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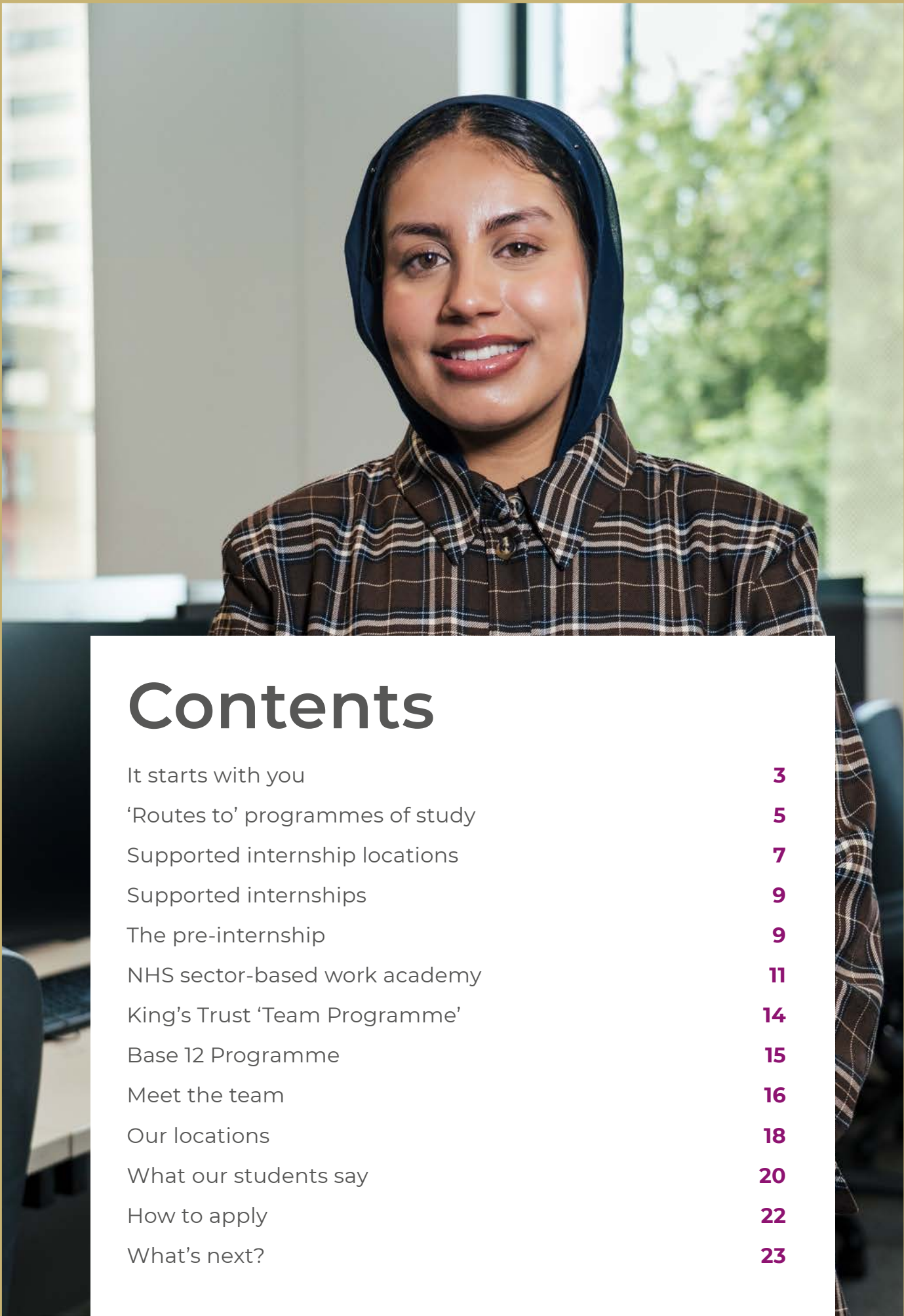
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It starts with you

At The Manchester College 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 by removing any barriers to learning and employment. Students will develop the essential skills and gain the experience they need to progress.

Whether it’s to progress to further study with us, develop new skills and gain employment or to achieve a dream career - we’re on hand to help our students get there.

Read on to find out what support we can offer.



‘Routes to’ programmes of study

Our ‘Routes to’ courses are designed for EHCP students who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It is for people who are aiming to eventually access vocational courses at the college or move towards our Supported Internships and the world of work.

Routes to Learning

This course is for students at the beginning of their journey at The Manchester College. It is for students who want to improve their academic ability, confidence, resilience and gain skills that would help prepare them for adulthood. Suitable students would be able to follow instructions, display basic levels of independence around the college and gain the academic skills required to eventually progress onto a vocational College course or one of our internships.

