

BOARDING STUDENT

# WELCOME PACK



Achieving  
Success  
**Together**

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## OUR VISION

**Empowering students through personalised learning, small classes, and a supportive environment; fostering independence and confidence in the vibrant heart of Manchester.**

**Achieving**

**Success**

**Together**

At Abbey College Manchester we have an ethos of 'Achieving Success Together'. We are a small, familial college with about half of our students living in our boarding accommodation.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Abbey College Manchester Family.

You will be joining a community where students from within the UK and around the world will start on an educational journey together.

We have put together this welcome pack to help you arrive smoothly into the UK and to settle into the city of Manchester, and your day-to-day life in the college.

Take this time to think about your future, now is the time to turn your ambitions into reality. Over the coming years your hard work and dedication, matched with our outstanding teaching and support can make all things possible.

Exciting times lie ahead, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you.



**Chris Randell**

Principal



## YOUR FIRST DAY AND KEY DATES

We ask new students to arrive in Manchester before 1st September. Student accommodation is open from Saturday 30th August.

We will let you know what to bring with you nearer the time.



### Key dates 2025

**30**  
AUGUST

Boarding House Opens  
Saturday 30th August | 9:00am

**01-02**  
SEPT

New Student Enrolment & Induction  
Days Monday 1st - Tuesday 2nd  
September

**03**  
SEPT

Autumn Term Starts  
Wednesday 3rd September | 9:00am

All term dates are available on our website:  
 <https://www.abbeymanchester.co.uk/college/term-dates/>





## ARRIVAL INTO THE UK

Pack in your hand luggage and take with you onto the plane the following items:

- Passport
- e-Visa (if you have had to apply for one)
- Your share code from the UKVI (if you have one)
- Confirmation of Acceptance for studies (CAS)
- Parental consent Letter from your parents that was used in your visa application
- Accommodation booking letter (sent by the Accommodation Team)
- Taxi booking confirmation (if applicable)
- A pen!

You may need to **fill out a landing card** when you land in the UK. The cabin Crew on your flight will hand this to you.



# ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT

## Immigration

After landing, you will go through immigration. Depending on your arrival time the queues here might be quite long

Be ready to show:

- Your passport
- Your e-visa and share code (if you have them)
- The address where you will be staying
- Your CAS letter

You might be asked some simple questions by the immigration officer. You should answer in English.:

- Why are you coming to study in the UK?
- Do you have family here?
- Where will you live?
- What is the name of your college

After immigration, you'll go through customs to collect your luggage. Follow UK entry rules and know your personal allowance.

Check restrictions here:

[www.gov.uk/bringing-goods-into-uk-personal-use](https://www.gov.uk/bringing-goods-into-uk-personal-use)

Once you pass customs, you'll exit into the main arrivals hall of your terminal.

## Taxi Transfers

If you have booked a transfer from the airport through our accommodation team, please read the information on your taxi transfer confirmation letter carefully.

If you are living within the boarding house, your taxi transfer will be booked through our taxi partner StreetCars. When you enter the arrivals hall at Terminals 1, 2 or 3 at Manchester Airport, go to the Streetcars desk (they will be displaying the Abbey College Manchester logo) and they will be expecting you.

Students residing within one of our host families be either transferred by our taxi partner, StreetCars, or personally collected by the Host Family Administrator.

The taxi journey to your accommodation will take around 30–40 minutes depending on traffic, but could also be shorter if you are staying with a Host Family who live nearer to the airport.

You do not need to pay the driver if you have booked through the college – the taxi will be paid for out of your deposit. If you will be travelling with family members please let the college know when booking your taxi so a larger vehicle can be arranged.



## ARRIVAL TO COLLEGE

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Abbey College Manchester's boarding house and host families will be open from Saturday 30th August 2025.

All travel details must be completed pre-arrival; this enables our boarding team and our host families to be prepared for your arrival. You have already been sent all contact details of your boarding house/host family in your accommodation confirmation paperwork.

### **Bringing family with you**

You are more than welcome to travel to Manchester with your family and arrive at the college with them on your first day – however, they will not be able to attend your induction in college.

Please note that whenever your family visit you in Manchester, they must arrange their own accommodation in a nearby hotel. Family members are unable to stay in our boarding house, or in host families.

You may stay with your family during their visit but please make sure that you have advised the Senior House Parent or Host Family Administrator in advance.



## YOUR NEW HOME - CLYDESDALE HOUSE

All bedding is provided at Clydesdale House, including a duvet, pillow, bed sheet, and a towel pack – so students do not need to bring their own.

All bedrooms are ensuite, however we do not provide toiletries so students should bring their own with them.

In each bedroom there is a bed, storage cupboard, wardrobe, drawers, and a desk with a chair.

