



# FOUNDATION

# LEARNING







# Welcome

**At The Manchester College – the No.1 College in Greater Manchester for Achievement\* – we work in partnership with over 12 local authorities in Greater Manchester and the North West to provide a highly personalised learning offer.**

Whatever your background or ability our Foundation Learning courses are designed to help you get back into learning and develop the skills you need.

Our dedicated courses are designed to support you and remove any barriers to learning and employment by developing essential skills and experience that you need to progress.

Whether you want to go on to further study with us, want to develop your skills and gain employment or have a dream career in mind - we're on hand to help you get there.

Read on to find out what support we can offer.



*\*As per the latest Government National Achievement Rates Tables (NARTs)*





# Our Foundation Learning Courses

**Our Foundation Learning curriculum has been designed to remove barriers to learning for everyone.**

**We offer the following routes:**

- The Prince's Trust
- NHS Sector Based Work Academy
- Preparation for Employment courses
- Volition Manchester Cathedral Volunteering Programme
- Engage, Transition, Progress
- 'Routes to' programmes of study
- Preparation for Internships
- Supported Internships

Each programme of study possesses a keen focus on progression and employability.

## 'Routes to' Programmes of Study

**Our 'Routes to' courses can be customised to meet the requirements of individual students, helping them to develop a range of skills associated with community living, employment and education.**

### **Routes to Learning**

Specifically designed for students with learning difficulties and disabilities who can follow instructions and routines, and who would like to develop their own independence and work skills.

### **Routes to Skills and Employability**

Designed for any student under the age of 24 with an EHCP (or in the process of gaining one), this course will help those with the potential to develop their work skills, make positive decisions about their next steps, and focus their goals on employment in the future.

### **Routes to Industry**

This is our 'high impact' programme of study, where students identified with potential can be supported to achieve accelerated progression onto the mainstream curriculum.

Once identified, students will work with both their 'Routes to' teacher and a specialist teacher to find opportunities to integrate into the mainstream vocational route of their ambitions during the current academic year.







# Supported Internships

**Our Supported Internships are aimed specifically at students with Education, Health and Care Plans up to the age of 24 who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities.**

The internships support students through barriers to employment and are tailored to specific skills and support needs.

On our Supported Internship programmes, young people have access to training in a real workplace, with host employers including Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Airport, Manchester City Council and our Digital and Creative Internship, as well as a wide range of different businesses in and around Manchester and at Media City in Salford Quays.

Interns are supported to develop real work skills in private and public sector work placements that are closely matched to their skills and interests. Alongside their work placements, they will continue to progress their functional skills in English and maths as well as appropriately targeted vocational qualifications such as food hygiene and health and safety.

They're supported to settle in and learn the job by an employment officer, job coach and teacher throughout the duration of the placement and in the majority of cases go on to secure meaningful work.

# Supported Internship Placements

## Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

With a base at both Oxford Road and Wythenshawe Hospital, interns will be able to access many different types of work placements in and around the hospital including roles in housekeeping, catering, portering, administration and much more.

## Manchester City Council

On our Manchester City Council placement, students are based in the city centre, where they can try many different types of job roles, both within the council and other employers including hotels, shops, offices and restaurants.

## Manchester Airport

With our Manchester Airport Supported Internship, students work within the busy airport environment in a range of customer-focused work placements. This can be in practical roles such as cleaning or as a trolley porter, or in restaurants, shops and customer service.

## Media City, Salford Quays

With a base at the vibrant Media City, we have access to many different types of employers and work placements in and around the area. This includes both large and independent businesses such as breweries, shops, hotels, restaurants, grounds maintenance and many others.

## Digital and Creative Internship

Our Digital and Creative Internship helps students to explore the range of exciting career options available in the digital and creative industry. Students take part in a range of work-related experiences designed to prepare them for future employment, including industry workshops, digital training, employer-led live briefs and work placements.

