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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

Music 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.*



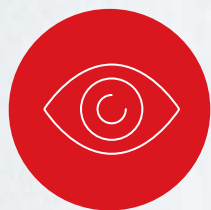
Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study.**

* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

** Latest Internal Progression Data.





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.





Careers
information




**FIND OUT
MORE HERE**



Job figures

There were approx. **3,202** employees working in the music sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **8.5%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is **£28,414** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **496** 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
DJ	Communication	AO Arena
Film / TV / Game Composer	Creativity	BBC
Live Sound Engineer	Editing	BBC Radio Manchester
Music Journalist	Management	BIMM
Music Producer	Marketing	Brighter Sound
Music Publisher	Planning	ITV
Press Agent	Post-production	Manchester International Festival
Recording Artist	Project management	Sharp Project
Songwriter	Social media	The Bridgewater Hall
Tour Manager	Video editing	The Royal Exchange Theatre

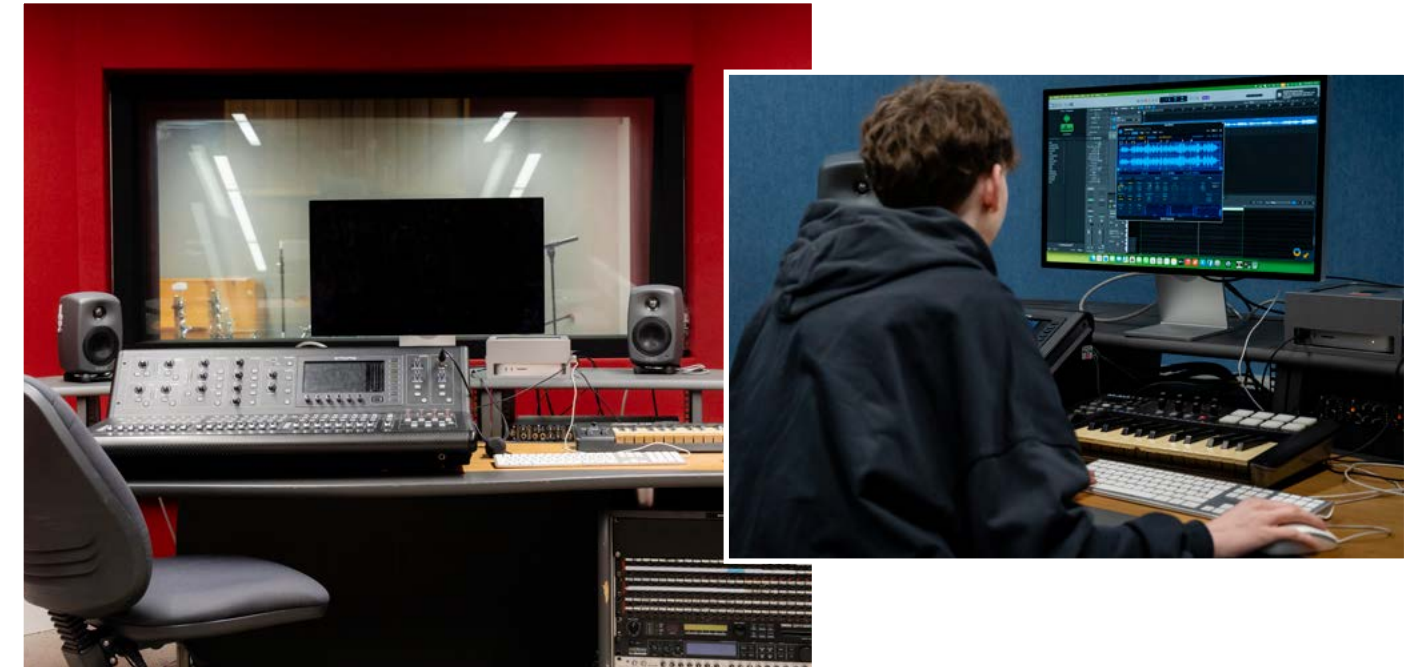
Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms, and vibrant social spaces, you can study Music courses in our industry-standard facilities at City Campus Manchester.



City Campus Manchester



- Two state-of-the art band teaching rooms
- Adjoining practice rooms for rehearsal
- A DJ classroom with four booths
- Three control rooms with mixing desks
- Two studio live rooms
- Grab a Starbucks or a slice from the pizza bar - choose from hot and cold food options
- Hot-desk study zones
- Library with study areas, laptop loans and space for Careers and Support teams.

