



**Progression to
Academic Year 2026/27**

Gillian Cosser, Level 5 Year Tutor

Well done!

Please reflect on what you have achieved this year

Level 5 (second year)

Moved out of halls.

In some cases, managed commuting to the university.

Balanced university work and paid work.

Become more financially savvy.

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 5 (second year): You must **pass** (or achieve a compensated pass) **in all modules (120 credits)**. If you fail any modules, you will need to resit them. If they do not have approved deferrals, the resits will be capped.

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: Thursday 9th July 2026

After the Awarding assessment board has sat, 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 13th July – Friday 25th July

There will be support from your Personal Tutors, module leaders, study skills and the library.

Reassessment assignment submissions: Monday 27th July

Exam resit period Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July, check your Moodle pages during the resit support period.

Reassessment results: Monday 14th 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

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 Thursday, 9th July, with guidance.

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 of that decision should you want to. This needs to be done through your **Student Union**, not department staff.

Stepping up to Final Year (Level 6)

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.



Getting Ahead on Placements and Internships

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.

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.



Learn more: mmu.ac.uk/placements

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 **Friday 24th July**.

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



[Link to placement guidance](#)

Hilton

Jack Derbyshire

International Business Management

Placement Year – Revenue Analyst and Pricing Intern (EMEA) @ Hilton Worldwide

Applications and Success

- Secured a role after 3 applications across FMCG , Consulting and Hospitality

What I Did

- Managed pricing strategy across Hilton's EMEA hotel portfolio
- Delivered targeted commercial actions to optimise hotel-level revenue performance
- Built automation tools using Excel VBA and Python to enhance efficiency and insight
- Owned and maintained key pricing processes, ensuring consistency and accuracy

What I Learnt

- How to make data-driven commercial decisions
- Improved stakeholder communication and confidence
- Further developed technical skills (Excel, VBA, data analysis)
- Gained practical insight into how global businesses operate strategically

Advice I'd Give

- Apply broadly but tailor every application
- Focus on commercial awareness + storytelling in interviews
- Be proactive - ask for responsibility early
- Don't be afraid to add value beyond your role

Best Part of Placement

- Real responsibility early on, with ownership of impactful projects
- Opportunity to drive commercial impact across Hilton's hotel portfolio
- Exposure to senior stakeholders and strategic decision-making
- Led directly to a return summer role, where I progressed to leading a team



Waleed's Placement Journey

Hi, I'm Waleed!



I am a final year Marketing student and over the past year, I undertook a placement year at JD Sports. Prior to obtaining this placement, I was on a constant search for a placement during my studies at 2nd year, from September, all the way to May and although I put through countless applications and a lot of effort, I was unable to get a placement.

However, in September 2024, I applied for the 10K foundation's internship opportunity, and I had heard anything until January from JD and again nothing until April where I came in for an interview and was offered a 6-week summer internship. During the internship, I loved every bit of my experience, and I felt as if I learned so much and felt like I belonged. During the final week, I asked my line manager if it's possible to stay longer or stay part time to which she said they're hiring a placement student, and she'd love for me to fill the position to which I immediately accepted!

During the placement year, I joined the same team I was in before (Tactical Campaigns) which looked after revenue driving and cultural campaigns such as Black Friday or Mother's Day. I managed and executed these campaigns, from the start till the end; this included working with vendors, other teams and coordinating a consistent campaign plan. The experience I gained is invaluable and the growth is reflecting on my University grades this final year!

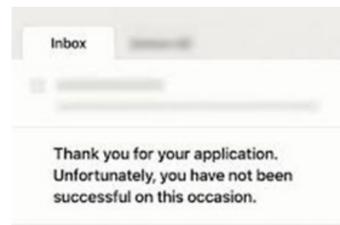
I can't stress the importance of a placement year, I have gained so much valuable lessons, not just relating to the job and I would advise everyone to keep going because I do understand how competitive these positions are and sometimes you just need to get your foot in the door to get a longer term position, so definitely get applying to those short-term internships initially, as that can be your way in.

Dylan Cutler- My Placement Journey



Applications

- Applied for over 30 roles.
- 7 passed CV screening.
- 2 final stages (unsuccessful in both).
- Still nothing by May 2024.



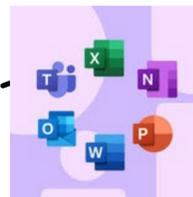
Success

- At last, I was offered a role as Sales Administrator at All About Food.
- Who are All About Food?
- What was my role?



Learnings

- Reshaped my confidence, skills and direction.
- Gained a detailed understanding of a whole industry.
- Real responsibilities.
- Experience IS important.