Through all of these work-related experiences, students build an online portfolio, developing skills and knowledge with the aim of achieving a positive employment outcome.





# Preparation for Supported Internships

**In order to help get students ready for one of our internships and future employment, we also offer a Preparation for Supported Internship course.**

This gives students the opportunity to develop skills via a mix of classroom activities, community visits, work tasters and work placements, ahead of future employment and taking the next step onto one of our Supported Internship programmes.

## What Our Students Say

“Completing my work experience and feeling supported by colleagues helped me to feel like I fit in.”

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*Thomas, Digital & Creative Supported Internship*

“To anyone wanting to do this course I would say that you have to go for it. I now feel much more independent and I have enjoyed feeling like I belong somewhere, which has previously not occurred from my experience.”

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*Joseph, Digital & Creative Supported Internship*

“One of the things that I have enjoyed is going out into placement and seeing what real work was like and understanding what I’ll be doing when I get a job. Reflecting on what I have been doing is great as I see the improvements I have made and see how I get better each week.”

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*Connor, Supported Internship*

“The Supported Internship has allowed my son to feel empowered to become more independent. He now has aspirations of working in job roles he previously would not have considered. The staff on the internship are supportive and kind, whilst still setting high expectations for students.”

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*Parent of Digital & Creative Supported Internship student*





# NHS Sector Based Work Academy

**The NHS is one of the largest employers in the world and the Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) is actively looking to employ local people in roles such as Nursing Assistants, Administration and Medical Laboratory Assistants. If you believe that you are compassionate, caring, committed and have the courage to succeed then this may be the course for you.**

The skills you will develop while studying this qualification will improve your confidence, communication, teamwork, initiative, resilience and time management. They are designed to ensure the content matches what is needed and valued by the NHS.

As well as learning new skills and meeting new people we will support and help you get ready for your placement and to apply for the available jobs to progress in your chosen field.

If you're currently not in employment then our programme, which will see you spend four weeks on a skills programme at The Manchester College followed by five weeks work experience in a busy hospital, might be the course for you.

The programme aims to boost your confidence, help you meet new people and gain new skills which will help you progress directly into an exciting career in the NHS.

Delivered in the classroom, you'll have the chance to:

- Learn about safeguarding and E-safety
- Work in a person-centred way
- Value equality and diversity
- Demonstrate effective communication
- Introduction to working in Health Care settings
- Develop the interpersonal and organisations skills employers want
- Ensure your confidence is sky-high when you take your next step.





# Volition Manchester Cathedral Volunteering Programme

**Employers highly value candidates with well-developed employability skills. Employability Skills qualifications focus on developing areas such as confidence, communication, teamwork, initiative, resilience and time management. They are designed so that the content matches what is needed and valued by today's employment market.**

Volition is ideal if you want to learn new skills to support you to achieve your employment aspirations.

We will support and help you to apply for jobs, progress in a chosen field, prepare for further study and develop the skills and techniques you will need to succeed.

If you're currently not in employment then our 10 week volunteering programme based at Manchester Cathedral may be the course for you.

Right in the heart of the city centre the programme aims to boost your confidence, help you meet new people and gain new skills which will help you progress into an exciting career of your choice.

Delivered in the classroom and out volunteering at the Cathedral or with one of our partner organisations, you'll have the chance to:

- Gain valuable work experience in something you're interested in
- Develop your English and maths skills
- Develop your interview and CV skills
- Develop the interpersonal and organisations skills employers want
- Ensure your confidence is sky-high when you take the next step.





# Prince's Trust

## 'Team Programme'

### 16-18 and 19+

**If you're aged between 16 and 25 and you're not in education or employment then our 12 week Prince's Trust programme is for you.**

The programme aims to boost your confidence, help you meet new friends and gain new skills which will help you progress onto further study or straight into an exciting career of your choice.

