

Dear Parent/Carer,

We're writing to tell you about our **Uni:4U summer school programme** which helps students in Greater Manchester to think about their future. The summer schools take place at a range of university and higher education institutions across the region.

Participants will take part in a variety of interactive activities and workshops, allowing them to:

- Get an insight into higher education.
- Meet other like-minded students from Greater Manchester.
- Develop their skills and boost their confidence.
- Learn about different industries and the careers they can open up.
- Get crucial advice on making decisions post Year 11 and beyond.

There's something for everyone – some summer schools deep dive into specific subjects and others give a broad overview of higher education and student life.

Events take place on-campus at the higher education institution during various dates in June and July.

Your young person will need to complete an online application form to express their interest in one of the summer schools and as part of that application, parent/carer contact details need to be included. A parent/carer form will then be sent to you, which we require you to complete before we can assess your young person's application. The **closing date for applications is 6 April 2026**. Following this, we'll be in touch in early May to confirm whether your young person has been allocated a place on one of the summer schools.

To find out more, please visit our website: gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u.



Best wishes

Greater Manchester Higher

UNI:4U

YEAR 10 SUMMER SCHOOLS



WHAT IS UNI:4U?

- A programme of summer schools which take place at a range of university and further education campuses across the region, throughout June and July.
- For Year 10 students from Greater Manchester.
- Include fun, hands-on workshops, interactive sessions, campus tours, group projects and social activities.
- Some summer schools give you a taste of specific subjects, and others give a broad insight into higher education and university life.
- Allow the chance to chat to staff and students about future education choices.
- Free to take part in (costs of food and travel to and from school are covered).



WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE PART?

You'll get the opportunity to:

- Scope out what university life is all about.
- Meet like-minded students from across Greater Manchester.
- Level up your skills and boost your confidence.
- Take a deep dive into various courses and fields of study.
- Learn about different industries and the careers they can open up for you.
- Get that crucial advice on making big moves post Year 11 and beyond.



WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Murder on Campus	University of Greater Manchester (formally Bolton)	15 - 17 June	Non-residential
Building Tomorrow: Construction, Engineering & Technology	Stockport College, Trafford and Stockport Colleges Group	23 – 25 June	Non-residential
Wise Up	The University of Manchester	7 – 9 July	Residential (three-day, two-night)
From Page to Stage	University of Salford	8 – 10 July	Non-residential
Scientific You	Manchester Metropolitan University	20 – 22 July	Residential (three-day, two-night)



MURDER ON CAMPUS

WHERE?

University of Greater Manchester

WHEN?

15 – 17 June

Non-residential

Calling all Sherlocks, Poirots and Miss Marples, the game is afoot! We need your help to solve the ultimate murder mystery and ensure justice is served.

At this summer school, you'll come face to face with the realities of the criminal justice system, as faced by our public services, legal professionals and psychological experts every day.

You'll learn how a criminal case is built, what drives the criminal mind and how justice is served, as well as meeting real life justice professionals and pitting your wits against our clues and riddles.

If you think you have what it takes to solve a real-life 'whodunnit', then this event is for you!



BUILDING TOMORROW: Construction, Engineering & Technology

Want to build something amazing?

This summer school is your chance to dive into the world of **Construction, Engineering and Technology** and see how **big ideas become real inventions, structures, and solutions.**

Across three days, you'll take part in hands-on activities and real-world challenges that show just how creative and future-focused these subjects can be.

Get ready to:

- Use VR to explore design in 3D.
- Build and test structures with LEGO.
- Learn to code and use problem-solving skills to tackle real tech challenges.
- Discover how these subjects are taught in higher education and what careers they can lead to.

You'll meet new people, work in teams, and connect with Student Ambassadors who'll give you an insider's view of what studying these subjects is really like.

WHERE?

Stockport College

WHEN?

23 – 25 June

Non-residential



WISE UP

WHERE?

The University of Manchester

WHEN?

7 – 9 July

Residential (three-days, two-nights)

Are you ready to experience the excitement of student life, try out accommodation, and connect with other students who share your passions?

During the summer school you'll:

- Get all the info on how to make smart decisions about higher education and figure out student finance.
- Dive into the real student experience with activities that'll make you feel like a uni student, like hanging out at the Students' Union.
- Explore a range of fascinating subjects you can study at university.
- Take part in a campus quests to uncover the best spots around the university.
- Boost your team-building skills and stretch your mind with challenges designed to help with your upcoming GCSE's.



FROM PAGE TO STAGE

Join us for a three-day Technical Theatre summer school, where you'll have the chance to create, rehearse, and bring to life a full performance in the University of Salford's New Adelphi Theatre.

During the summer school, you'll:

- Explore creative subjects including Creative Writing, Performance and Technical Theatre – giving you a real insight into the diverse roles that make live theatre happen.
- Get to use professional, in-house equipment, learning technical roles such as lighting design and sound engineering.
- Learn about playwriting, from developing a narrative and creating characters, to writing dialogue and stage directions.
- Work on your acting and performance skills, giving you confidence to portray your character and collaborate with others on stage.
- Showcase your creativity, teamwork and technical skills to an audience of family, friends and supporters.

This summer school is perfect for anyone with a passion for drama, creativity, and performance.

WHERE?

University of Salford, Peel Park
Campus

WHEN?

8 – 10 July

Non-residential



SCIENTIFIC YOU

WHERE?

Manchester Metropolitan
University

WHEN?

