

# SUPPORTED LEARNING

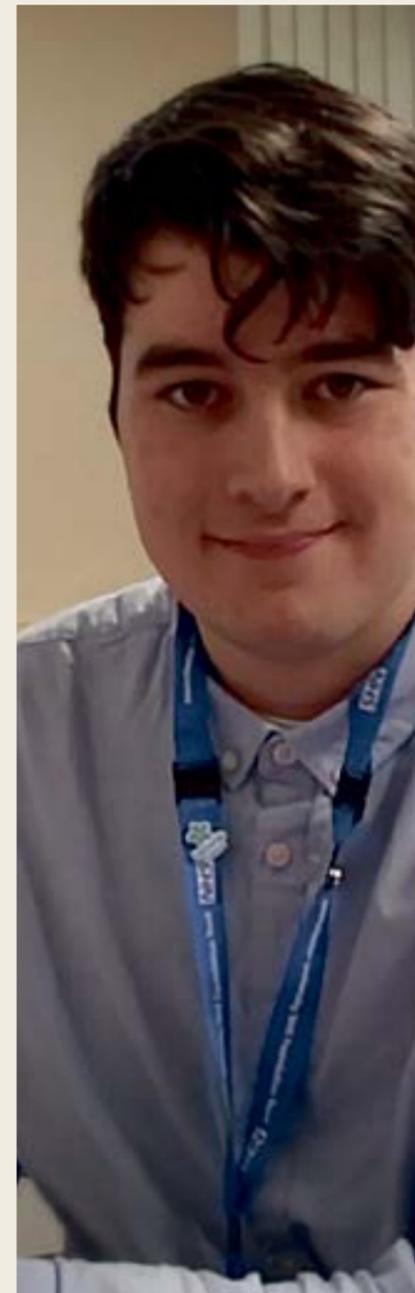


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# WELCOME



**At The Manchester College – the No.1 College in Greater Manchester for Achievement\* – we work in partnership with over twelve local authorities in Greater Manchester and the North West to provide a highly personalised Supported Learning offer for students with special educational needs or disabilities in an inclusive, supportive learning environment.**

Our provision includes additional support for students aged 16-18 (16-24 with an EHCP) or 19+ studying one of our mainstream courses as well as dedicated Supported Learning courses, with both areas designed to support students into employment or further education.

Students don't just receive tailored support, they receive high quality, award-winning support. Our Supported Internship provision has been highly commended by the Department for Education and, in 2020, we were awarded a Beacon Award by the Association of Colleges (AoC) for most effective use of technology for our application of Assistive Technology in supporting young people with a SEND need.

We are an 'employer spoke' within the Education and Training Foundation's Centres for Excellence in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (CfESEND). This is recognition of the work we do in improving employment opportunities for SEND students.

We're extremely proud of our strong track record of helping students with special educational needs or disabilities to achieve their aspirational career goals.

Read on to find out more how we can support you or your young person.

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# OUR SUPPORTED LEARNING COURSES

Our Supported Learning curriculum has been designed to remove barriers to learning for all individuals with learning difficulties, providing tailored help and guidance on each student's journey to independence.

We offer three distinct routes;

- 'Routes to' Programmes of Study
- Pre-Internships
- Supported Internships,

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



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 Community Living**

Tailored to High Needs students, who may have complex learning difficulties and a strong desire to become more independent.

#### **Routes to Learning**

Specifically designed for High Needs 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**