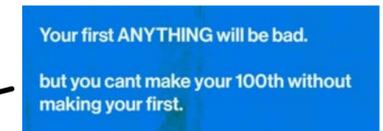
Perks

- Lots of free food!
- Loads of unique experiences.
- Met fantastic people and great connections.
- Paid.
- Great for your CV.



Advice

- Use rejection as fuel, not evidence that you're not good enough.
- Every interview makes you stronger for the next one.
- Do a placement!



★ Placement Journey – Queenie Quayson ★



1. How many applications had you made before you were successful?

I submitted **60+ applications**. I started applying in late November, but many roles had already opened between September–October. Even so, I kept applying consistently and stayed persistent.

2. Where were you successful?

I secured my placement with **Adidas**. I applied to Adidas in February when it opened later.

3. What did you do?

I worked in **Account Operations** as an **Analyst & Reporting Intern**. I collaborated with senior directors and managers to streamline reporting, turn data into actionable insights, and support projects across Europe including the Nordics and Benelux. My day-to-day involved creating reports, preparing weekly presentations and supporting cross-market operational workflows.

4. What was best about the placement?

Working with real data from major retail partners like **JD, ASOS, and Sports Direct** and growing so much as an individual. I discovered my working style outside of being a student and gained confidence in a professional environment.

5. What did you learn from the placement?

I learned to stay open to change, even when it feels difficult. I realised the importance of letting go of control in a fast-moving work environment and embracing continuous learning because you never really stop learning.

6. What advice would you give?

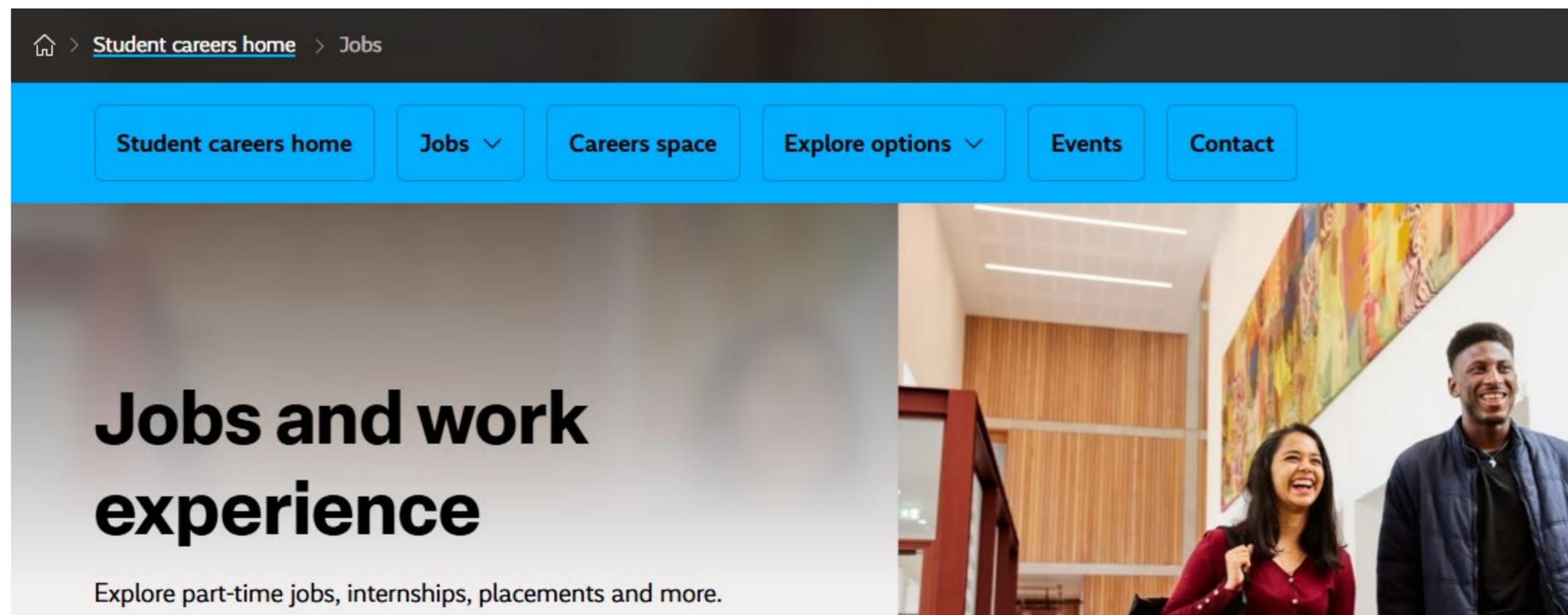
Create a **tracker** for every placement you apply to, including the status (applied, interview, rejected). It keeps you organised and grounded when the process gets overwhelming. And most importantly: **stay resilient**. If securing a placement is your goal, keep going right up until the final deadline it says you can declare you have secured one!

