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Progression to Academic Year 2025/26

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Well done.

Please reflect on what you have achieved this year

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Level 4 (first year)

- Moved away from home and lived independently.
- Become a commuting student.
- Made new friends. Joined clubs and societies.
- Discovered Manchester.
- Transitioned to an independent academic style of learning.
- Navigated Moodle and completed assessments.
- Balanced university and paid work.



Please reflect on what you have achieved this year

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Level 5 (second year)

- Moved out of halls.
- Balanced university and paid work.
- Stepped up to more in-depth work with specialised course material.
- Engaged in networking events.
- Made decisions on study abroad or placements.



Progression to next year

To progress to the next year of study, you need to have fulfilled the academic regulations for your current year of study. These are:

Level 4 (first year): You must achieve an **average of 40%** across the year (including any failed modules) and achieve **pass marks in at least 90 credits**.

Level 5 (second year): You must **pass** (or achieve a compensated pass in) **all modules (120 credits)**.

Full assessment regulations and information about reassessment, degree calculation, support, etc. can be found on our website <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/student-life/course/assessments>

Important dates

Results released: Monday 14th July

You will be sent an email in the lead up to this day with a link to the results portal. The date may change slightly.

Reassessment support: Monday 14th July – Friday 25th July

There will be support from your Personal Tutors and each module will have a specific 1-hour resit session online. Study skills and the library will be running some academic sessions.

Reassessment assignment submissions: Monday 28th July

Some exams may sit up to Friday 1st August, check your Moodle pages during the resit support period.

Reassessment results: Monday 15th September

Results decisions

On results day, when you access the portal, at the top it will give you the exam board's decision, which is likely to be one of the following:

Pass and Progress (P&P) - Congratulations, you have passed your assessments and can progress to the next level of your programme.

Referred 1st Reassessment At Next Opportunity (REF1) - You have failed your first assessment attempt and will be re-assessed at the next opportunity. Module marks are capped at 40.

Deferred to Next Opportunity (DEF1) - Your evidenced extension request has been accepted and you will take the assessment again at the next opportunity as a first attempt. No cap on module marks.

Referred 1st Reassessment Next Academic Year Without Attendance (REFWO) - You have failed your first assessment attempt, and you will be re-assessed during the next academic year. You will not be required to attend. This is for students who have failed less than 120 credits.

Referred 1st Reassessment Next Academic Year With Attendance (REFWA) - You have failed your first assessment attempt and will be re-assessed during the next academic year. You will be required to attend all taught sessions. For students who have failed 120 credits.

Fail (No Further Opportunity) (FNOP) - You have failed the assessment requirements for your award and may not continue on your programme of study at this University.

Results day, what happens next?

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If you receive '**Pass and Progress**', relax, congratulations, see you in September!

If you received a decision of **Referred 1st Reassessment At Next Opportunity** or **Deferred to Next Opportunity**, it will specify below which individual modules you are required to submit in the summer reassessments. You will receive communication via your university email by Monday 14th July, with links to the online individual module reassessment sessions and other support sessions.

If you received notification of a repeat year (with or without attendance), you will receive a communication from our Undergraduate Programme Support Tutor by the end of July, detailing what you need to do next.

If you receive a 'Fail, no further opportunity', you have the right to lodge an appeal that decision should you want to. This needs to be done through your Student Union, not department staff.

Stepping up to 2nd Year (Level 5)

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In your second year, the academic level will intensify, and the work will be more in-depth with specialised course material.

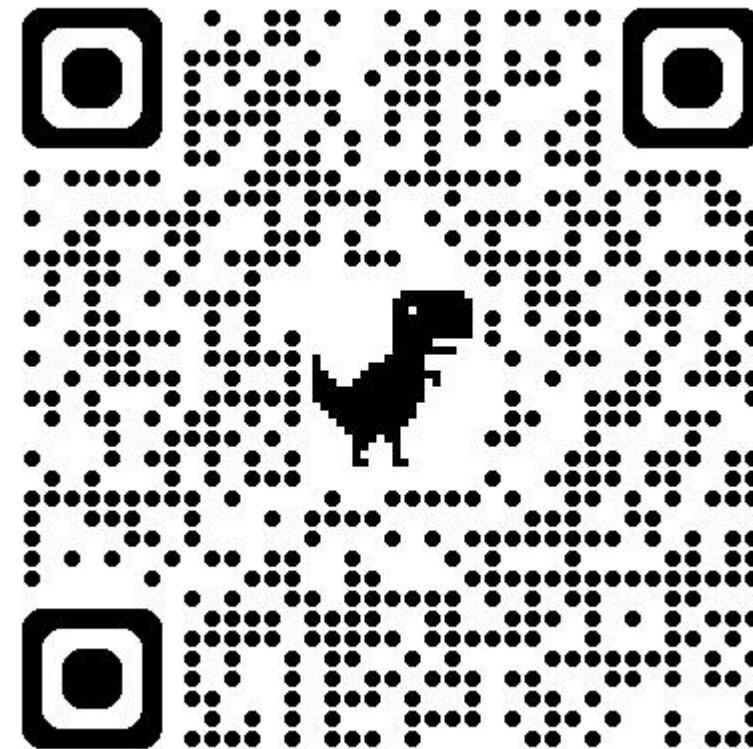
Attending lectures, seminars, and tutorials is even more important.

