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Centre Handbook

2027



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Thank you very much for your interest in the UKLC course at Chetham's School, Manchester. 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 0044 1244 577995.

The contents of this handbook are updated regularly. The latest version will be sent before your arrival.

We look forward to a successful summer 2027 at Chetham's School.

Summary

- Amazing City Centre Location
- Boarding School
- AI & Digital Workshops
- STEM
- Drama
- Dance
- Community Action
- Short Transfers

The Centre

Chetham's School of Music is a specialist, independent, co-educational music school in Manchester city centre. The school was built in 1421 as a college for priests and became a school in 1653 and it is now the UK's largest specialist music school.

There is extensive CCTV coverage, the houses have coded doors for access and there is a 24/7 monitored security lodge with on-site duty wardens. The security guards will do full site patrols twice a day.

There is a total of 262 beds in 3 separate houses.

In this centre we accept students from 11-17 years of age.





Location

Chetham's School of Music, Long Millgate, Manchester, M3 1SB

Telephone Number: +44 (0)161 834 9644

Population: 586,100 (2021)
The centre is right in the heart of Manchester, next to the city's cathedral, shopping centre and museums. The campus is made up of traditional British buildings and state-of-the art modern facilities.

Famous for its industry, Manchester has been modernised over the past 20 years and has becoming one of Britain's most important commercial and financial centres.

It is a short walk to Manchester attractions and amenities, including:

- **Manchester Cathedral** (0.2 miles, 4-minute walk)
- **Manchester Arndale shopping centre** (0.1miles, 3-minute walk)

Airport Transfers:

Manchester Airport: 30 minutes
Liverpool John Lennon Airport: approximately 60 minutes (indicative only; allow extra time for traffic and confirm with the coach provider).
London Heathrow: 3 hour 5 minutes



Local Amenities

Post Office
Deansgate Post Office & Souvenirs Gifts
Address: 109 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2BQ (0.5 miles / 11 minutes' walk)

ATM
Sainsbury's Bank ATM
Address: 22 Cross St, Manchester M2 7AQ (0.4 miles / 8 minutes' walk)

Chemist
Boots Chemist
Address: 32 Market Street, Manchester, M1 1PL (approximately 0.3 miles / 6 minutes' walk).

Hospital
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Address: Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9WL (3.60 miles / 15 minutes' drive)

Doctors
City Health Centre – walk in centre
Address: Second Floor (Boots), 32 Market Street , Manchester, M1 1PL (0.3 miles / 6 minutes' walk)
Telephone: 0161 839 6227
Healthcare: If a student feels unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately. For urgent, non-life-threatening medical advice, UKLC staff will support the student to contact NHS 111 (online or by phone) and follow the advice given, including which service to attend. Do not assume that a GP, walk-in service or hospital can provide a same-day appointment. For a life-threatening emergency, call 999. If hospital treatment is required, the Group Leader must accompany the student. If the Group Leader is unavailable, a UKLC team member must accompany the student instead. Centre Management must be informed and the Senior Leadership Team notified. If a student is injured during an excursion and requires hospital treatment, both a UKLC team member and the relevant Group Leader must accompany the student. Any costs or charges incurred in connection with the hospital visit, including transport, are the student's responsibility. UKLC staff will support arrangements and communication.

Dentist
City Centre Dental & Implant Clinic
Address: 31 Booth St, Manchester M2 4AF (0.6 miles / 14 minutes' walk)
Telephone: 01618341643

Bus Stop
Turn right out of the school and they are approximately 100 meters away. There are frequent buses that run to the train station and neighbouring towns.

Train Stations
Manchester Victoria
Address: Todd Street, Manchester, M3 1WY (378 ft / 1-minute walk)
Manchester Piccadilly
Address: Manchester, M60 7RA (0.8miles / 15 minutes' walk)
Manchester Oxford
Address: Oxford Road, Manchester, M1 6FU (1.1 miles / 22 minutes' walk)

Taxi Companies
Street Cars: 0161 228 7878
Manchester Taxi Service: 0161 270 8701

Coffee Shops

Starbucks Coffee

Seattle-based coffeehouse chain known for its signature roasts, light bites and WiFi availability.
Address: Pleer House, 75 Fennel Street, Manchester, M4 3ES Walking distance from Chetham's: 0.1 miles (2 minutes' walk)

Pot Kettle Black

Situated in the beautiful Grade II Listed Barton Arcade which opened in 2014. Designed with the rich history of the building in mind, a soft industrial dining room is complemented by original oak flooring and vintage glass lighting features.
Address: Barton Arcade, Manchester, M3 2BW walking distance from Chetham's: 0.3 miles (5 minutes' walk)

Restaurants

The Old Wellington

Discover a traditional pub of unique character, revered for its eclectic range of real ales and its quality pub food.
Address: 4 Cathedral Gates, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M3 1SW Walking distance from Chetham's: 0.2 miles (3 minutes' walk).