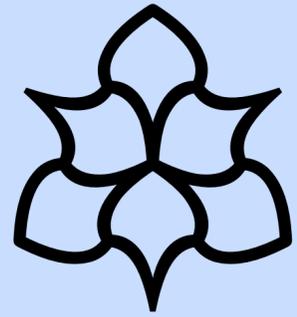
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Your new Careers space

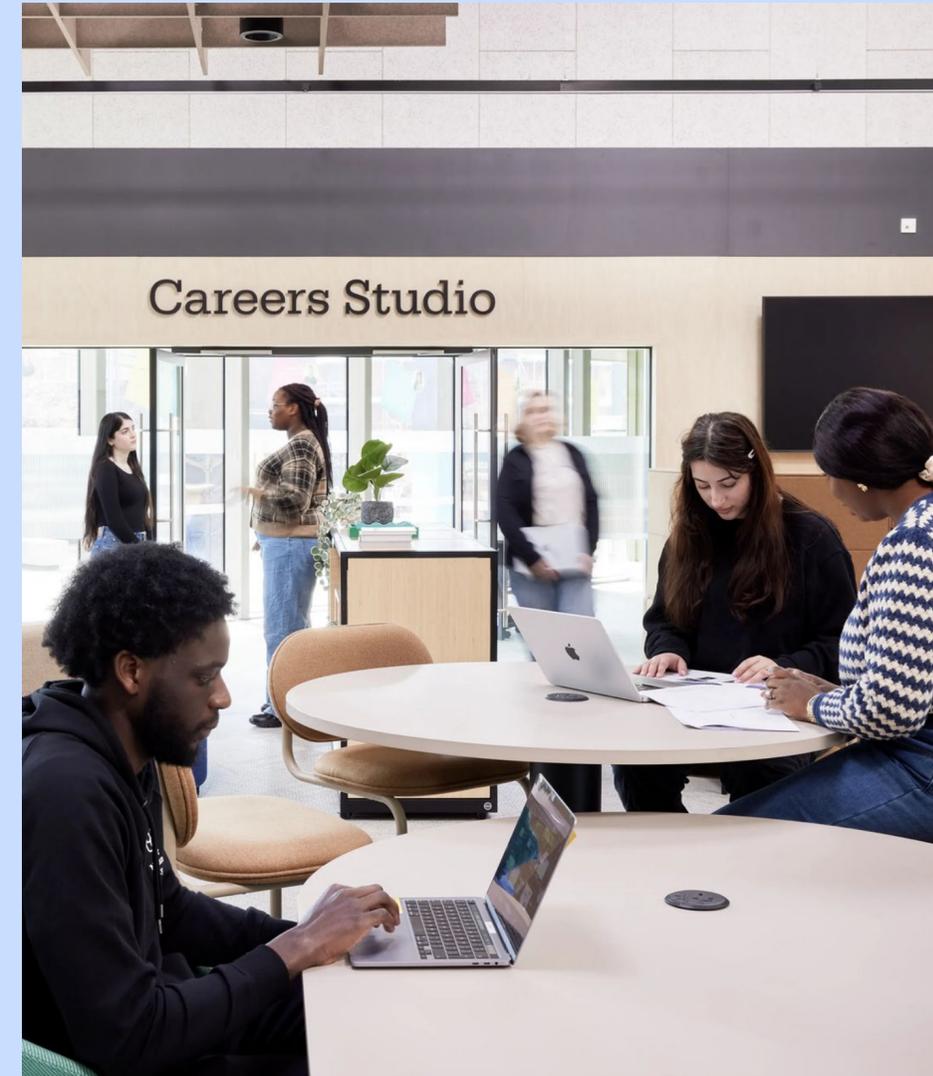


The Careers space

The Careers space is a purpose-built hub for collaboration, creativity and personalised support.

No appointments are needed – you can drop in any time from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

Next to the Business School main entrance



What you can do there

Get one-to-one support and guidance from our Careers Associate.

Work on a variety of things, from CVs and job applications to building your business.

Use bookable spaces for video interviews and job application assessments.

Meet employers to explore career paths and make connections.

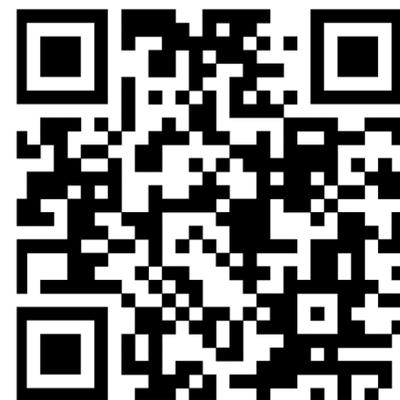


Why visit?