In each flat there is a shared kitchen which has a dining table & chairs, sofa, cooker, microwave, fridge/freezer, dishwasher, pots, pans, plates, bowls, cutlery, kettle, toaster, etc.

There is also a shared living room with a table, chairs, sofa, widescreen TV and coffee table.

The kitchen is cleaned once per week, but students are responsible for keeping it clean and tidy in between cleans – this will be monitored by the House Parents.

Your bedroom is not cleaned so you are expected it to keep it tidy. Although the cleaner will come into your bathroom monthly you are still responsible for keeping it clean..

Students are provided with three meals a day; self service breakfast, a packed lunch and a cooked evening meal.

Clydesdale House has both washing machines and tumble driers. Students can use these up to three times a week throughout the year free of charge.

Students are responsible for washing their own clothes, bedding and towels.

Clydesdale House is around 5-10 minutes walk from Abbey College Manchester.





## YOUR NEW HOME - HOST FAMILY

All students will have their own good sized bedroom (unless otherwise agreed), with a bed, desk, chair, and storage facilities.

Bathroom facilities are usually shared with the family, however in some cases students may have their own private bathroom.

All homes have internet and access to a television – and most have a garden to use.

Host Family accommodation is provided on a Full Board basis, seven days per week - which includes breakfast, packed lunch, and evening meal.

Students are encouraged to eat with the host family as this is an important aspect of socialising and an ideal opportunity to practise their English.

Meals will be very different from a student's normal expectations but this will be part of adapting to British life. Host families do cater for special diets if requested.

Students' bedrooms are cleaned once per week, and laundry of clothing and bedding is also done once or twice per week.



## Receiving Post

Post is delivered Monday to Saturday, to the reception of Clydesdale House, and kept safe until you collect it. Please go to reception with your student ID badge on a regular basis, to see if there is any post for you. Reception is open 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday.

Parcels are delivered daily. If you have received notification of a parcel by the delivery company, please go to Reception with your ID to collect your parcel. The same applies if you are expecting an important letter that needs to be signed for.

If you have any items delivered to you at the boarding house, please remember to use your name and address as below and insert your room number:

First Name, Family Name  
Room xx,

Clydesdale House,  
27 Turner Street,  
Manchester,  
M4 1DG

For students in host family post can be delivered direct to there. Please make sure you know the full address for your host family including postcode.

## Money and Banking

It's useful for students to have a **UK bank account**.

- The college can organise this during the induction period with one specific bank.
- If you wish to open an account with a different bank to the one the college recommends, this is fine. The college will provide a letter confirming your student status, programme of study and address details.

## eVisas

**If you require a Child Student or Student visa, our international admissions team will be in contact with you regarding your application prior to the start of your course. They will guide you through the visa application process so please make sure you do exactly what they say and advise.**

Since 31st December 2024, new Child Student and Student visa holders have been receiving an eVisa instead of a Biometric Residence Card (BRP)

- You must create a UKVI account to apply and check your visa status.
- If successful, you'll receive a confirmation letter and a Share Code to prove your immigration status.
- For visa or eVisa help, please speak to the international office, which is located in the ground floor reception area of the college

Please note that police registration now is no longer required for nationals of any country.



## Useful items to bring

Below is a list of items we suggest you bring; this is not exhaustive, so feel free to bring anything else that will help you feel at home:

- **Laptop and charger**, plus If you are taking a science or mathematical subject, bring an ipad and Apple Pencil or a drawing tablets
- **Scientific Calculator**
- **Headphones / earbuds**
- **Phone charger / portable charger**
- **Hairdryer and/or straighteners and hair slides / ties**
- **Adapter**, for English sockets (Type G)
- **Stationery:** Notebook, A4 paper, pens, highlighter, staplers, ruler, pencil, eraser, post-it notes
- **Bedding:** duvet cover, pillow case and bottom sheet
- **Dressing gown and Slippers** (comfy indoor shoes)
- **Water bottle** (refillable around school)
- **Photos of your family**
- **Football boots / sports shoes**
- **Sports equipment**
- **Personal toiletries** - toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrush, shampoo, body soap
- **Warm, waterproof coat**, plus **hat** and **gloves**
- **Umbrella**
- **Room decorations** to make it feel like home

## Bringing Items into the UK

**Please don't bring the following items to the UK. If you do you may not be admitted into the country. Any items deemed unsafe or prohibited will be removed and disposed of.**