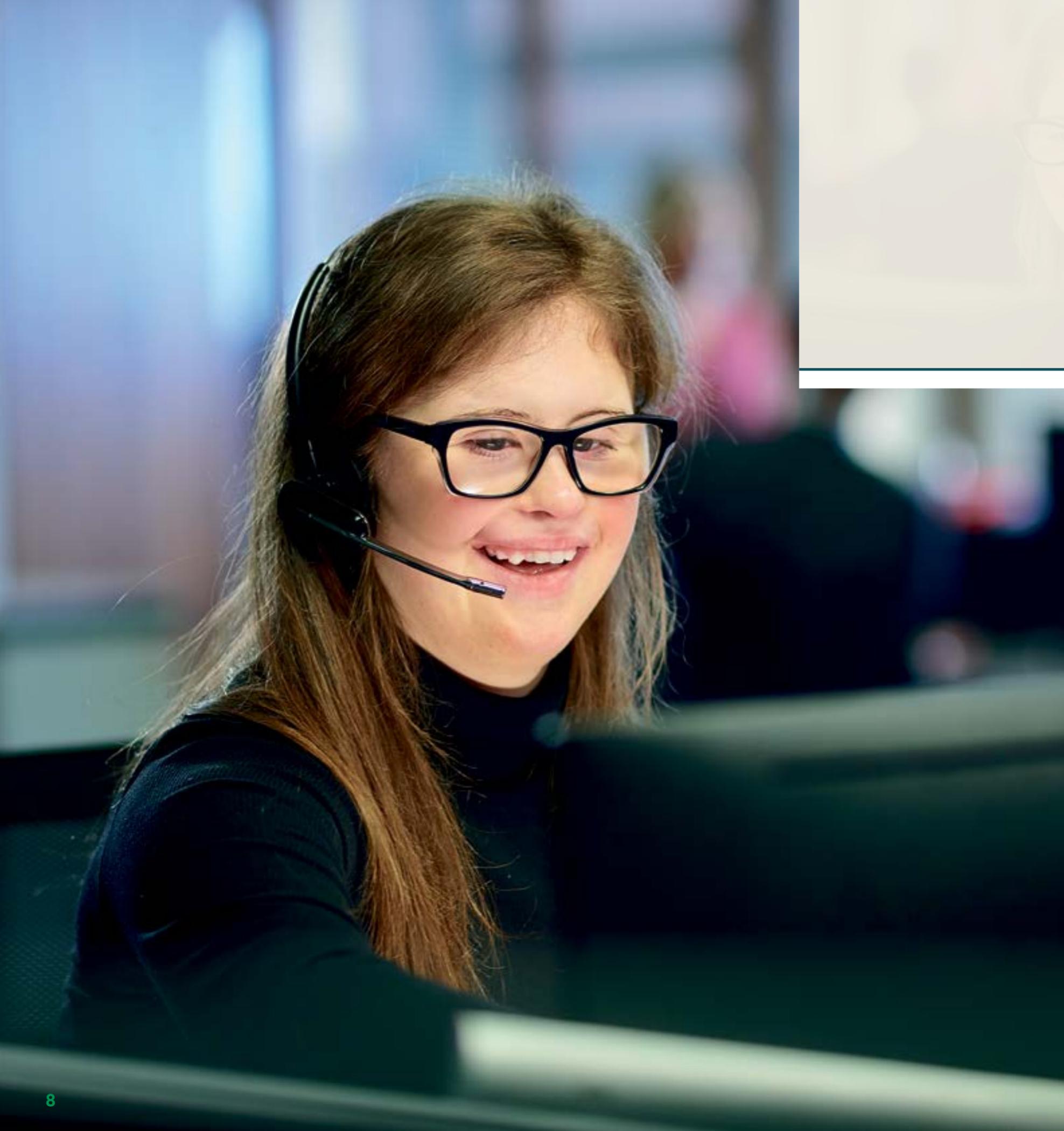
Designed for any High Needs student under the age of 24 with an EHCP (or in the process of gaining one), this course will help those with the potential to develop their work skills make positive decisions about their next steps, and focus their goals on employment in the future.

#### **Vocational Routes**

Vocational Routes is our 'high impact' programme of study, where students identified with the potential can be supported to achieve accelerated progression into 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.

# 'ROUTES TO' PROGRAMMES OF STUDY



# 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 Salford Quays Media City.

Interns are supported to develop real work skills in private and public sector work placements that are closely matched to their skills and interests. They continue to keep in touch with the College 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 achieve meaningful work.

# SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

## Manchester City Council

In 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 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 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.



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

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.