Delivered in the classroom, on residential and out in the local community, you'll have the chance to:

- Take on your own group community project, making a positive difference to the place where you live
- Take part in an action packed residential trip
- Get two weeks' work experience in something you're interested in
- Develop your English and maths skills
- As part of the course, we also spend some time developing your interview and CV skills to ensure your confidence is sky-high when you take the next step.



# Engage,

## Transition,

### Progress

**This full-time programme is aimed at supporting young people with specific social and emotional support needs to transition onto a vocational college course or, if more appropriate, work-based learning.**

Learners will acquire the skills and confidence to move towards a more independent and adult environment. We acknowledge that moving into college is a daunting experience for a lot of young people and our programme gives them that extra time to adjust and become comfortable with the new environment and challenges ahead.

The programme we typically offer is usually 16 hours per week and usually consists of English, maths, employability, digital and creative; as well as access to vocational and work-based opportunities. However, each young person will have a study programme and level of support built to accommodate their own needs.



# Our Locations

## ‘Routes to’

Our Supported Learning ‘Routes to’ programmes take place at our Openshaw and Wythenshawe campuses in east and south Manchester. Our classrooms reflect a strong focus on employability and independence, as well as the development of essential transferable employability skills.

Our classrooms contain rise and fall worktables, high quality equipment and an increasing supply of assistive technology resources to encourage independent learning.

Accessible bathrooms and personal care spaces are readily available, and our large classrooms have sufficient space to accommodate students with mobility difficulties.