This space brings together everything you need to plan your future in one dynamic, accessible location at the heart of campus. Whether you're exploring options, preparing for interviews, building your confidence, or even if you don't know where to start, the Careers space is here to support you.

Find out more:

mmu.ac.uk/careersspace



Your 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. Think about LinkedIn Learning courses, FOC through the university.
6. Relax, refresh, rejuvenate. Don't underestimate the importance of this one

Returning to University

Enrolment – later in the summer, you will receive an email to your university email asking you to **re-enrol**.

You **must do this** to be eligible to return and release Student Finance England funding.

Final year induction (for current L5 students not taking a placement/study abroad year): begins week commencing **Monday 28th September**.

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

Options

Following the option selection last month, I just wanted to provide an update.

The process was a huge success, and we had 98% engagement during the live period, so a massive thank you to everyone for their support in the process.

There are a number of students who did not engage with the process or did engage but were unsuccessful in selecting their options, as they did not follow the course rules. Where this is the case, students were contacted throughout live option selection, but some didn't manage to complete their selections successfully.

As with last year, we will be running an **option change request period** for the students who have a **legitimate** reason for changing, and this will be available via a form on the Assist Portal.

We will give you more information in due course, but the period is likely to be around the start of the academic year

Take advantage of opportunities

L6 is all about **engagement**.

Manage your time well so that whilst your dissertation is important, it should not overtake your life. Look at using a time management system such as the Pomodoro technique <https://www.pomodoro-technique.com/>, or if that is not for you, maybe just a [Gantt chart](#).

Keep on top of things so that you enjoy your time and do not get overwhelmed.

Enter industry competitions.

Go to potential employer events.

Engage with potential employers at every opportunity. Your university has some amazing connections, so use them.

Stuart Granger, the ABC PL, took some students on an [agency visit](#) yesterday. The agency identified three students as being of particular interest, which is very good news from a networking / future opportunities

Keep your LinkedIn profile up to date, post frequently, and on many occasions, as with Stuart's visit yesterday, this is where employers look first. [Jack Derbyshire](#)



A new opportunity with a very tight timeline:

Study in China 2026 Programme: For L4 and L5 students

Three-week programme at either the Beijing or Zhuhai BIT campus

Free tuition, accommodation, and language classes

Courses cover many subject areas

Turing funding (up to £1367) is offered to eligible students (please apply if eligible)

Deadline for expressions of interest is midnight on Sunday, 19 April.

[Study in China information](#)

Engagement opportunity – COIL

Collaborative Online International Learning

Students from different universities work together on an issue or topic of mutual interest.

Example COILs include:

Explore how Tesco operates in the UK and Hungary

Explore how Primark operates in the UK and Ireland

Explore how BYD operates in China and the UK

Explore the cashless economy in Manchester and Athens

Scenario planning: It is now 2025 and the United States of Europe is thriving

Work with Glebe to solve a real business problem

Work with Vodafone Egypt to solve a real business problem

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT CJ - c.atapattu@mmu.ac.uk



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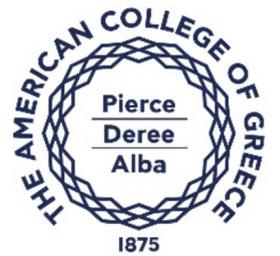
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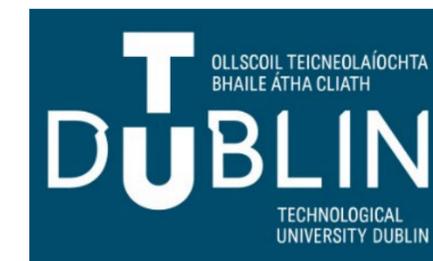
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Engagement opportunity – CASE COMPETITIONS

Typical case competition – solve a real problem for a real client:

Students from across the faculty work in teams to analyse a situation, develop solutions, and create a realistic implementation plan for the client.

Example cases include:

Explore how Carlsberg can disrupt traditional on-trade channels, such as bars, restaurants, and cafes to digitally engage with consumers and ensure further revenue growth in the European region.

