

MANCHESTER, CHETHAM'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CENTRE HANDBOOK 2016

Thank you very much for your interest in our Manchester centre. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on (01244) 577995 (fax 01244 579136).

We look forward to a successful summer 2016 at Chetham's.

The Centre

Chetham's School of Music is a city centre school is the largest specialist music school in the UK and is famous for being home to the oldest lending library in the world- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels used to meet there often! The site offers a mix of modern facilities and accommodation set against a back drop of medieval architecture. Its position in the middle of the vibrant city of Manchester means that students have the opportunity to explore a wealth of attractions on their doorstep.



UK Language Courses

Chetham's School of Music

Long Millgate

Manchester

Postcode - M3 1SB

Telephone Number - 0161 834 9644

Chetham's School of Music is to be found nestled in the very heart of the city centre of Manchester, just behind the Cathedral and opposite the very popular Hard Rock Cafe. Famous for its industry, Manchester has been modernised over the past 20 years and has become one of Britain's most important commercial and financial centres. It has a thriving cultural life, catering to its huge student population and Chetham's often hosts events during the biannual Manchester International Festival in July.

Just outside the main entrance to the school is the Urbis building, a new exhibition centre focusing on city life. In front of the school is a pedestrianised square which provides a peaceful oasis in the busy city centre.

There is only one entrance to the school and this is manned by security 24 hours a day.

Damage deposits

Chetham's School has some beautiful buildings, and we must respect them. This is why we will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave, and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody owns up, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Cleaning

Bins are emptied daily in each room and rooms are deep cleaned once a week & bed linen is changed once a week. However, Group Leaders must try and encourage students to keep their rooms tidy.

Accommodation

The residential houses contain single, double and multi-bedded rooms and are all contained within the main site. The majority of rooms are ensuite however some houses have shared shower and toilet facilities. Each house has its own common room with TV. All bedding is provided but students need to bring their own towels. The school has an on-site self-service dining room located close to the classrooms. There are coin operated telephones in the houses where students can receive incoming calls. Internet connection is available to group leaders.

On the first night we ask students to call home and give their parents the number of the telephone closest to their room in the residence. Please tell parents that it is best to call their children in the evening at around 7pm English time, as this is when they are most likely to be in the house.

Room Allocations

We divide the students up according to their age, sex and group. We take in to consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to share.

Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Please note that there are no keys to the rooms at this centre. Students will be given an access code to allow them to enter their house. It is very important they that do not tell this code to anyone not resident in their house.

The Programme

Here is a typical timetable for the day:

09.00-10.30	Lesson 1
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Lesson 2
12.30-13.15	Lunch
14.00-17.00	Afternoon Activities (Dance, Drama, Football)
18.00-19.00	Dinner
19.30-21.00	Evening activities
22.00	Bedtime!

On the first day students will take an English test and be placed into a class according to their level.

What will they do in class?

All UK Language Course teachers are appropriately qualified teachers and we recruit them for their enthusiasm. They are there to help students improve their English and their confidence when using the English language. Students will do lots of speaking activities and will have the chance also to practise their reading and writing skills. We use a task based learning approach which aims to involve and engage the students fully in what they are doing and provide language in context. For more information about our approach and lesson plans the Course Director at the centre is always available.

We will provide all course materials, including an exercise book and a pen.

Where can they play sport?

During orientation students will see all the sports facilities at the school including the heated swimming pool and the outdoor basketball court. On the general programme you will see that some afternoons are dedicated to staying at school and playing sports and tournaments. Students who are enrolled on an English plus Football, Drama or Dance course, will be informed as soon as they arrive where and when their first session will be and who their coach will be.

What will they do in the evening?

The UK Language Course staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings at Chetham's School: Discos, Quizzes, Fashion shows, Blind Date, Sports tournaments etc. We ask Group Leaders to encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests from students.

School Rules

UK Language Courses wants the students to enjoy their time at Chetham's School as much as possible. However, students must follow certain rules of behaviour. We operate on a "Ground Rules" policy: repeated misbehaviour will result in a warning; if a student continues to misbehave, a call will be placed to their parents (at this point we will contact the agent to inform them); finally, if they continue to ignore the rules, they will be sent home at their own expense and we will contact the Agent to organise this.

Things to be aware of

As this is a boarding school and the individual rooms do not lock, students need to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them it is essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. Each room has a small safe in the wardrobe which students are welcome to use if they bring their own padlock. Alternatively, they can buy a padlock at cost price (£5) from the school on arrival.

Pocket Money

All our programmes are fully-inclusive. You will only need to bring some spending money for snacks, souvenirs and gifts during days out on excursions. There is a facility at the centre for Group Leaders to lock away any pocket money in a safe and access will be given at specified times.

Emergency Contact

During your stay each student will be given a wrist band upon arrival, this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 00 44 1244 567695

If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

What to Bring

All students should bring appropriate clothing for the often unpredictable British weather!

Manchester Chetham's Factsheet:

Location	Chethams School of Music, Manchester						
Centre	Chethams School of Music, Long Millgate, Manchester, M3 1SB						
Dates	13 th July- 10 th August 2016						
Lesson Type	Morning Lessons						
Trinity Exam available	Yes available upon request						
Sports Facilities	Swimming Pool	Gym	Sports Hall	Tennis	Outdoor Playing Fields	Climbing Wall	Squash Courts
	✓ (Heated indoor)	✓			Limited		
Other Facilities	Use of Kitchen	Use of washing machine/ tumble dryer	Common Room (with TV)	Internet (supervised for students)	Horse Riding	Towels provided	Other
	✓ some residences		✓	✓		✓	Concert Rooms Art Centre Rehearsal Rooms
Accommodation Facilities	Single Rooms	Twin Rooms	Triple Rooms	Multi Rooms	Ratio of showers & toilets	Laundry	Cleaning
	✓	✓		✓	Ensuite	Weekly	Daily
Distances to nearest shops	200m walk to local shop. 2 minutes' walk to city centre.						
Deposits	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 2px;">£25/€25</div> To be paid upon arrival and returned just before departure						
Dentist	Stevenson Square Dental Centre (0.5 miles) Practice ID: 189 43:45 Lever Street, M1 1FN Telephone - 0844 8401520 Email - indhdentistmanchesterstevensonsquare.co.uk						
Medical Facilities	City Health Centre (0.25 miles) Second Floor (Boots) 32 Market Street Manchester, M1 1PL Telephone – 0161 839 6227			If a student is ill and requires a doctor, then a group leader and a UKLC staff member will take the student to the City Health walk in centre and will be seen on the day. A temporary patient form is not required.			
Nearest Hospital	Distance - 2.5km Manchester Royal Infirmary Manchester, M13 9WL Tel: 0161 276 123						