



The Business School's new teaching and research headquarters

In 2012 we will be moving across the city centre to a new £75 million teaching and research headquarters at the All Saints campus. Next door to the Sir Kenneth Green University Library and close to Oxford Road, this iconic building has been designed to meet the needs of students and researchers.

- Every floor provides a range of light-filled study and meeting spaces – from settees and coffee tables for informal group meetings to study zones where you can work on projects and assignments.
- There is a large drop-in IT area, computer labs, and IT counters where you can walk up and use one of our laptops or plug in your own. Wi-fi coverage extends throughout the building and into the park outside.
- The lecture theatres use state of the art audio-visual equipment, seat between 70 and 250 people, and are impressive arenas for any type of presentation.
- The teaching rooms used for tutorials, seminars and workshops are configured to accommodate different teaching and learning styles.
- There is a dedicated study suite on the seventh floor for our postgraduate, doctoral and MBA students with panoramic views across Manchester's cityscape.
- Business and academic conferences, exhibitions and events organised by the Business School and by our corporate clients are hosted in the building.
- Drinks, snacks and light meals, with preferential rates for students, are available from the coffee bar and restaurant.
- The rest rooms have showers so you can run or cycle to the Business School and freshen up afterwards.
- There are 500 coin-operated lockers so that you can store bulky personal belongings whilst you are on campus.



A new home for one of the UK's largest and longest established Business Schools

We are one of the longest established business schools in the UK – our roots go back to 1889. We are moving out of our Aytoun premises, which we have occupied since the 1960s, to a new, iconic £75 million building at the All Saints campus.

A collaborative environment for staff and students

One of the key criteria that informed the design of the building was to ensure that it supported the professional and caring rapport our academic staff develop with our students, as Professor Cathy Parker explains. “Successful buildings encourage social interaction, especially the sort of ‘lingering’ that moves people to speak to each other. The new Business School includes this type of space so that students and lecturers alike can make the sort of connections that can lead to new ideas and a feeling of academic community.”

Integrated study areas

The building’s interior recognises that the university study experience extends beyond timetabled lectures and tutorials. As well as providing spacious lecture theatres and tutorial rooms, each floor has a range of study areas for students and researchers to use throughout the day and evening. These include social study spaces for project meetings, fully-equipped group work areas where you can practice your presentation skills and quieter areas where you have space to lay out your papers and work on essays and assignments.

IT facilities

There is a large drop-in IT area, computer labs, and IT counters where you can walk up and use one of our laptops or plug in your own. Wi-fi coverage extends throughout the building and into the park outside. So it is possible to sit outside with your laptop, reading a journal article you’ve accessed for free from the University library whilst enjoying a coffee from the café.

A hub of university life

Our new headquarters places you at the heart of university life. The Sir Kenneth Green University Library is next door and the Students’ Union and the University’s sports centre are across the road. On the ground floor of the new building is the Student Hub, which is used by all students at the University. The Hub brings together our experienced advisory teams who are here to help you with accommodation, student finance, careers, placements and internships, Moodle (our web-based study environment) and accessing support if you have dyslexia or a disability. The International Office is also based in the Hub and provides a



“Our new building is a significant investment in our vision to be a leading modern business school that develops the next generation of successful entrepreneurs and business leaders. We have been involved in the design and fit-out of the building at every stage and it will be a fantastic learning and research environment for both our current students and new students who join us from 2012 onwards.”

Professor Ruth Ashford, Dean of the Business School

range of advice to European and overseas students from practical matters, such as opening a bank account in the UK, to specialist support on issues such as visas.

A sustainable building...

The new building has been constructed to the highest standards of energy efficiency and sustainable development currently achievable. For example, ground water is used to cool and heat the building, rooms are illuminated with natural light and energy efficient lighting, and a large photovoltaic array provides solar derived electricity. Where possible, we used materials and products from local manufacturers around Manchester which enabled us to support the regional economy and reduce the environmental impact of transporting materials long distances.

...with a living roof

The building also has a ‘living’ green roof, which has a positive impact on the city’s environment, as Peter Stringer, Special Projects Manager at Red Rose Forest, explains, “Green roofs have an immediate positive impact on our environment. They absorb harmful pollution as well as providing important habitats for birds and insects, in particular bees. Plus, green spaces in our cities are limited. Green roofs are a highly original way of creating this much needed space. Greenery helps us reconnect with nature and is well known to improve psychological wellbeing and inspire everyone that sees them.”



Further information

We will be arranging tours of the new building for undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students who will be moving with us from Aytoun or joining us for the first time in September 2012. Details of these tours will be posted to our website and emailed to students and applicants.

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