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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



Automotive at The Manchester College



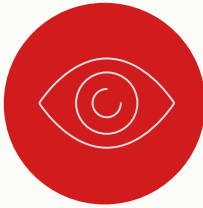
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

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. **22,975** employees working in the automotive sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **0.9%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is **£40,746** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **4,709** 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
Auto Electrician	Communication	Arnold Clark
Garage Manager	Customer service	Auto Trader
MOT Tester	Detail orientated	CarShop
Motor Mechanic	Industry knowledge	Direct Line Group Auto Services
Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer	Management	Halfords
Motor Vehicle Fitter	Mechanics	Jaguar Land Rover
Motor Vehicle Parts Person	Paint spraying	National Tyres and Autocare
Paint Sprayer	Sales	RRG Group
Tyre, Exhaust and Windscreen Fitter	Vehicle inspection	Stagecoach Manchester
Vehicle Body Builder and Repairer	Vehicle maintenance	Volkswagen

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers
information



Find out
more here



Where to find us

Our Automotive courses are delivered at our Openshaw and Wythenshawe campuses. By studying with us you'll be giving yourself the opportunity to benefit from our state-of-the-art training facilities.

Get Directions

Openshaw

- An MOT testing bay
- An auto-electrical workshop
- A painting workshop
- A mechanical workshop
- A machine workshop
- An electrical diagnostic area
- Electric, hydrogen and hybrid vehicles
- 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

Wythenshawe

- Industry-standard mechanical garage including tyre machines, tracking gauge and diagnostics equipment
- 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.

The engineering elements really fascinate me and show how much goes into making a vehicle. The tutor's support is great and means we can learn at the best pace for us.



Bradley
Level 2 Vehicle Accident Repair



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 automotive can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the automotive sector through:

- Visits from employers in the industry
- Masterclasses from leading employers
- Industry trips both locally and nationally
- Career and trade fairs.



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.

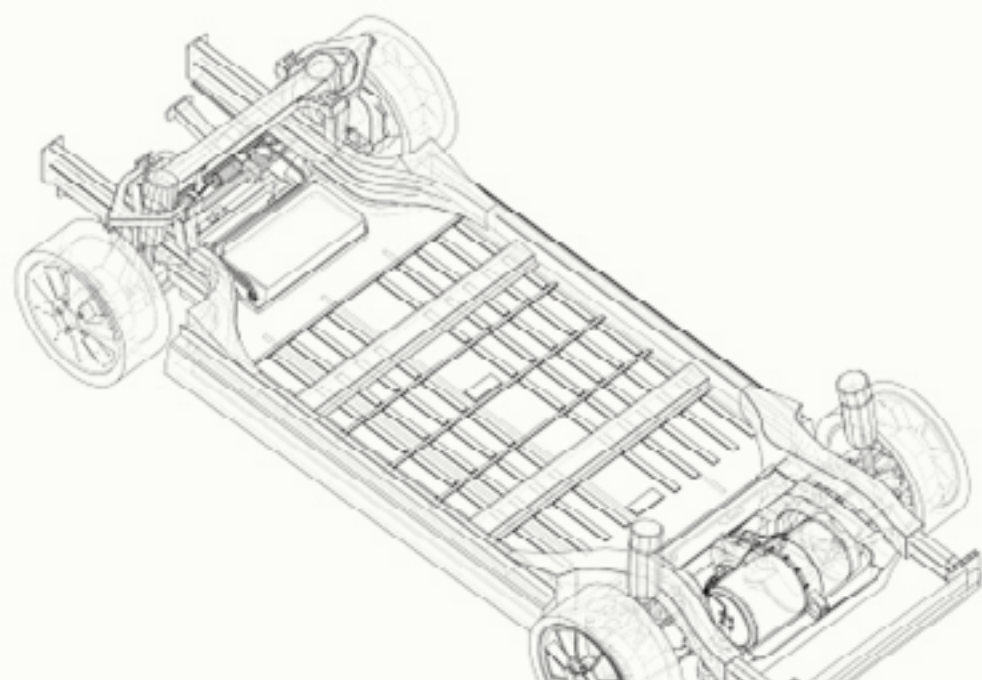
For more information visit tmc.ac.uk/tlevels

- 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 Maintenance Installation and Repair (Light and Electric Vehicles)



Level 3 | Openshaw | 2 years

Our T Level prepares you for a career in the automotive industry, including roles like accident repair or maintenance technician. You'll study engineering principles, materials science, core health and safety and essential maths and science. With input from industry experts, you'll gain real-world experience through guest talks, site visits and industry placements. You'll also build business and commercial awareness, supported by an employability tutor to guide your progression into the workplace.