# OUR LOCATIONS



## 'Routes to'

Our Supported Learning 'Routes to' programmes take place at our Openshaw and Wythenshawe campuses in east and south Manchester, in classrooms that 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.

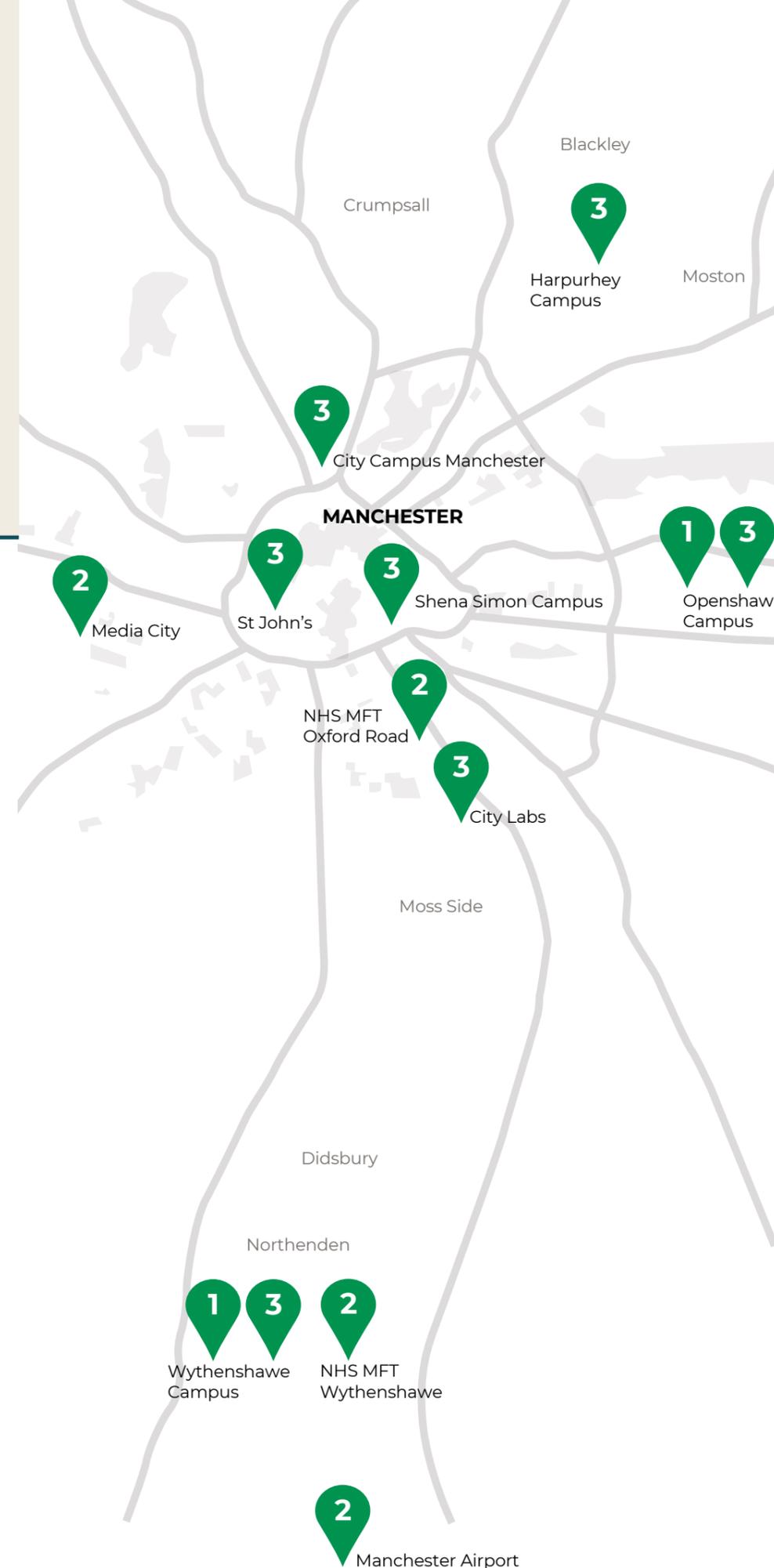
Accessible bathrooms and personal care spaces are readily available, and our large classrooms have sufficient space to accommodate students with mobility difficulties.

