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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



Sport at The Manchester College



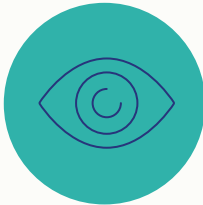
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

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. **50,782** employees working in the sport 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 **£29,002** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **9,141** 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
Fitness Instructor	Communication	David Lloyd
Health Trainer	Due diligence	Fitness First
Leisure Centre Manager	English language	JD Gyms
Outdoors Activities Instructor	Leadership	Manchester City
PE Teacher	Management	Manchester United
Performance Sports Scientist	Mental health	NHS
Personal Trainer	Physical therapy	Nuffield Health
Sports and Exercise Psychologist	Psychology	Prospero Teaching
Sports Commentator	Science education	Puregym
Sports Physiotherapist	Teaching	The Gym Group

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers
information



Find out
more here

Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms, and vibrant social spaces, you can study Sport courses at our Openshaw Campus close to the Etihad Stadium!

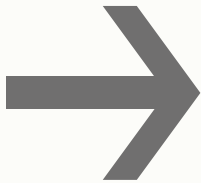


Openshaw

- 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



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 sport can take you

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

- Masterclasses with top sports professionals offering insider career advice
- Trips to major sports clubs and venues across the UK
- Join college teams or take part in sports like volleyball, rugby and rowing.



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, going straight into employment, or pursuing a specialism in coaching, fitness, physiotherapy and more.



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 study to work towards achieving this qualification.



Sports Coaching in partnership with FC United

Level 3 | Broudhurst Park, FC United | 2 years

Are you passionate about football, sport and coaching? Our two-year programme blends academic study with hands-on coaching to prepare you for a future in the sports industry or progression to university. Delivered in partnership with FC United of Manchester, you'll learn, train and develop in a professional club environment while working towards a nationally recognised qualification. You'll explore topics including coaching, fitness training, anatomy, psychology, nutrition, leadership and technical skills, alongside real experience in community coaching, training sessions and matchday operations.

Active IQ Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching

Level 2 | Openshaw | 2 years

Are you passionate about fitness and human performance? This Level 2 course prepares you for a career in the health and fitness industry or progression to university. You'll gain advanced knowledge in anatomy, nutrition, and exercise science, alongside industry experience with partners like PureGym and ManFit. With qualifications that include the Active IQ Diploma and NCFE Certificate, plus first aid, you'll finish your course ready to work as a personal trainer or continue your studies.

Sport and Exercise Science

Level 3 | Openshaw | 2 years

Our Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science course offers a comprehensive blend of theory, practical experience and industry insight. You'll explore topics like anatomy and physiology, sport psychology, fitness testing, strength and conditioning, and more. Through lab work, sports sessions, and team projects, you'll build key skills in analysis, leadership, and communication. With access to state-of-the-art facilities and work experience opportunities, this course prepares you for university or a successful career in the sports industry.

Sport and Physical Activity

Level 3 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our Level 3 course offers a strong foundation for a career in the sport and physical activity sector. You'll explore coaching, fitness, health and lifestyle, nutrition, and how the body works, while developing key skills through varied practical sessions. You'll also gain experience leading activities and events and learn how to work with different populations — all helping you prepare for further study or employment in the industry.

Sport

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our Level 2 Sport course offers a hands-on introduction to the sports and leisure industry. You'll explore how the body works, the importance of exercise, sports nutrition and what makes a great athlete. With plenty of practical sessions and opportunities to lead events, you'll gain the skills and knowledge to progress to further study or start your journey towards a career in sport.

Sports Coaching and School Sport

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

If you're passionate about coaching and want to work with young people in schools or the community, this Level 2 in Sports Coaching and School Sport is a great place to start. You'll develop the knowledge and practical skills to plan and deliver safe, ethical and effective sessions, while gaining hands-on experience in local primary schools. Taught by expert staff with industry links, this course will help you build the confidence and competence needed for a successful career in coaching.

Sport and Active Leisure

Level 1 | Openshaw | 1 year

Our Level 1 Sport course is the perfect starting point to explore the sports and active leisure industry. You'll build essential knowledge and skills through practical sessions, including playing and leading games and learn how to safely organise sporting events. Taught by expert staff and supported by guest speakers, you'll also gain insight into career paths and visit professional sports clubs to deepen your understanding of the sector.



*Studying sport
gave me the academic
foundation for a
U.S. scholarship and
supported my time
with the GB
Basketball team.*



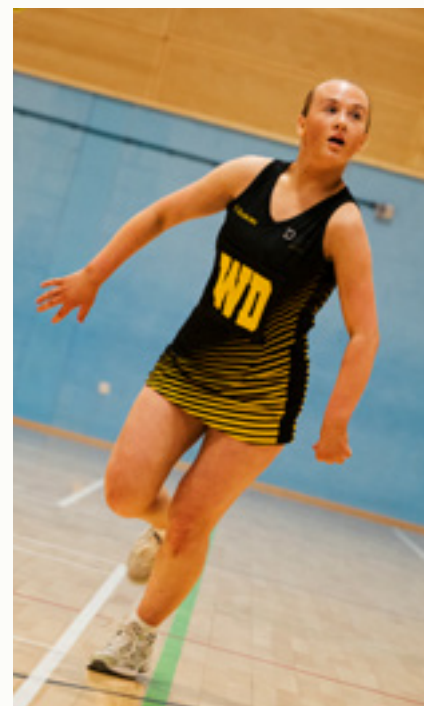
Joe
Level 3 Sport and
Exercise Science

Sports teams

Enrolling into our Sport department isn't just about discovering more about the sport you love and working towards a bright career.