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles

Level 3 | Openshaw | 1 year

Take your automotive skills to the next level with this advanced course focused on modern vehicle maintenance and repair. Building on previous Level 2 learning, you'll deepen your knowledge of engine management systems, electrical faults and chassis repairs through classroom theory and hands-on workshop sessions. You'll also strengthen your understanding of health and safety and explore the roles within a dealership or garage. This course equips you with the specialist skills and insight needed to succeed in today's automotive industry.

Motorsport Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Fuel your passion for motorsport with this exciting qualification designed to give you hands-on experience and technical knowledge of the industry. You'll explore everything from engines, transmissions and chassis systems to electrics, tyres and vehicle inspection during competition. Alongside this, you'll gain valuable insights into electric vehicle technologies, low-carbon innovations and workplace health and safety. This course opens the door to progression onto a T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair or straight into the motorsport industry.

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Level 2 | Openshaw and Wythenshawe | 1 year

If you've completed a Level 1 in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, this Level 2 course is the ideal next step. You'll build on your skills in maintaining and repairing components such as brakes, steering, suspension, engines and chassis systems. With a strong focus on hands-on learning in the workshop, you'll develop advanced techniques like engine replacement and exhaust repair. This course also prepares you for future automotive technologies with the skills needed for modern vehicle maintenance and repair.

Vehicle Accident Repair sponsored by Tetrosyl

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Learn how to repair vehicles after accidents with this hands-on Level 2 course, designed to develop the skills employers are looking for in body, paint and Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) repair. If you've completed our Level 1 in Vehicle Accident Repair, this is your next step. Sponsored by Tetrosyl, you'll benefit from industry input, employer engagement and real-world experience through placements. You'll cover key skills like paint mixing, welding, detailing, and accident inspection. This vocationally related qualification (VRQ), awarded by the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), prepares you for a career in vehicle accident repair.

Pathway to Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Level 1 | Openshaw and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Kick-start your career in the automotive industry with this hands-on, full-time Level 1 course. Ideal for anyone interested in vehicle maintenance and repair, you'll develop practical skills in key areas like brakes, suspension, steering, tyres, exhausts and electrical systems. You'll also build knowledge of engines, drivelines and chassis components, explore different job roles in the sector and learn essential health and safety practices. Taught in industry-standard workshops, this IMI-accredited course prepares you for further study and a future in motor vehicle technology.

Pathway to Vehicle Accident Repair

Level 1 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our exciting Level 1 course is the perfect introduction to the motor vehicle accident repair industry, covering key areas including body, paint and Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET). You'll develop practical skills in areas like brakes, steering, suspension, tyres and exhausts, while gaining knowledge of engines, drivelines and chassis components. With hands-on training in state-of-the-art workshops, you'll also learn essential health and safety practices.



***The advice I'd give to
women looking to study
Automotive would
be 'don't be afraid
and just go for it.'***



Chelsea

Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair



Courses for adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in the automotive sector? 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.



Light Vehicle Maintenance
and Repair Principles

Level 3 | Openshaw

Vehicle Accident Repair

Level 3 | Openshaw

Vehicle Accident Repair – Multi-Skill

Level 2 | Openshaw

Vehicle Fitting Principles

Level 2 | Openshaw

Automotive Maintenance and Repair

Level 1 | Openshaw

Vehicle Accident Repair

Level 1 | Openshaw



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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



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Thinking about your next step after college?
Discover degree-level courses that'll get you ready for anything.

ROOTED in the **NORTH**

school of sport, health and wellbeing Salford Quays
Spinningfields MANC Curry Afflecks
football The Ritz mile The Smiths
PICCADILLY GARDENS CHINA TOWN oasis media city
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW the Lowry
MUSIC UCEN MANCHESTER
Chorlton ARDEN SCHOOL OF THEATRE
WAREHOUSE Parklife PRINTWORKS
PROJECT PRIDE Manchester film school
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND CYBERSECURITY northern soul
school of construction and engineering FACTORY RECORDS art galleries
Castlefield bridgewater hall
CANAL STREET
BELIEVE IN DIFFERENT school of art, media and make-up



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DEGREES**

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DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3 Diplomas at College, you'll have the opportunity to progress on to our degree-level qualifications through our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester.

