several places of worship that are free to enter in and around the city centre, these include:

Religion	Place of Worship	Address
Buddhism	Manchester Buddhist Centre	16-20 Turner St, Manchester M4 1DZ
Christianity (Catholicism)	Salford Cathedral	250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LE
Christianity (Church of England)	Manchester Cathedral	Victoria St, Manchester M3 1SX
Hinduism	Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple	231 Withington Rd, Manchester M16 8LU
Islam	The Muslim Youth Foundation	Clydesdale House, 27 Brick St, Manchester M4 1DY
Judaism	Kehal Yetev Lev D'Satmar	11 Northumberland St, Salford M7 4RP

Driving in the U.K.

In the U.K., drivers drive on the left side of the road. Driving regulations in the U.K. are stricter than in other countries. If you choose to drive in the U.K., please ensure that you are safe, responsible, and legally able to drive.

Emergency Contact Information

If you are in an emergency or require urgent assistance, please call this number: (+44) 07436332395. This number is our emergency number. A member of the Kings Hall College team has access to this phone 24/7.

When to call the emergency phone number:

- If you are in an emergency situation.

When NOT to call the emergency phone number:

- If you need to report an absence. Instead, call the college's main number: (+44) 0161 711 1090.

- If you have an enquiry about your course.
- If you have an enquiry about your accommodation.

Getting Arrested in the U.K.

If you are arrested, then you will usually be taken to a police station by the police and held in custody (held in a cell). You will then be questioned. It is important to remain calm in this situation. For more information about being arrested in the U.K.; please click this link: <https://www.gov.uk/arrested-your-rights>.