Teaching also takes place at our partnership venue Band on the Wall in the heart of the vibrant Northern Quarter, just fifteen minutes' walk from City Campus Manchester.



Get Directions

College introduced me to experienced tutors, lifelong friends and valuable skills for my dream career. As someone with ADHD, I felt incredibly supported and included.



Callum
Level 3 Music Performance



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 business can take you

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

- Performances at iconic Manchester venues like The Bridgewater Hall, The Academy and Band on the Wall
- Visits and Q&As with experts in their field
- Masterclasses from leading employers
- Visits to industry conferences to network with professionals.

This will help you decide which path to take after your course — whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education provider UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship, going straight into employment, or setting up as an independent artist or producer.

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.



Music Technology (Electronic Music Production and Performance)

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years | 16-18

In the first year, you'll cover studio production, creating music through production, music technology for live events, and planning a career in the industry. In the second year, you'll focus on a self-directed project such as recording an album or composing music for TV, film or games, and collaborate with your peers to organise a live event, festival or recording project. The programme gives you hands-on experience and practical skills for a future in music.

Music Performance

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years | 16-18

In the first year, you'll build core music skills — performing as a band, creating material, exploring styles, learning practical theory and planning a career in the industry. In year two, you'll specialise in an area like performance, songwriting, recording, producing, composing or teaching, completing an individual project such as an album or music for film and TV. You'll also collaborate with peers to plan and deliver a major live event, gaining experience through performances at venues including Manchester's iconic Band on the Wall.

Music Technology (Live Sound)

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years | 16-18

In the first year, you'll build your knowledge of studio production, creating music through production, music technology for live events and planning a career in the industry. In the second year, you'll complete a self-directed project, such as recording an album or creating a portfolio, and collaborate with peers to organise and deliver a live event, festival or gig. You'll also gain hands-on, industry-relevant work experience, ensuring you have the practical skills and experience needed for a career in music.

Music Performance and Production (Blended)

Level 2 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years | 16-18

Designed for aspiring musicians and vocalists, this hands-on programme develops both performance and production skills. You'll hone your playing, singing and stage presence, while gaining experience recording, sequencing and mixing in professional studios and Logic Pro Mac suites. Through collaborative and solo projects, you'll create, produce and perform original music, gaining valuable industry insights and exploring careers in music. The course culminates with a final major project and live performance at Manchester's iconic Band on the Wall venue.

Music Performance and Production (Performance Pathway)

Level 2 | City Campus Manchester | 1 year | 16-18

Explore the music industry and build your skills as a musician, focusing on performance with your chosen instrument or voice and gaining experience working as part of a band. You'll learn music theory, composition and how to create original tracks using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW). The programme also offers opportunities to perform live at a range of venues, including Manchester's iconic Band on the Wall, giving you practical experience and boosting your confidence as an emerging music professional.

Music Technology and Production

Level 2 | City Campus Manchester | 1 year | 19+

Building on the skills developed at Level 1, this course introduces more advanced skills techniques in both recording and sequencing and prepares learners for study at Level 3. The music industry is also explored, including looking at how to make money out of music and promote your music to a wider audience.

Music, Performing and Production Arts

Level 1 | City Campus Manchester | 1 Year | 16-18

This course is a welcoming, practical introduction for school leavers, helping you explore the industry, discover your strengths and build the skills to progress. Through three hands-on projects, you'll develop confidence using professional facilities, from live PA and DJ equipment to recording studios. You'll also plan and create a podcast and radio show, building performance, DJing and production skills collaboratively. The year finishes with a live showcase at Band on the Wall, where you choose your focus — performing, DJing or production — and present your work, preparing you for progression to Level 2 Music Performance or Music Blend.

Music, Performing and Production Arts (Music Pathway)

Level 1 | City Campus Manchester | 1 year | 16-18

Ideal for anyone new to music technology, this hands-on programme introduces the essentials of professional music production. You'll learn how to record and mix multi-track recordings, create beats and remix tracks using industry-standard software like Logic Pro. You'll also explore the basics of DJ technology with equipment used by music professionals. Performers will also have the opportunity to explore and develop their musical skills through practical sessions and collaborative projects. Alongside gaining technical skills, you'll build key transferable abilities that will support your progression to further study or a future career in the music production industry.

