

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS



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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



Education and Early Years at The Manchester College



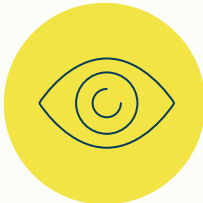
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

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. **15,729** employees working in the education and early years sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **4.9%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage nationally range from **£16,000 to £40,000** per year (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **2,107** 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
Child Protection Officer	Communication	Bright Horizons Family Solutions
Early Years Teacher	Due diligence	Busy Bees Childcare
Educational Support Assistant	English language	Heaton Park View
Nanny / Childminder	Learning support	Kids Planet
Nursery Manager	Management	Little Ways Day Nursery
Nursery Worker	Mathematics	Local Councils
Playworker	Mental health	Puddle Ducks
Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher	Planning	Sure Start Childrens' Centres
Teaching Assistant	Resilience	Tinies Childcare
	SEND awareness	Tiny Turtles Day Nursery

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 Education and Early Years courses at campuses across Manchester.



Openshaw

- Industry-standard mock nursery, early years setting and fully equipped baby room
- State-of-the-art sensory room
- 30-station gym and strength and conditioning room
- Bookable sports hall and 3G pitch with spectator seating
- Dedicated coffee bar serving Starbucks
- Street food-style lunch options.



Harpurhey

- Industry-standard mock nursery and early years setting
- 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.

I chose a T Level because of the placement opportunities and the chance to experience the actual work environment. I liked seeing the children progress and we focus highly on safeguarding as a vital part.



Hina

T Level in Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)



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 Work Placement Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace. Only 16-18 students get support finding work placements.

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 education and early years can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the education and early years sector through:

- Employer visits and Q&As
- Careers events with industry experts
- Trips to education and early years settings.



This will help you decide which path to take after your course - whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, 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.

Types of qualifications

T Levels

Developed in collaboration with employers, T Levels are career-focused technical programmes that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.

For more information visit tmc.ac.uk/tlevels

- 2-year programme
- Equivalent to three A Levels
- 45-day industry placement
- 11 subject areas.

Other Technical Qualifications

Our wide range of technical and creative qualifications equip you with the skills you'll need to progress. This includes BTECs and UALs.

- 1 or 2-year programmes
- Work placement
- Levels 1-3
- 20 subject areas.

T Level Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)



Level 3 | Harpurhey and Openshaw | 2 years

Develop the knowledge and practical skills to work in education and early years, from supporting teachers to planning and delivering learning activities. You'll cover safeguarding, child development, health and safety, working with families and supporting children with a range of needs. Through a 750-hour placement, you'll gain hands-on experience and build the confidence to work effectively with children and colleagues. Upon completion, you'll be prepared for roles such as Teaching Assistant, Early Years Practitioner or Learning Mentor.

T Level Education and Early Years (Early Years Educator)



Level 3 | Harpurhey and Openshaw | 2 years

Build the knowledge and practical expertise you need for a rewarding career in education and early years. You'll explore how to support children's play, learning and overall development and learn to build strong, positive relationships. The programme covers planning and delivering care, play and learning opportunities, safeguarding and promoting health and well-being. You'll also develop teamwork and communication skills during your 750-hour placement to work effectively with families and colleagues, preparing you for roles such as Nursery Practitioner, SENDCo, Team Leader or Room Leader.

Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Openshaw | 1 year

This course prepares you for a rewarding role as an Early Years Practitioner, focusing on safeguarding, protection and promoting the well-being of babies and young children. You'll gain practical knowledge in areas such as supporting children with special educational needs or disabilities, preparing them for school and using purposeful play and educational activities to aid their development. With a work placement two days a week, you'll build the hands-on experience and understanding needed to succeed in early years settings.

Caring for Children

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Openshaw | 1 year

Ideal for anyone exploring a future in Education and Early Years, this programme introduces the core knowledge and skills needed to care for and support children. You'll learn how children grow and develop, how to respect and value their feelings and ways to manage challenging behaviour. Through play-based activities, crafts and lessons on health and safety, you'll gain a solid understanding of early learning and how to help children thrive – laying the foundation for further study and a rewarding career.



I enjoy the placement because it offers experience to confirm I'm on the right path. I've learned to be more organised and plan activities that meet children's needs. The staff are lovely and the children enjoy getting messy!