20 – 22 July

Residential (three-days, two-nights)

**Considering studying science at college or university?
Curious about how science shapes the world around you?**

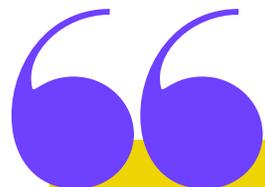
During the summer school you'll:

- Have two overnight stays in Manchester Met's halls of residence, giving you a real taste of student life.
- Take part in a range of inspiring subject tasters, explore our vibrant city-centre campus, and learn directly from our academic staff.
- Build confidence, work with others and step outside your comfort zone through hands-on, interactive activity designed to stretch you (with prizes up for grabs)!
- Gain valuable insights into higher education — what it's really like to study at university, how to prepare, and what your next steps could be.

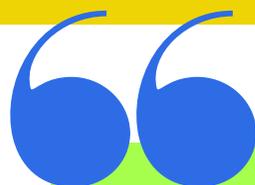
Expect a lively, supportive atmosphere, a touch of friendly competition and plenty of chances to ask questions and explore where science could take you!



LAST YEAR STUDENTS SAID...



It made me enjoy subjects I hate and gave me a better understanding of how the things we learn in school are different from uni.



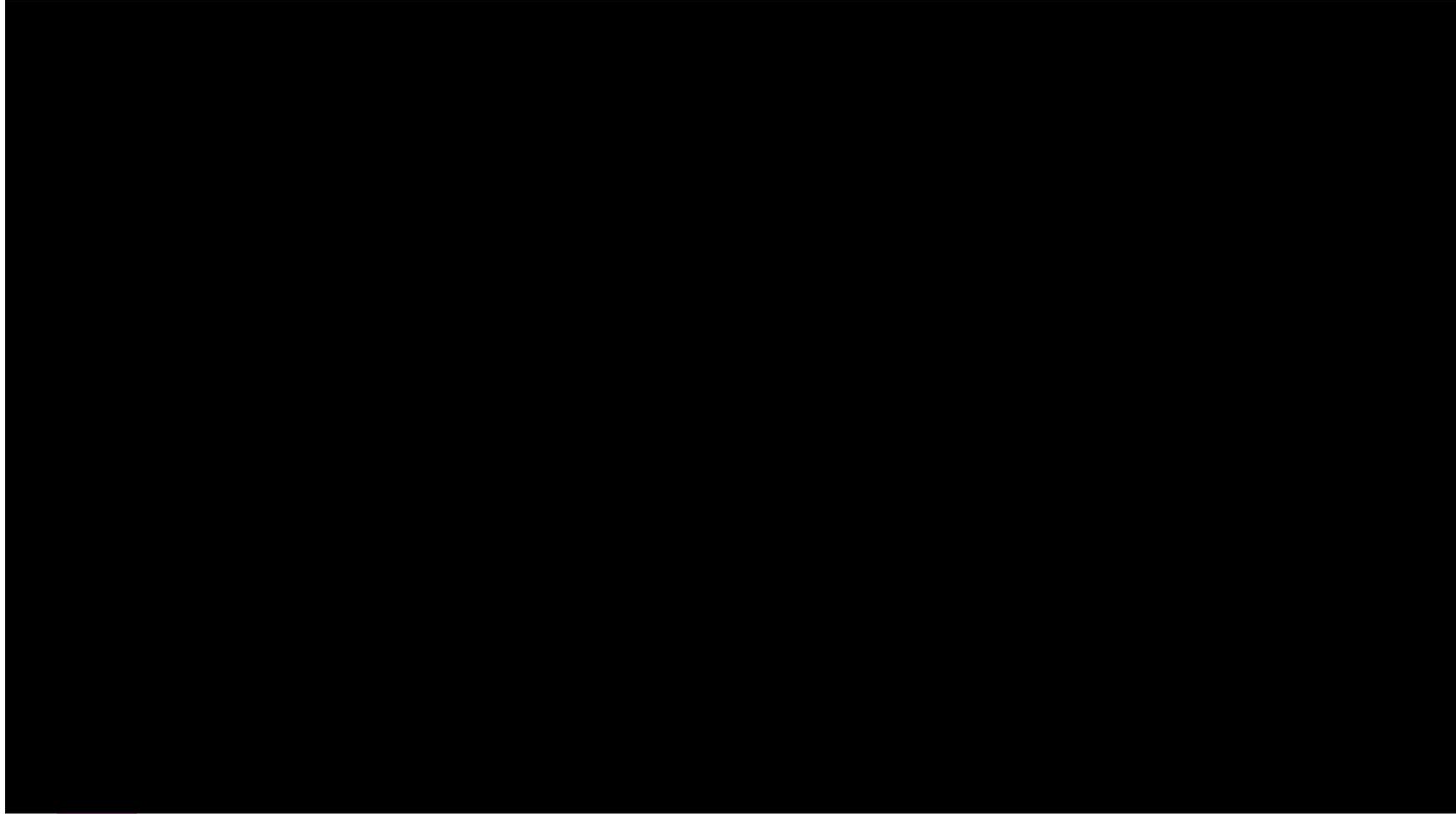
It encouraged innovation and gave an opportunity to develop ideas.



I loved this experience and the Ambassadors were amazing!



HEAR FROM OTHER STUDENTS



HOW DO I SECURE A PLACE?

To be considered for one of our summer schools, you'll need to complete an application to express your interest.

You can find the link to the form in the summer school event listing on our website:

gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u

Applications should be submitted by 6 April 2026.



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

ANY QUESTIONS



PLEASE GET IN TOUCH



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