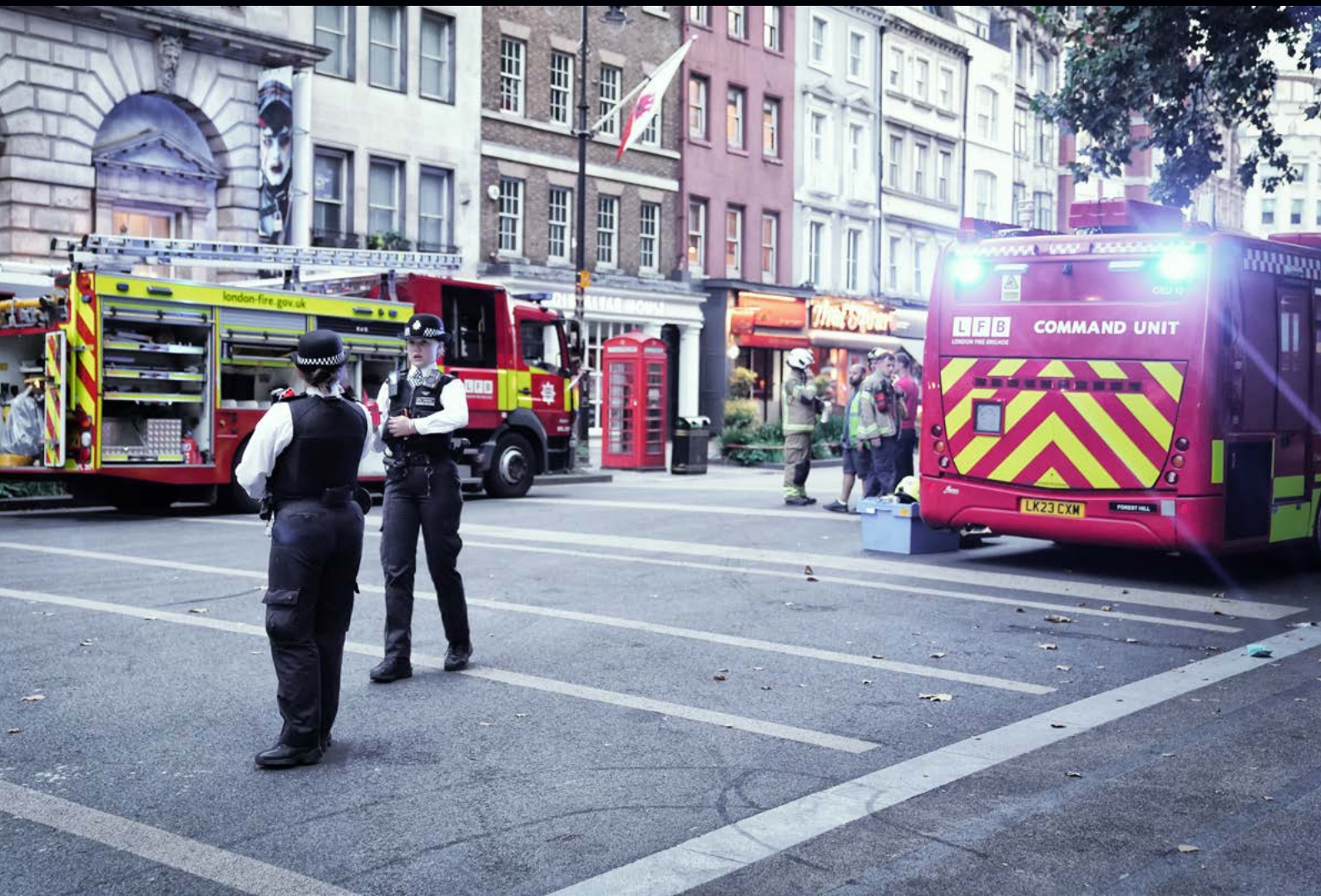


PUBLIC SERVICES AND CRIMINOLOGY



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MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study



Public Services & Criminology at The Manchester College



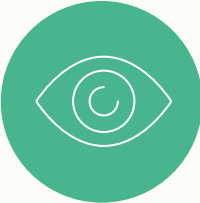
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

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.



Careers information



Job figures

There were approx. **34,901** employees working in the **public services and criminology** sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **4.4%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is **£35,840** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **7,088** 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
Army Officer	Project management	Army
Border Force Officer	Data analysis	Civil Service
Firefighter	SQL (programming language)	Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
Police Community Support Officer	Project delivery	Greater Manchester Police
Police Officer	Stakeholder management	HM Prison Service
Prison Officer	Communication	Ministry of Justice
Probation Officer	Management	Local Councils
RAF Officer	Planning	Northwest Ambulance Service
Royal Marines Commando	Leadership	Royal Air Force
Royal Navy Officer	Problem solving	Royal Navy

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.



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Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms, and vibrant social spaces, you can study Public Services and Criminology courses in state-of-the-art facilities in Manchester.



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- Fitness and performance testing lab with Douglas bags, Cortex Metalyzers, and other specialist equipment
- Full-size, floodlit FIFA-approved 3G pitch with changing and officials' rooms
- Fully equipped fitness suite with treadmills, rowers, bikes, free weights and squat racks
- 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.



Get Directions



I loved my course and the support system. I felt comfortable getting involved and even recommended the College to a friend who enrolled!

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Level 3 Public Services

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 public, services and criminology can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the public services and criminology sector through:

- Taking part in army and cadet boot camps to test your fitness and explore armed forces careers
- Experience real-life rescue simulations and safety demos with Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
- Hear first-hand from police, border force and frontline professionals through employer talks and activities
- Join residential to Mount Snowdon and the Peak District, packed with outdoor challenges and leadership tasks
- Get involved in practical, work-based activities with emergency services across Greater Manchester.

