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TOURISM AND AVIATION



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**WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE COLLEGE IN GREATER
MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study



Travel, Tourism and Aviation at The Manchester College



Number 1 in Greater Manchester

Our achievement rates are the highest of all colleges in Greater Manchester for the 8th year running and we're one of the top 3 in the country.*



Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study.**



Ofsted recognition

In our most recent Ofsted inspection, we were rated 'Good' overall and 'Strong' for our contribution to skills.



Over 1,000 employer partners

We work with employers across lots of industries, so you can build your confidence through a meaningful work placement, industry talks and live projects.

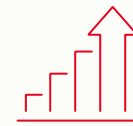


Get career ready from day one

Designed with your next step in mind, our courses help you build real-world skills, confidence and experience so you're ready for work, an apprenticeship or university.

* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

** Latest Internal Progression Data.



Job figures

There were approx. **33,960** employees working in the travel, tourism and aviation sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **5.6%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is **£34,756** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **1,227** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs	Skills needed	Examples of GM Employers
Air Traffic Controller	Business development	Britannia Hotels Ltd
Airline Customer Service Agent	Communication	Clarity Travel Management
Airline Pilot	Customer service	Dnata
Airport Baggage Handler	Event management	EasyJet
Cabin Crew	Management	Jet2
Hotel Manager	Marketing	MAG Airport Group
Hotel Room Attendant	Operations	Marriott International
Tour Guide	Professionalism	The Emirates Group
Tour Manager	Project management	Thomas Cook
Travel Agent	Selling techniques	TUI

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers information



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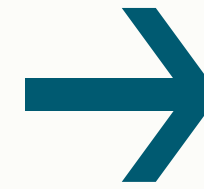
Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms and vibrant social spaces, you can study Travel, Tourism and Aviation courses at a number of our campuses across Manchester.

Across both of our campuses you'll train in realistic air cabin and galley facilities, use specialist check-in software and equipment like life jackets and breathing apparatus, and wear professional uniforms to prepare for real industry roles.



- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- Spacious social areas and large garden
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



Get Directions



- Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.

*I've learnt how to
communicate with
people better.*

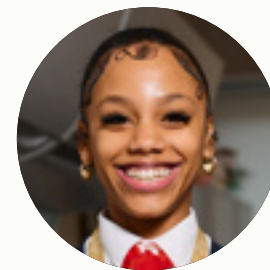
*What I've done here,
in college will really
benefit me.*

*I plan to work my way
up from cabin crew.*



Erin
Level 2 Air Cabin Crew

*I always wanted
to work on a plane.
I love all of the safety
demo equipment.
I've learned to improve
and better my
communication
skills.*



Sophina
Level 2 Air Cabin Crew

Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge, and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- **Shadow professionals** and see how the job is done day-to-day
- **Contribute to real projects** that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- **Grow in confidence** as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure part-time or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:



Discover where travel, tourism and aviation can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the travel, tourism and aviation sector through:

- Tours of airports, heliports and hotels
- Careers talks from leading brands in the industry
- Spending a day in the life of a sector employee, such as a travel advisor.



This will help you decide which path to take after your course — whether that's progressing to degree-level study, starting an apprenticeship or going straight into employment.



What you can study

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths you'll also work towards achieving this alongside your main course.



Travel and Tourism

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

This Level 3 course gives you a solid understanding of the aviation industry and prepares you for employment. You'll develop key skills in customer service, health and safety, security, aviation geography, conflict management and more. You'll also explore cabin crew roles, global airlines, UK airports and the cruise industry. Through guest speakers, simulations and behind-the-scenes tours — including aircraft and airport check-in areas — you'll gain real insight into the industry and the roles you could soon step into.

Air Cabin Crew

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

If you're aiming to become cabin crew, or work within the travel and tourism industry, this course will prepare you for the role with the essential knowledge, skills and confidence you'll need. You'll learn how to keep passengers safe and comfortable through training in emergency procedures, customer service and security. You'll also cover aviation terminology, aircraft types, phonetics, international time and airport codes, alongside key travel and tourism topics — giving you a solid foundation for a high-flying career in the skies.

Travel and Tourism

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Our Level 1 qualification will enable you to learn, develop and practice the skills required to get started and progress in your career in the travel, tourism and aviation sector. You'll cover topics including the UK travel and tourism industry, customer service and locational geography. This is an ideal course for anyone looking to work, or already working, in a number of travel, tourism and aviation roles including holiday representative, tour guide, tourist information centre assistant or travel agent.



Courses for adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in travel and tourism? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.



Cabin Crew

- Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Travel and Tourism

- Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year
- Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year.



Got a question about funding?
Get in touch with our friendly team.



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SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.



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Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning



Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk

Your next steps

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



Open events

Come and see what makes us the number one College in Greater Manchester* for yourself.

Open events are the perfect place to speak to our tutors, explore our amazing facilities and chat to our support teams.

School Leavers

Tuesday 6 October
5-7pm

Saturday 14 November
10am-1pm

Thursday 4 March
5-7pm

Adults

Thursday 20 May
5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



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