## Supported Internships

Our Supported Internships take place at a wide range of real workplaces and business 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.



# KEY

1. 'Routes to'
2. Supported Internship placements
3. Additional support available for mainstream curriculum

# BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The Manchester College strives to deliver an exciting and innovative learning experience to all our students looking to learn new skills. We are committed to playing a pivotal role in shaping the learning of today and for the generations to follow.

In support of our commitment, The College, alongside Higher Education partner UCEN Manchester, is investing £140 million to transform and restructure our campus estate, which are set to open throughout 2021 and 2022.

A powerful mix of new and redeveloped campuses, as a student you will enjoy exceptional, state-of-the-art study facilities alongside access to outstanding student support services. Our aim; to create a healthy, happy, productive environment in which you can thrive as we encourage you to create a positive and prosperous future.

Our Supported Learning facilities will benefit directly from our investment. It will enable us to expand and enhance our offer, allowing us to remain at the cutting edge of industry standards whilst offering you the very best environments to unleash your creativity and maximise your potential.



# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



“I was able to go on work placement and gain lots of experience which is a better way of learning for me. I worked with the Transition Team before coming here and they gave me lots of helpful advice to prepare me.”

**Sean Anderson**  
**Supported Internship - Salford Quays, Media City**



“The Manchester College is different to other colleges... it is a nice environment and you get lots of help from everyone. I have made lots of new friends and been able to meet lots of people. Tutors have helped me a lot with developing my communication skills. I feel so independent now too as I have learned to travel to new places on my own.”

**Rachel Smale**  
**Supported Internship - Manchester City Council**



“I wanted to do a course that would help me to get ready for work. I studied on the Routes to Employment course and progressed to study Pre-Internship. I've enjoyed developing my CV and I am proud of my work experience. I am definitely a lot more confident and independent.”

**Shelly Grewer**  
**Pre-Internship**

# MEET OUR TEAMS

## SUPPORTED LEARNING TEAM

Our highly qualified, specialist support staff are able to provide person-centred support for students, in accordance with Education, Health and Care Plans as agreed with your home local authority.

They have a range of awards for the quality of their support.

### **Director of SEND Learning and Support**

- Andrew Hulme

### **Supported Learning Heads of Department**

- Jodie Booth
- Daniel Kirkham

### **Additional Learning Support Team**

- Adele Robinson (Harpurhey, Seminary and St Johns)
- Andy Armstrong (Openshaw and Welcomb St)
- Jenny Barnard (Shena Simon and HI/VI support)
- Jennifer Colville (Wythenshawe)
- Tracey Melling (Dyslexia/SplID Team)

### **Got a question?**

Contact our Additional Learning Support Team: [specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk)

## TRANSITION TEAM

Our Transition Team are on hand to support access to college from as early as year 9 and, on request, will liaise with schools and families to prepare bespoke transition packages.

They will also contribute to personal learning plans and ensure we provide the most appropriate means of support for their courses and ambitions.

- Lloyd Gravell (Transition Team Officer)
- Helen Sherwin (Transition Team Officer)
- Nazmin Sultana (Transition Team Officer)

### **Got a question?**

Contact our Transition Team: [transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk](mailto:transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk)

# 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](http://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 applicant and parent information evening



## 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

# STAY IN TOUCH

Find out more and apply to find out more about The Manchester College and our Supported Learning department and to apply for one of our courses, visit: [tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning](http://tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning)

### Visit us

Join us at one of our Open Events throughout the year to learn more about our courses, visit the campus you could be studying at and tour our facilities, speak to our tutors, and much more.

To find out when our next Open Events are taking place visit:

[tmc.ac.uk/events](http://tmc.ac.uk/events)

### Stay in touch

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### Contact Us

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

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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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