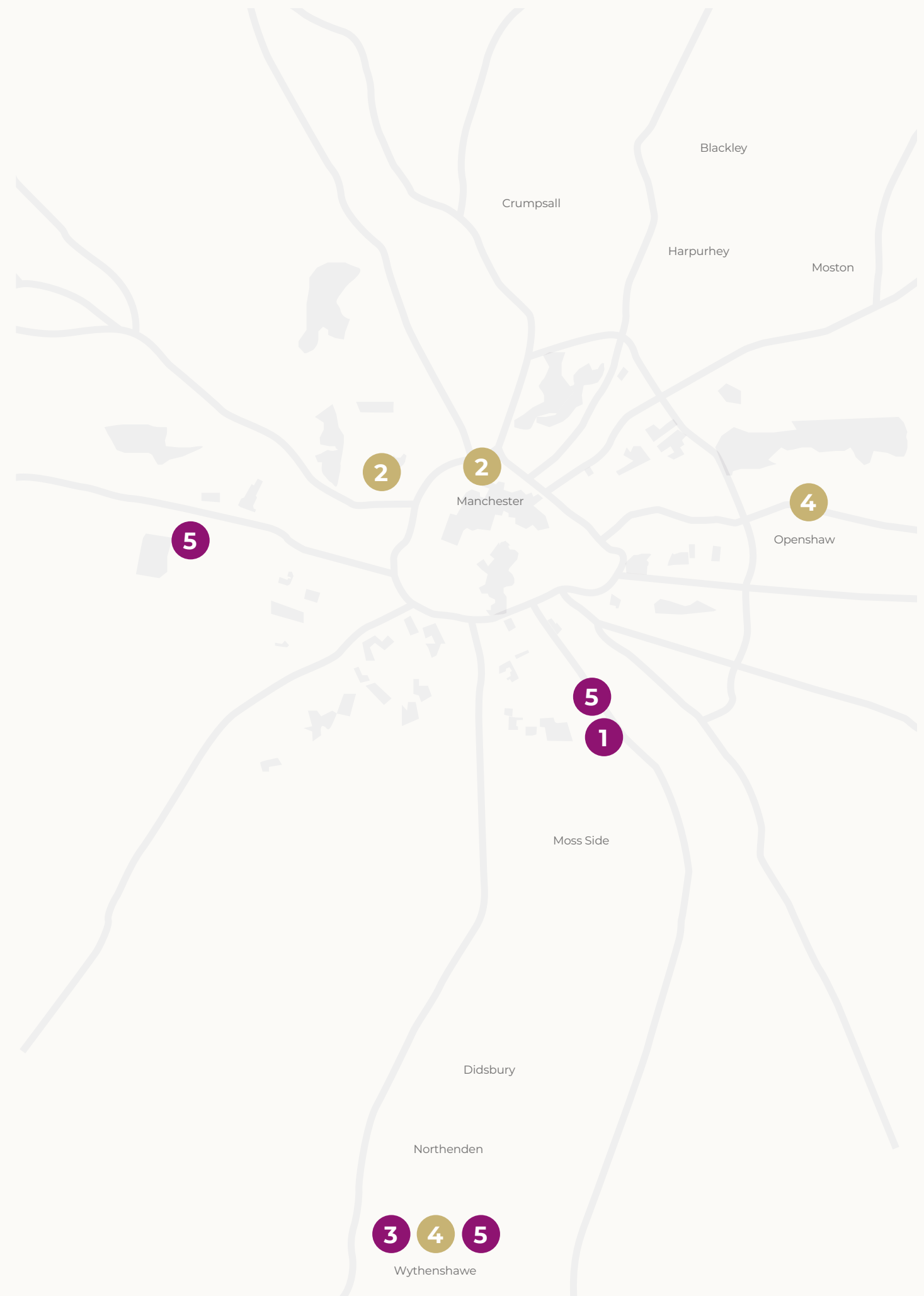
## Supported Internships

Our Supported Internships take place at a wide range of real workplaces and businesses across Manchester, including Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust at Oxford Road and in Wythenshawe; Manchester Airport; and Manchester City Council, as well as a wide range of different businesses in Manchester city centre and Media City in Salford Quays.

## Additional support for mainstream curriculum

Additional support is available to all High Needs and SEND students studying all mainstream curriculum areas at all of our campuses across Manchester via our Supported Learning Department.

- 1** NHS Sector Based Work Academy – **Citylabs**
- 2** Volition Manchester Cathedral Volunteering Programme – **Manchester and Salford Cathedral**
- 3** Prince’s Trust ‘Team Programme’ 16-18 and 19+ – **Wythenshawe Campus / External Buildings**
- 4** Engage, Transition, Progress and ‘Routes to’– **Openshaw Campus and Wythenshawe Campus**
- 5** Supported Internships - **Media City, NHS MFT Oxford Road, NHS MFT Wythenshawe, Manchester Airport**