- ✗ **Don't bring plants**  
There are strict rules against bringing plants into the UK. If you would like a small plant in your room you can buy one in the UK.
- ✗ **Don't bring food**  
There are strict rules regarding bringing food into the UK, so please do not bring any. Food can be bought from a local shop.
- ✗ **Don't bring non-UK power adaptors**  
Electrical adaptors for your appliances such as laptops and hairdryers, must be bought in the UK. The UK has strict rules that electrical products must safety tested.
- ✗ **Don't bring over the counter medication**  
Prescription medicine is allowed if it has a translation by a medical professional. Other medications are not permitted but can be purchased from a pharmacy when you arrive in the UK under the guidance of the college nurse.
- ✗ **Don't bring cooking electrical appliances**  
Rice cookers, kettles, toasters etc. are not allowed in rooms and will be confiscated. All kitchens in Clydesdale House or within host family accommodation are equipped with all the relevant electrical appliances.
- ✗ **Don't bring pets**  
Animals are not allowed in student rooms in the boarding house at any time.





# COLLEGE BOARDING DATES

## Opening & End of Year

- **Opening Date:** Clydesdale House and host family accommodation opens on **Saturday 30th August 2025**.
- **Half-term Holidays:** Students can stay in their accommodation during **all college holiday** periods except **Christmas**.
- **Summer Holidays:** Students **must leave** Clydesdale House and host family accommodation at the end of the academic year.

## End of academic year

At the end of **June 2026**, all student belongings must be taken home.

### Students returning to Clydesdale House:

- Please take as much luggage as possible home
- There will be limited storage available within the college.
- More details will be provided in May 2026

### Students in host family accommodation:

- If you are returning to this accommodation in September 2026, you can leave some items with your accommodation
- If you are transferring to Clydesdale House in September 2026, a small amount of storage is available within the college.

## Students are welcome to stay

WEEK  
**43**  
2025

### Autumn Half Term 2025

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October

WEEK  
**08**  
2026

### February Half Term 2026

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

WEEK  
**14**  
2026

### Easter Break 2026

Thursday 2nd April – Friday 17th April

WEEK  
**22**  
2026

### May Half Term 2026

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

## College arranged accommodation closure dates (Check out 9am)

WEEK  
**49**  
2025

### Christmas Break 2025–2026

Sunday 14th December – Saturday 3rd January

WEEK  
**26**  
2026

### Summer Holiday 2026

Sunday 28th June

For **term dates**, visit:

<https://www.abbeymanchester.co.uk/college/term-dates/>





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Living and studying in Manchester

There is much more to the city than its famous football teams – it is a major cultural centre with museums, libraries, and facilities for business, music and arts to rival the best in the country.

The world famous Trafford Centre is a shopping and entertainment complex unparalleled in the UK. Manchester city centre has shops to suit all tastes from low cost fashion outlets to high end designer labels. Manchester is ideally situated for exploring the North West region. A short journey from the City centre will take you to the beautiful countryside of the Peak District, Lake District, and North Wales.

### Climate

Manchester is a beautiful city which experiences all seasons. The weather changes, so it is important to bring appropriate clothes for all temperatures. When you arrive in September the average temperature during the day will be about 18 degrees celsius.

However, from October onwards it will become cooler and it can become quite wet at times. During December, January and February there is the possibility of snow before the temperature starts rising again from March onwards.

### Transport

Manchester Airport is the largest outside London, with excellent communications worldwide.

The railway stations of Piccadilly and Victoria are within easy reach of the College for journeys to London and other major UK cities such as Liverpool, Leeds and Birmingham.

Getting about in the Manchester area is easy on public transport via the Bus and Metrolink (tram) networks, both of which offer discounts to students.

And finally there are numerous taxis both black cab and Private Hire for short journeys as well as a free bus that goes around the city centre at regular intervals.

### Day Trips and Activities

You will still be able to take advantage of the trips and activities that we arrange at the weekends. These range from visits to the theatre and museums to attendance at major sporting events. We also have day trips to other cities of interest or to the coast in the summer.

### Dress Code

Whilst Abbey College Manchester does not have a uniform, students are expected to dress in ways that promote positive behaviour and serious academic effort.

All students are expected to wear their ID Badges on their lanyards at all times.

College events are also arranged throughout the academic year so smart clothes could be helpful too.

### Food

There is no canteen or food available to buy in the college building. All students in college accommodation will be provided with a packed lunch.

Students may also wish to buy food from the many nearby food outlets.

### Communication

**Mobile Phones:** All students must have a mobile phone. If you do not have a UK number, the House Parents at Clydesdale House or your host family can help you get a SIM card.

**Laptops/iPads/Tablets:** Bring one for your studies, along with a stylus. Ensure you can access Microsoft Office.

**Internet:** Wi-Fi is available across the school site. Filters block unsuitable content, but if you need access to blocked sites to help with your studies, speak to a staff member.

**Email:** During induction week, you'll be given an Abbey College Manchester email account for all school communications

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## GET IN TOUCH

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