STUDY AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

Benefit from hands-on, practical learning, small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities.

You'll cover a range of topics, including:

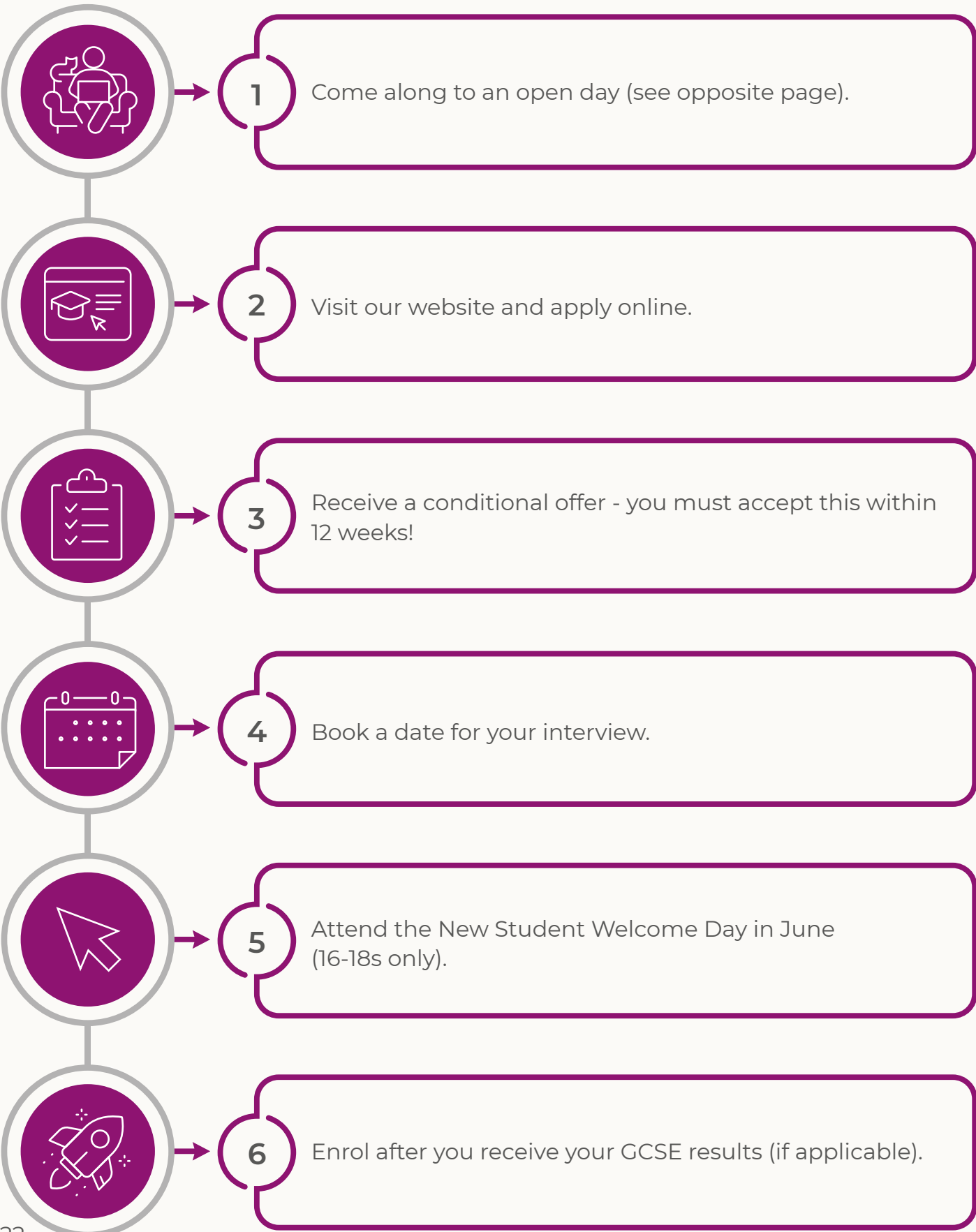
- > Engineering design, maths and science
- > Net zero energy technologies
- > Vehicle repair and diagnostics
- > Automotive fundamentals.



**For more information or to apply
visit ucnmanchester.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
	Thursday 20 May 5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



* National Achievement Rates Tables.



Find us on social



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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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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