

Our Plans

We are delighted to announce our expansion of the Manchester Campus and changes to the location of our teaching facilities, which will be implemented from **September 2023**. Over the coming months, we will be making significant commitments to expand and improve our facilities, representing an investment value of **£16 million**. This wider campus growth will enable our students to experience the best locations in Manchester and will provide an exciting opportunity to bring forward the following key elements:

- High-quality, dedicated teaching facilities fostering new communities of practice.
- Academic centres in Business and Management, Media and Communications, Sports Performance and Football Coaching.
- An inspiring series of Premier Events at Old Trafford Football Stadium and Etihad Stadium.
- A home for our Student Council and Student Union.
- Employer partnerships that will help you to achieve your academic and career goals.
- A strong and vibrant presence in Manchester City Centre for student support within the Library and Study Hub.
- Dedicated, high-quality sports facilities for our Athletic Union at the Etihad Campus, Belle Vue Sports Village and Curzon Ashton F.C.



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Our Academic Centres**

Specialist academic centres are being created to support our programmes. These include the Football and Sports Business centre planned for **Exchange Quay, Salford Quays*** closely linked to employment partners within the business districts of Manchester and Salford. Our innovative Multimedia centre based at **Quay Plaza, MediaCityUK** will be home to Football & Sports Media and Communications students. **Belle Vue Sports Village** and **Curzon Ashton FC** will continue to host our Sports Performance and Football Coaching students. Additional learning facilities for all students will also be created at No.1 Old Trafford.



Our Stadium Experiences and Premier Events

We are delivering a new programme of Premier Events at **Old Trafford Football Stadium** and **Etihad Stadium**. These Premier Events will include Summit days with industry leading guest speakers, unrivalled stadium experiences, career-focused events and trade conferences. In addition to this, we are developing new employer-led partnerships which will improve your learning outcomes and employment opportunities.



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Student Library and Study Hub

Manchester City Centre will continue to be the home of our Student Library, Study Hub, Student Support Services, at Piccadilly Place.

Student Union and Student Council

We are also working towards the creation of a home for our Student Union and Student Council in the heart of our Manchester Campus*. The SU Sports Lounge will provide an office and meeting room for the Student Council as well as great place to relax, watch live sport, get a coffee, play some ping pong and generally kick back, before, during and after lectures.

Athletic Union

Our Athletic Union sports teams will continue to have access to facilities at the **Etihad Campus, Curzon Ashton FC**, and **Belle Vue Sports Village** for training and BUCS fixtures, helping our athletes hone their skills and perform at their best.



Delivering an improved student experience

We are developing dynamic high-quality, dedicated, fixed teaching facilities that will support our communities of practice. Whilst we will have regular access to the **Old Trafford Football Stadium** and **Etihad Stadium** for Premier Events, the Etihad Stadium will no longer be used for day-to-day teaching purposes. The day-to-day teaching which currently takes place at the Etihad Stadium, to ensure that day-to-day teaching of all our degree programmes will not be subject to match and event closures.

The expansion to our Manchester Campus will enable students to collaborate with leading organisations operating within the football and sports industry, which will create a broader range of opportunities for students. These exclusive partnerships will include internships, work placements, and guest speaker events, providing students with direct access to industry professionals and potential employers.



You Said, We Did

Our Manchester Campus expansion has been shaped and informed by key areas for improvement identified by students in recent NSS surveys.

You said: *Communication regarding lecture postponements due to stadium closures for matches has been poor.*

We did: We have made changes to the venues allocated for day-to-day teaching to ensure that lectures will have set times and locations which will no longer be subject to last-minute stadium closures. This will improve the student learning experience by providing more stability and consistency.

You said: *Lack of facilities similar to other big universities.*

We did: We are bringing forward new dedicated high-quality facilities to improve your Manchester Campus. These facilities include dedicated, fixed teaching spaces which foster new communities of practice and will create new opportunities and a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students.

You said: *There are a lack of study options available within facilities, we need more space for work and socialising.*

We did: The new facilities at Quay Plaza, Exchange Quay and No.1 Old Trafford, along with existing facilities at Piccadilly Place, Belle Vue Sports Village and Curzon Ashton F.C. will provide dedicated spaces for study and socialising which will enhance the community aspect of UCFB and GIS. We believe that these facilities will provide a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their location.

Find out more

We would like to invite you to a briefing session so that we can share our plans with you in more detail. This session will take place on **Thursday 4th May at 16:00 GMT** and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). This session will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about our expansion, ask questions, and engage with the key stakeholders of this project.

If you are unable to make the briefing session and have additional questions on our Manchester Expansion please email study@ucfb.com

*Subject to planning authority approval **Subject to UEL site approval