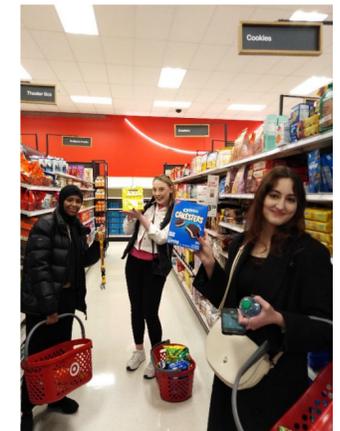
How can IKEA utilise both new and existing circular initiatives in its retail operations to make sustainable choices easier and more convenient for customers?

How can Pandora reach more Millennials and Gen Z consumers?

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT Dr Mark Crowder - m.crowder@mmu.ac.uk (ASAP)



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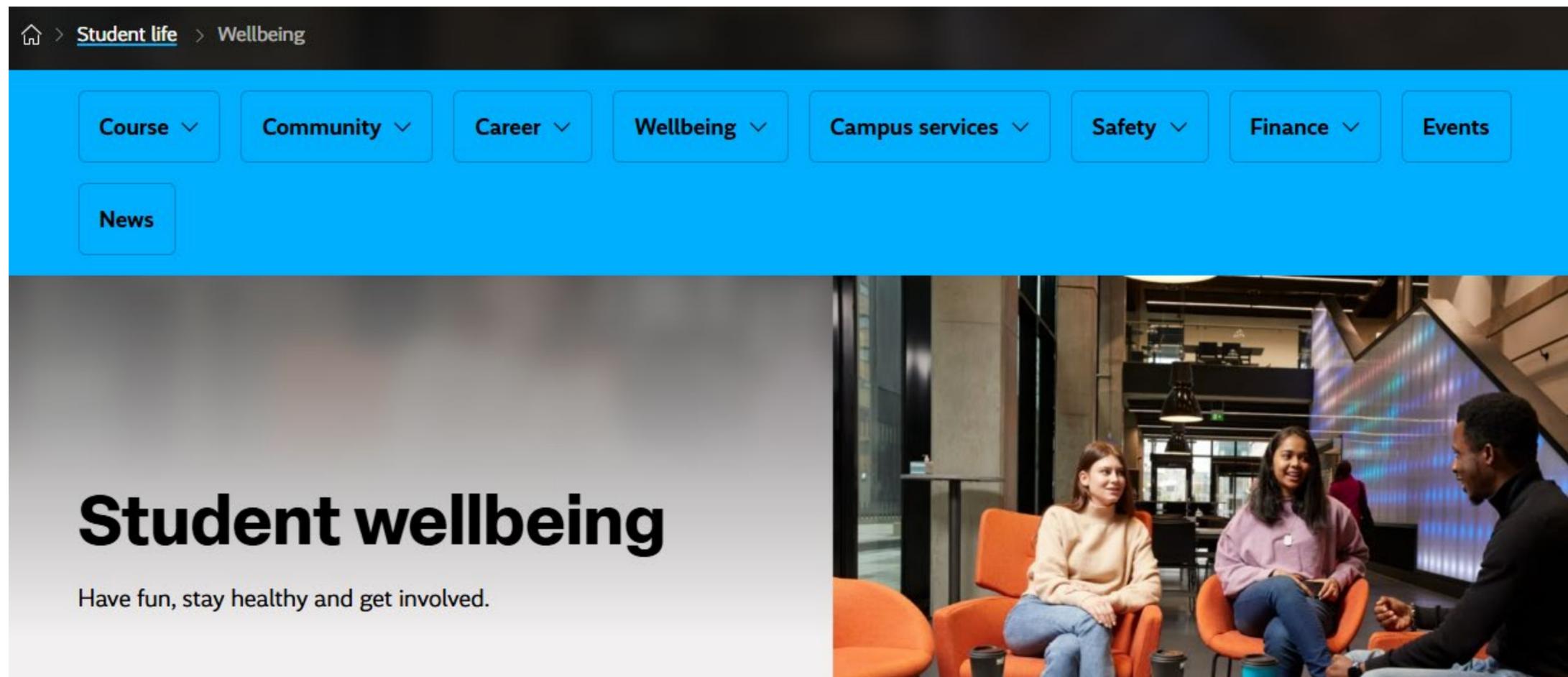


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Wellbeing

At the semester 2 Student Voice meeting Course Reps asked that we share our wellbeing support with you again.

Go to <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/student-life/wellbeing> to see the support that the university provides for you all year (online and in person). This can be accessed via your “MyMMU” App.



And Finally Be Aware

**From Thursday, 2nd April to
Tuesday 7th April 2026**



The Moodle logo, featuring a graduation cap icon and the word 'moodle' in lowercase, is displayed in white against a solid orange background.

**Moodle offline 2 – 7 April
due to Thesis SM integration**

Time to celebrate

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

And The awards will begin soon.



End of Year Celebration

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