If you're 16-18, you'll also get the chance to represent The Manchester College at local, regional and maybe even national level! By joining one of our college sports teams, you'll develop a range of skills in a fun and welcoming environment.

Our highly qualified and experienced coaches can help you to fulfil your ambitions on the pitch or the court. You'll also be able to put what you've learnt in the classroom into practice.



Men's Football Team

Our football team competes in the AoC National Championship League. We were crowned champions in 2023/24 after winning the Men's Regional League 1. Trials are open to students aged 16-18 and run from enrolment until early September.

If you're successful, you'll train three times a week on our full size 3G pitch at our Openshaw campus. Matches are played on Wednesdays.

Women's Football Team

Our football team currently plays in the AoC League. Trials are open to students aged 16-18 and run from enrolment until early September.

Training will be on a Monday evening 4:30pm - 6:30pm on our full size 3G pitch at our Openshaw campus. Matches are played on Wednesdays.

Men's Basketball Team

Our basketball team competes against colleges from across the region in the AoC North West Basketball League. It's open to students aged 16-18 and trials take place from enrolment until early September. If you're successful, you'll train two times a week with games taking place on Wednesdays.

Women's Netball Team

Our netball team competes against colleges from across the region in the AoC North West Netball League. It's open to students aged 16-18 and trials take place from enrolment until early September. If you're successful, you'll train twice a week with games taking place on Wednesdays.

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*I chose to study here
because I aspire to
work in the sports industry,
and the College offers
great opportunities
and facilities I need
to get started.*



Jack
Level 3 Personal
Training and
Sport Science

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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



Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
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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.

SPORT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING COURSES

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

Choose one of our higher education pathways in:

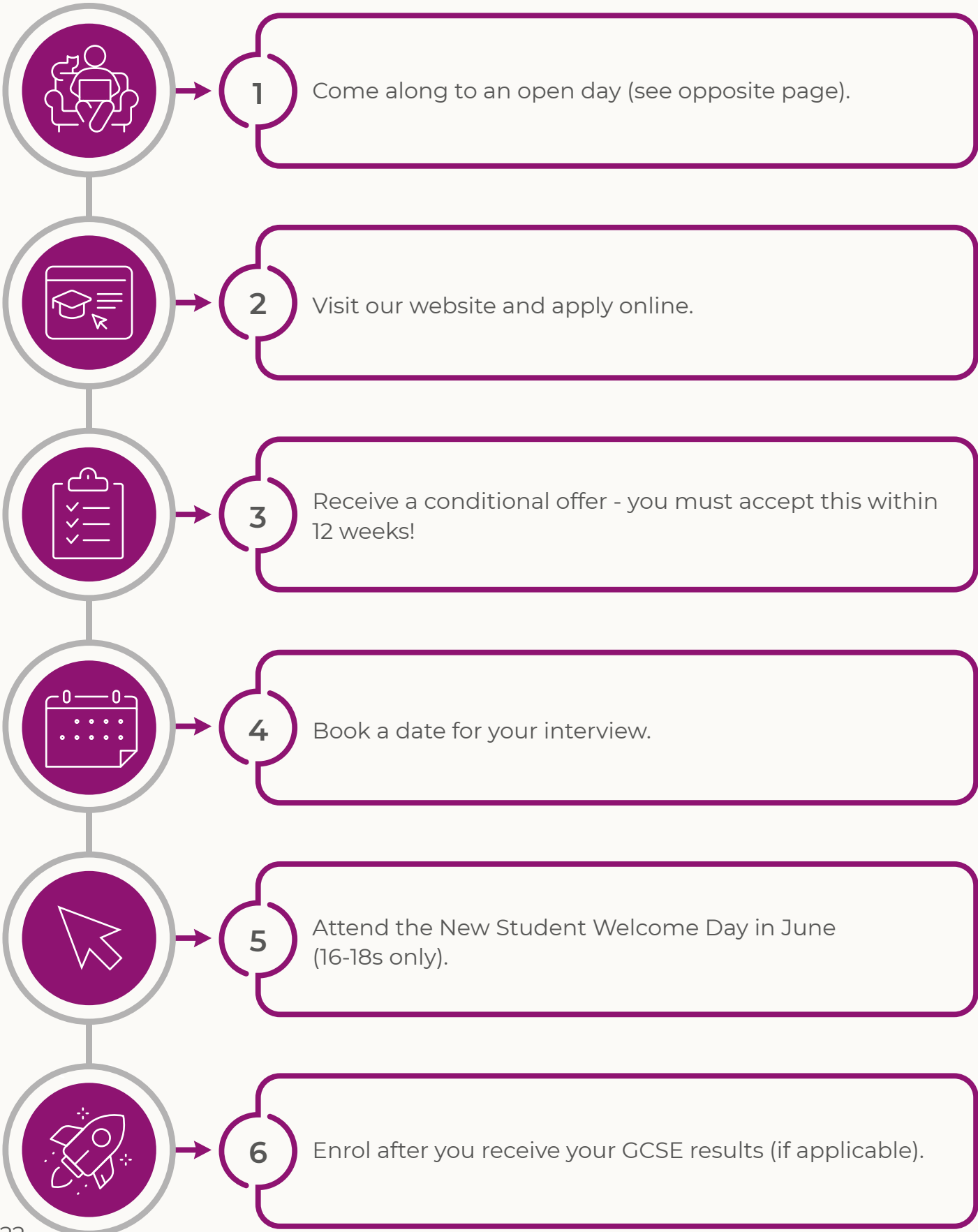
- > Football Industry
- > Applied Sport and Exercise Science
- > PE and School Sport
- > Athlete Wellbeing.



**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

Adults	
	Thursday 20 May 5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



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