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.



Criminology and Policing

Level 3 | Openshaw | 2 years

If you're aiming for a career in the police or criminal justice sector, this Level 3 Criminology and Policing course is a great first step. You'll explore real-life CSI processes, criminological theories, and topics like law, psychology and sociology. You'll gain a full understanding of the criminal process from crime scene to courtroom, while also developing key leadership and workplace skills.

Public Services

Level 3 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our Level 3 course will help you gain the confidence and skills needed to pass the recruitment and selection process for your chosen public service career. You'll develop a strong understanding of government policies, legal systems and citizenship, while improving your physical fitness through regular training and tests. Leadership and teamwork are key focuses, helping you build the qualities employers value most. You'll put your learning into practice by taking part in emergency incident re-enactments and operating a command and control centre.

Public Services

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our Level 2 will see you building on the foundations you learned at Level 1 and taking part in similar drills and routines. You'll also be going out on expeditions and continuing to build your strength and fitness, both in the gym and through water and land-based activities at outdoor pursuit centres. In short, you'll be building the skillsets you'll rely on throughout your career, while exploring in detail all the different types of career paths and employment opportunities open to you.

Public Services

Level 1 | Openshaw | 1 year

If you want to work in the police, fire or armed services, this Level 1 is a great starting point. You'll develop discipline, teamwork and fitness through drills, punctuality and physical training. The course also prepares you for the demands of recruitment by building key personal attributes like courage, respect and perseverance. Alongside this, you'll gain essential knowledge of law, citizenship, and UK government and policy — laying strong foundations for further study and your future career.

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.

Find out more about how we can help you:
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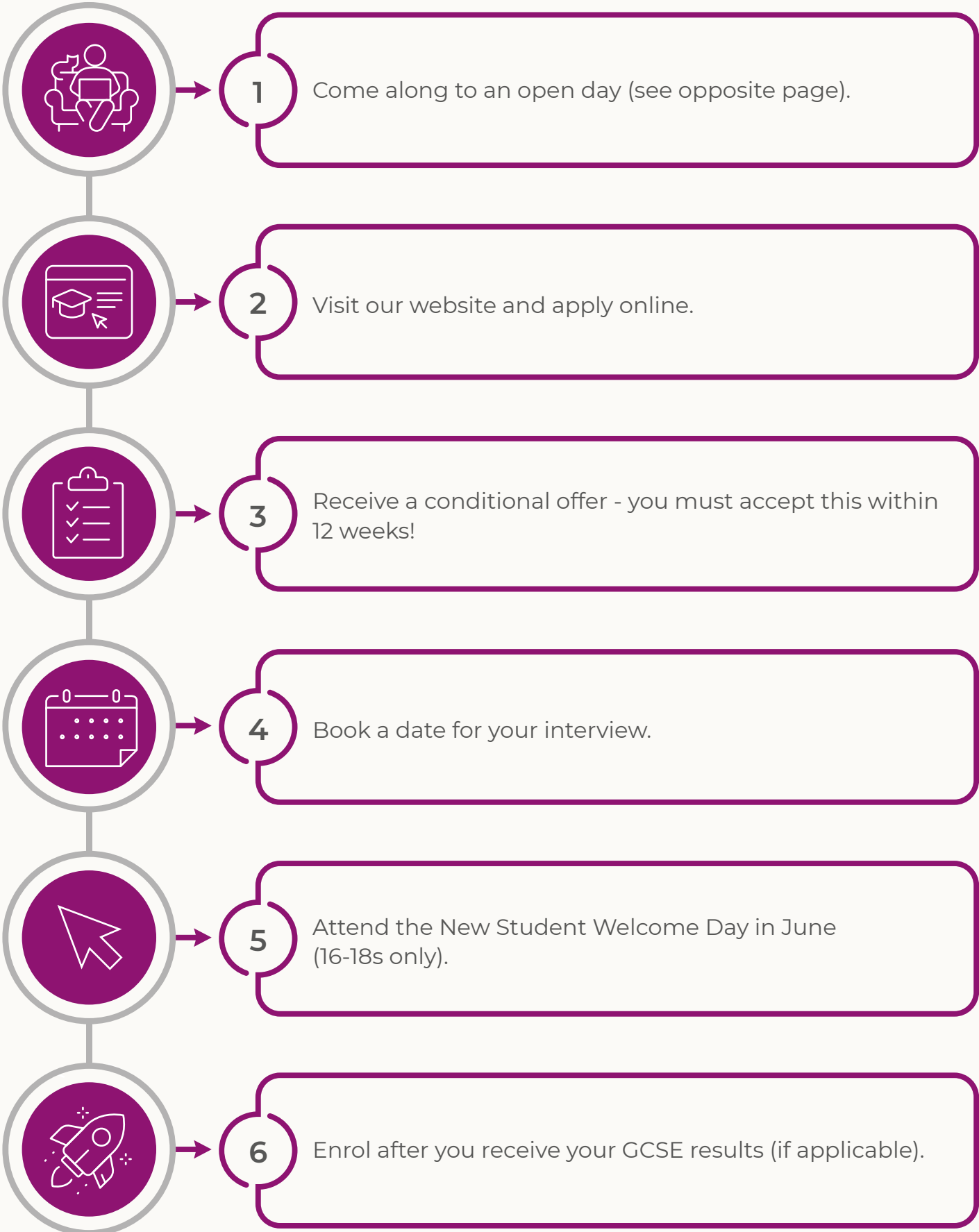
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Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk

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



* National Achievement Rates Tables.





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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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 **03333 222 444**

All information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit 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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