Introduction to Music Technology and Production

Level 1 | City Campus Manchester | 1 Year | 19+

Designed for those new to music technology, this course provides a practical introduction to music production and the wider industry. Learners will develop skills in studio recording, mixing, beat creation and DJ technology using industry-standard software such as Logic and Ableton, providing a strong foundation for progression to higher-level study.

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: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning



SCAN HERE
to view online



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

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



**EXPLORE
DEGREES**

ucenmanchester.ac.uk

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 VOCAL STUDIES AND PERFORMANCE

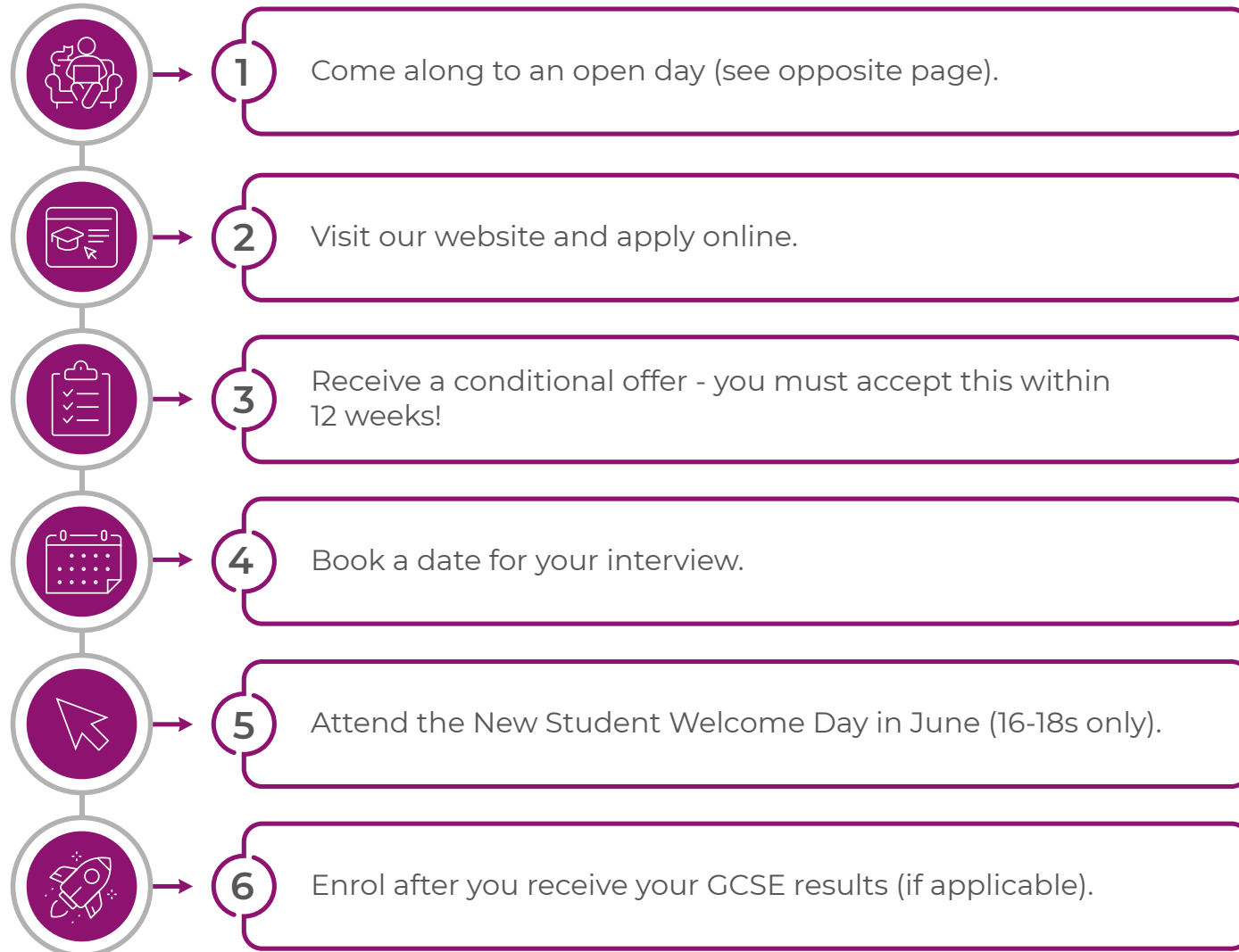
Benefit from hands-on, practical learning, small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities.



For more information or to apply
visit ucenmanchester.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	Adults	 Thursday 20 May 5-7pm
	 Saturday 14 November 10am-1pm		
	 Thursday 4 March 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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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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