Routes to Skills and Employability

This programme is for students who already have the skills taught on the Routes to Learning course and would prefer to focus on developing skills needed to live independently, travel using public transport, practice work skills, improve Math & English and have the confidence to make decisions about their next steps (in regard to progressing within education or work).

Routes to Industry

This course is a stepping stone onto vocational courses within the college network, it is for students who have a clear idea of the courses they wish to progress to, needing just one year to develop the skills to do so. Students will already have (or have the potential to gain) the Math & English qualifications that they would need to progress onto a Level 1 course. Students for this programme need a greater level of independence skills than our other Routes courses, the ability to perform self-study and also be open to traveling to other college campuses if the course they wish to progress to is taught at another site.

Supported internships



Our Supported Internships are aimed specifically at students with Education, Health and Care Plans up to the age of 24.

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

On our Supported Internship programmes, students have access to training in a real workplace. Host employers include Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Airport Group and Manchester City Council, as well as a wide range of different businesses in and around Manchester and Salford Quays.

Interns are supported to develop real work skills in placements that are closely matched to their interests and aspirations. 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 learn the job with help from an employment officer, job coach and teacher throughout the duration of the placement and, in the majority of cases, go on to secure meaningful employment.

The pre-internship

For students who are not yet ready for one of our internships and 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.



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a short video about
Supported Internships

Supported internship locations

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.

Salford Quays

With a base at the vibrant Salford Quays, 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.





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. This course is perfect for those who believe they are compassionate, caring, committed and have the courage to succeed.

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 and have aspirations to work in the NHS then our five-week skills programme followed by a five-week work experience placement in a busy hospital, might be the course for you.

The programme aims to build your CV and interview skills, boost your confidence and prepare you for employment with 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.

King's Trust 'Team Programme'



If you're aged between 16 and 25 and you're not in education or employment then our 12-week King'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.



Base 12 Programme

Base 12 is a full-time programme designed for young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) who have Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

It provides a supportive stepping stone into college life for learners who are beginning to work towards a Level 1 qualification in Personal and Social Skills, but who may need more time and support before progressing onto a vocational course.

Students on Base 12 follow a personalised study programme, which includes English and maths (GCSE or Functional Skills), the Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Skills, and the chance to explore a range of vocational areas across the college. Each learner also benefits from tailored support to meet their individual needs.

The programme is delivered in a nurturing and structured environment, with a dedicated Learning Coach providing ongoing guidance. Students are encouraged to build their confidence, independence and resilience through personal development opportunities and a clear, individualised plan for their next steps.

Base 12 gives learners the time, space and encouragement to adjust to college life, develop social skills, and prepare for progression onto a Level 1 vocational course or a bespoke career pathway.



Meet the team

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



Andrew Pickles, Assistant Principal

Andrew has worked in education since 2001 and has spent over 10 years in Local Government, becoming a Senior Leader in Children’s Services, before returning to further education and joining the college in 2021 as Assistant Principal.

Andrew is passionate that all students should achieve their full potential and believes that staff are in a unique and fortunate position being part of a students’ journey. He is an advocate for student achievement and is committed to providing an ambitious and aspirational experience that leads to a sustained career.



Michelle Rigg, Director of Foundation Learning

Michelle has worked in youth work and education for over 30 years and at The Manchester College for over 25. She became Director of the Foundation Learning and Student Support in 2022 after more than 15 years as a Curriculum Lead.

Michelle has served on Boards for The Manchester Settlement, Newton Heath Community Learning Centre and The Manchester Secondary PRU (Pupil Referral Unit).

She passionately believes that all young people have the right to benefit from a consistently high level of education and support.



Chloe Letcher, Head of Department

Chloe has extensive experience across SEND, further education and specialist provision, with a strong background in curriculum development, quality assurance and staff development.

She has successfully led multiple Ofsted inspections, including Outstanding outcomes, and is passionate about creating inclusive learning environments where all students can thrive.

Chloe has a particular interest in English and literacy and the role they play in supporting success across the curriculum.



Ben Metcalfe, Head of Department

With a strong background in education, curriculum development, and leadership, Ben has dedicated his career to supporting learners from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with SEND, helping them raise their aspirations and reach their full potential.

Ben has worked to ensure that learners are well-informed about both local and national job markets, while also equipping them with the employability and interpersonal skills vital for success in the workplace.



Daniel Kirkham, Head of Department

Daniel has worked within The Manchester College SEND departments for over 20 years and is currently the Head of Department for the Routes and Pre-Internship programmes.

He started his career as a teacher for our Skills for Working Life courses delivering independence and work readiness skills to SEND Students, eventually progressing after 10 years to his current role.

Daniel is passionate about helping SEND students to reach their full potential and feel prepared for adulthood.