Lucy
Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

Courses for adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in education and early years? 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.

Caring for Children

Level 1 | Harpurhey

Supporting Teaching and Learning

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Supporting Teaching and Learning

Level 3 | Harpurhey



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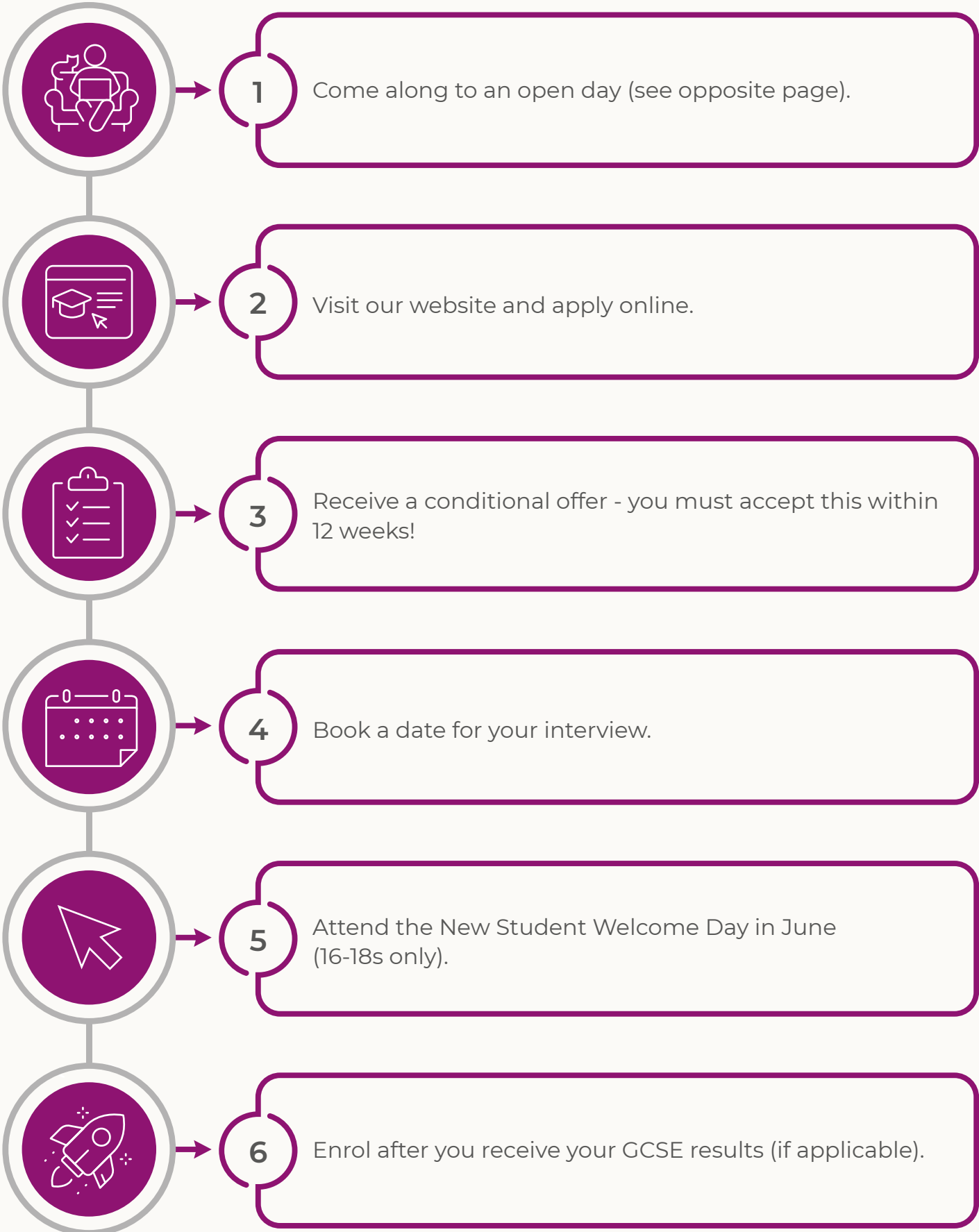
Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning



Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
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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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Contact Us

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All information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit [tmc.ac.uk](https://www.tmc.ac.uk).

The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.

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