## Our Team

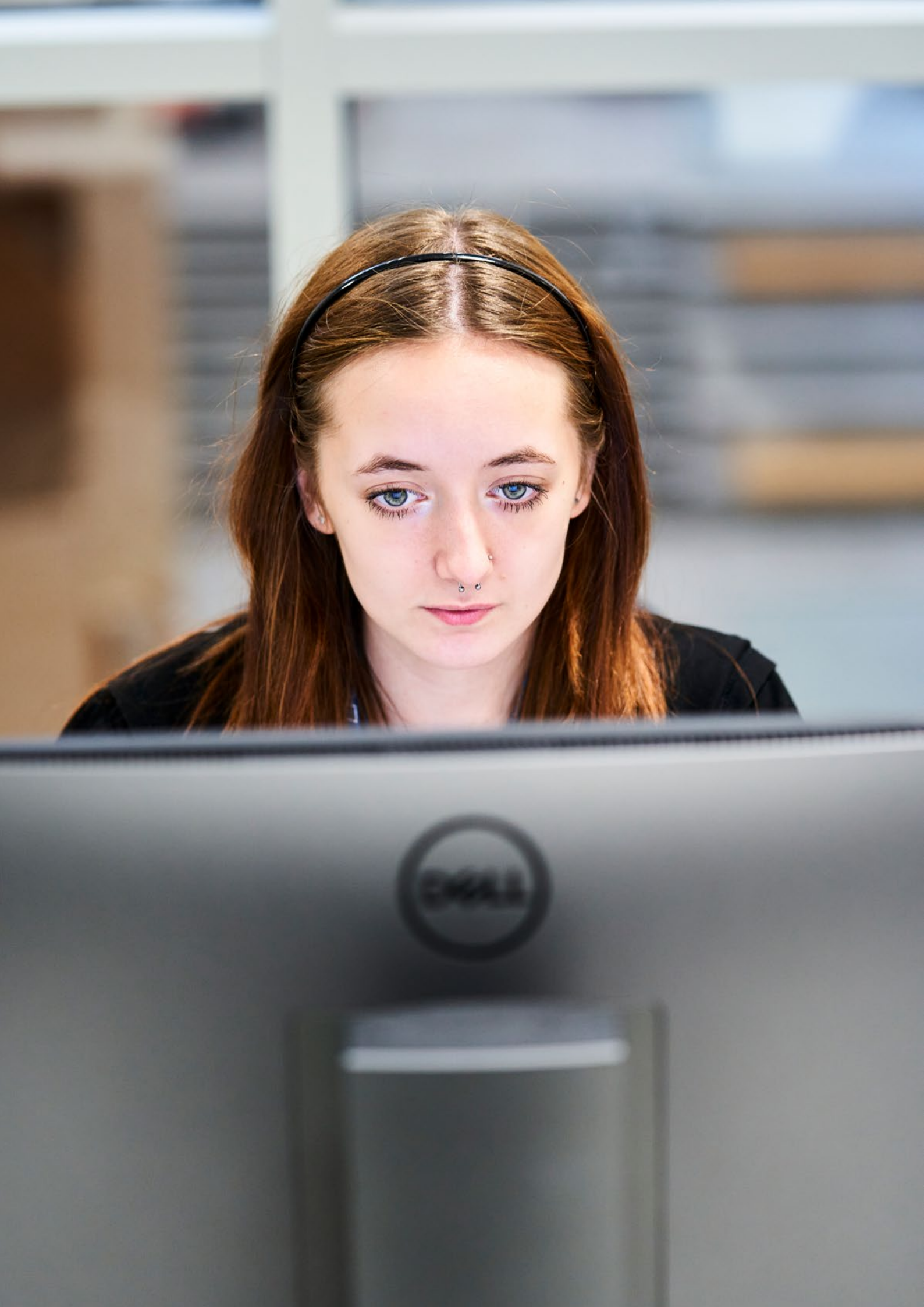
### **Foundation Learning Team**

Our highly qualified, specialist staff are able to provide support for students during your time on your course at The Manchester College.

### **Foundation Learning Management Team**

- Andrew Pickles - Assistant Principal
- Michelle Rigg - Director of Foundation Learning
- Jodie Booth - Head of Department
- Daniel Kirkham - Head of Department
- Dianne Pheasey - Head of Department.





# How To Apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these simple steps and you will be on your journey to amazing in no time at all.



## STEP 1

Visit **tmc.ac.uk**



## STEP 2

Choose a course, apply at an open event, online or mobile



## STEP 3

Receive a conditional offer



## STEP 4

Book to attend an interview



## STEP 5

Register to attend our New Student Welcome Day in July



## STEP 6

We will invite you to enrol in September after you receive your results

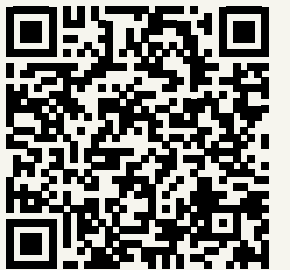




# What's Next?

## Find out more and apply

To find out more about Foundation Learning at The Manchester College and to apply scan the QR code opposite or visit: [tmc.ac.uk/foundation-learning](https://tmc.ac.uk/foundation-learning)



## Visit us

Join us at one of our Open Events throughout the year to learn more about our courses, tour our facilities, speak to our tutors and much more. To find out when our next Open Events are taking place and to register your place visit: [tmc.ac.uk/events](https://tmc.ac.uk/events)

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