Developing effective study habits, such as creating a study schedule, taking detailed notes, and asking questions is vital.

Try to make a habit of spending some time working on assignments, extra reading, or extra-curricular work each week in a quiet space, such as the library.

Engaging in networking events and making connections with professionals can open doors to internships, job opportunities, or mentorships.

The habits you form in this second year will have a big influence on your approach to your final year.



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Getting Ahead on Placements and Internships

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Placements Overview – What is a Placement?:

- Full year of paid work **after** your second year of studies.
- Remain a student while you work instead of attending classes.
- Return to full-time study for your final year after the placement.

Benefits:

- Gain real-life work skills and improve your employability to get ahead before graduation.
- Placements are assessed and accredited on your degree certificate.

Why Start Now?:

- Placements are competitive and you apply independently; start preparing now by finding a summer internship or up your skills with a part-time job.
- Recruiters begin advertising roles from summer of first year to semester two of second year.

Learn more: mmu.ac.uk/placements

Summer Internships – apply for short-term opportunities and build your skills now

- Claim 300 Rise points from completing your internship – read more rise.mmu.ac.uk/internships

Support Available for your Placement Search:

- **Events and Workshops:** Skills sessions, employer fairs, and networking opportunities.
- **Digital Application Resources:** Help with CVs, cover letters, interviews, and more.
- **Placements Team:** Access to the Team's support throughout your placement search.
- **Career Hub:** Search for placements and internship roles at mmu.ac.uk/careerhub.



Stepping up to Final Year (Level 6)

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You are entering the pinnacle of your university journey, so make the most of this challenging phase.

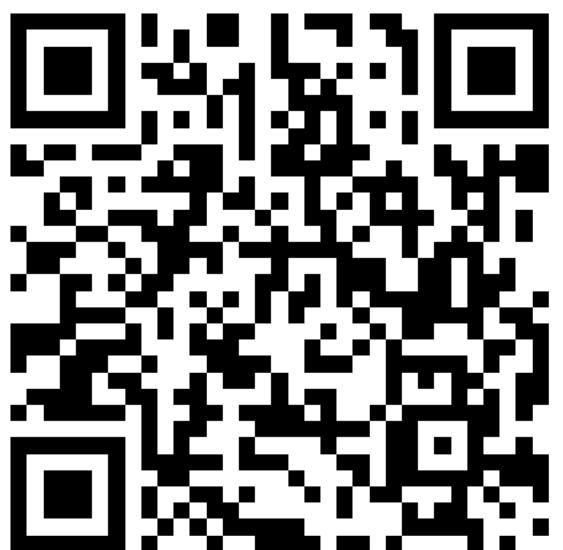
Time management and organisation become paramount during your final year. Create a study timetable, breaking down your tasks into manageable chunks.

Seek support from lecturers, personal tutors, and academic advisors who are there to guide and mentor you. Take advantage of office hours, seek clarification on course material, and discuss your academic goals and concerns.

Use the academic study skills resources and feedback!

As the demands of your final year pile up, it's crucial to prioritise self-care. Take breaks, get enough sleep, and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Expand your professional network. Attend careers fairs, join industry-related organisations, and participate in networking events.



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your final year

Placements and Internships

Placements – the time is now to search and apply for year-long placements!

- Many companies are still recruiting for placement positions and continue to advertise into the summer
- The deadline for declaring your placement is 25 July 2025
- Inform the Placements Team as soon as you receive an offer via the form on mmu.ac.uk/placements

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Some recommended places to search for placements and internships:

- Career Hub – exclusive opportunities for Manchester Met students
- RateMyPlacement; Prospects; Gradcracker; TargetJobs; LinkedIn; Milkround

Support available for your searches and applications:

- Access digital application support on mmu.ac.uk/help-with-application
- Ask your questions or upload your documents for feedback at mmu.ac.uk/careersquestion
- Receive face to face support at the Jobs Hub mmu.ac.uk/jobshub

Complete the placements and internship survey to access personalised support



The summer break

Once your final assignments for the year are in, and especially if you have no re-assessment commitments, you are probably looking at a nice, long stretch away from the University campus, so what should you do to make sure next year gets off to a flying start?

1. Look at your feedback. Reflect on where you think you could improve your academic skills. There are online study skills courses running throughout the summer to help you improve
2. You could complete one or more RISE courses to expand your skillset and claim RISE points. Check what they have on offer and whether they have any summer internship opportunities.
3. Complete some voluntary work to expand your work experience.
4. Read. Look at the core textbooks on the modules you enjoyed, or you think will be influential on your career focus. Did you read enough? This is where you gain your depth of understanding. The library is open all summer and many titles are available to read online.
5. Relax, refresh, rejuvenate. Don't underestimate the importance of this one.

Returning to university

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Enrolment – later in the summer you will receive an email on your university account asking you to re-enrol. You must do this to be eligible to return and release SFE funding.

**Second year induction (for current first year students):
Wednesday 24th September.**

**Final year induction (for current 2nd years not taking a placement/study abroad year):
Thursday 25th September.**

It is important you attend induction, as expectations, opportunities and vital information for the year ahead will be given.

Now go celebrate the end of year!

At the far end of the South Atrium, we have pizza,
refreshments, games, our selfie-booth...

Awards will begin soon.