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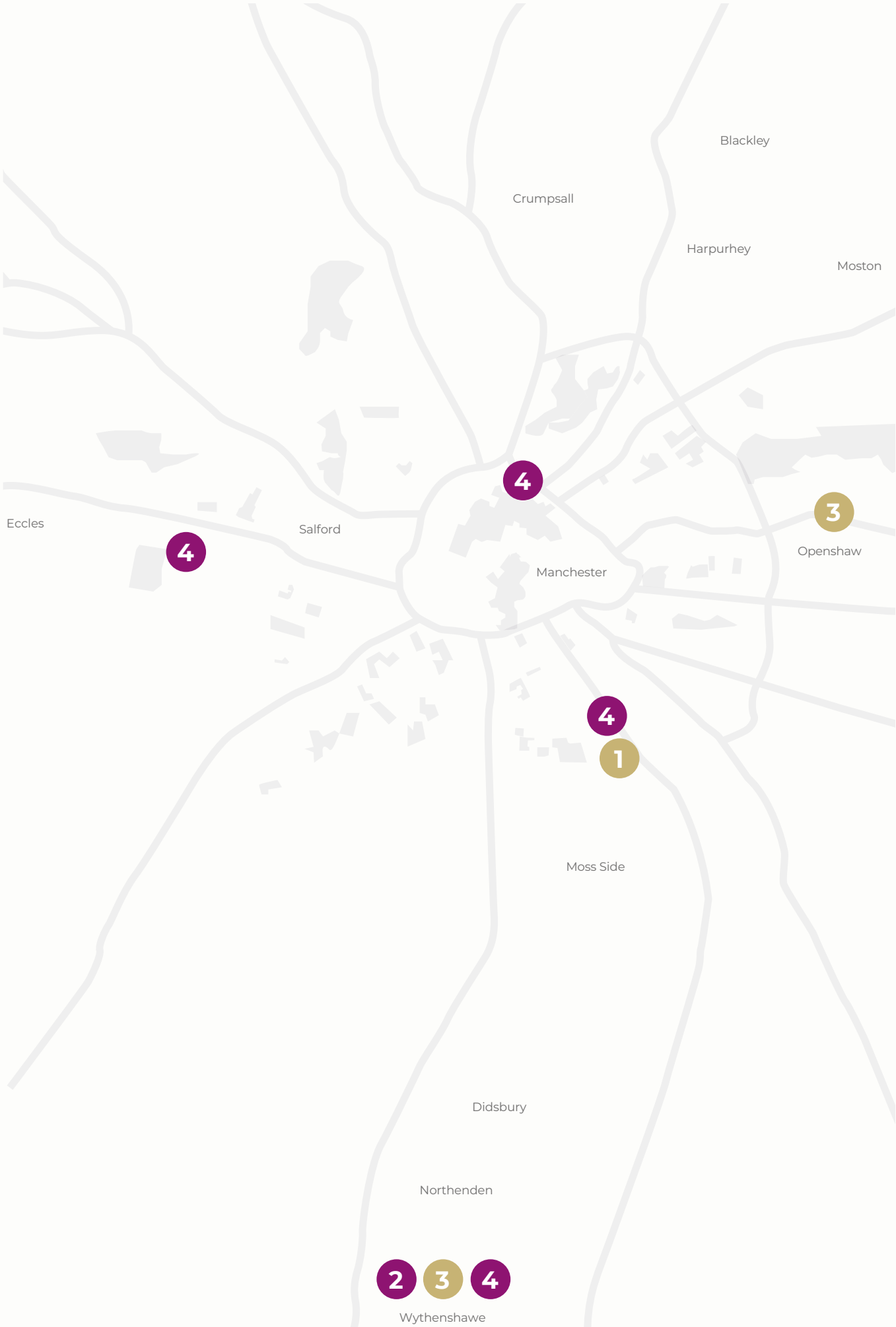
Our locations

Our Foundation Learning courses are available at a number of our campuses across Greater Manchester and externally at employer locations.

Wherever you study, you'll learn in classrooms that reflect a strong focus on employability and developing independence and skills.

Plus, if you're on one our King's Trust programmes you'll be making use of some outstanding outdoor education facilities on a week-long residential.

- 1 NHS Sector Based Work Academy – **Citylabs**
- 2 King's Trust 'Team Programme' 16-18 and 19+ – **Wythenshawe Campus / Harpurhey Campus / external buildings**
- 3 Base 12 Programme and 'Routes to' – **Openshaw Campus and Wythenshawe Campus**
- 4 Supported Internships - **Salford Quays, NHS MFT Oxford Road, NHS MFT Wythenshawe, Manchester Airport and Manchester City Council**





What our students say

I really enjoyed the course, my teacher was lovely and friendly. I learned to be more confident in interview skills, applying for jobs online and sending my CV. I enjoyed working with others on the course, it was like a family.

Zara, Preparation for Employment

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.

Joseph, 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.

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.

Parent of Supported Internship student



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
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