Accommodation

There are 3 residential blocks on-site with single, twin, triple and quad rooms. Some with en-suite and shared bathrooms facilities on the corridor. The houses are: Girls House (New College), Boys House and Victoria House.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Housekeeping

Linen is provided and are changed once a week. **Towels are not provided at this centre.** Bedrooms and bathrooms are deep cleaned twice a week. Bins are emptied and rooms checked daily; Monday- Friday.

Main School Laundry will provide a laundry service for Group Leaders only; Group Leaders will be provided with a laundry bag on arrival.

UKLC will coordinate with Group Leaders for timings/access to house laundry rooms to facilitate small amounts of students' laundry to be done during their stay.

Key Loss

If any key or key card is lost during the stay, there will be a £40 fee for a replacement. Keys for rooms are not provided at this centre (on request keys for Group Leaders may be given)

Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. 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 admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches.

Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00 – 09:00
Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30
Dinner: 18:30 - 19:30
*Mealtimes are subject to change .

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.

Chetham's School - Sample Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Cereal Selection Grilled Bacon Scrambled Eggs Grilled Tomato Mushrooms Baked Beans Pain au Chocolat Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Sliced Ham Sliced Cheese Sliced Tomato Toast & Preserves Croissant Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Local Pork Sausages Vegetarian Sausages Poached Eggs Plum Tomatoes Baked Beans Pain au Chocolat Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Sliced Ham Sliced Cheese Sliced Tomato Toast & Preserves Croissant Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Grilled Bacon Scrambled Eggs Grilled Tomato Mushrooms Baked Beans Pain au Chocolat Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Sliced Ham Sliced Cheese Sliced Tomato Toast & Preserves Croissant Fresh Fruit	Cereal Selection Sliced Ham Sliced Cheese Sliced Tomato Toast & Preserves Croissant
Lunch	Chicken fajitas, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, coriander and lime rice, Mexican spiced vegetables (GF, DF) *** Firecracker quorn fajitas (VG)	Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread, herby mixed salad (DF, GF) *** Vegan Bolognese (VG,)	Beef Madras, fragrant pilau rice, tomato and red onion salad, Indian cauliflower, naan bread, poppadum's, dips (GF, DF) *** Burnt aubergine, tomato, and spinach. (VG).	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots. roast gravy (DF, GF) ***	Battered cod, cod fish fingers, vegan fish fingers. peas, curry sauce, gravy, tartare sauce (VG, DF, GF) ***	Baked tortellini formaggio, basil and tomato, garlic bread, mixed salad. *** Vegan pasta bake (VG)	Margherita, pepperoni or supreme veggie pizza, salt and pepper baked wedges, sprinkles and salads
Dinner	Ham, chicken and leek pie, crushed potatoes with parsley, peas and braised red cabbage No chicken and potato pie. (VG)	BBQ ribs, sweet and sour rainbow slaw, cheesy spring onion jackets, broccoli. charred corn on the cob Smokey BBQ tofu ribs (VG)	Char sui pork, chow mein noodles, stir fry vegetable, prawn crackers. Char sui quorn fillet, chow mein vegetables (VG)	Beef bourguignon, champ potatoes, peas, broccoli. Vegan sausage bourguignon, champ potatoes, peas, broccoli (VG)	Bang bang, chicken, prawn crackers, stir fried rice, sesame and garlic broccoli, peas. Bang bang cauliflower, stir fried rice, sesame and garlic broccoli, peas. (VG)	Indian spiced beef burger, dirty Madras fries, sauces, pickles, and naked slaw Indian spiced sweet potato burger, dirty Madras fries, sauces, pickles and naked slaw (VG)	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, broccoli and sliced carrots Vegan schnitzel, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, broccoli and sliced carrots (vG0
Desserts	Strawberry Cheesecake	Double Chocolate Chip Cookie	Vanilla Cake	Carrot Cake	Blondie	Chocolate and Berry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake

Technology

Wi-Fi is available campus wide and is password protected. Being a private boarding school, the internet access is firewalled as per the boarding school regulations. However, it is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students.
There are no public phones on site. The nearest are in Manchester city centre.

Security

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and 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.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
- Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
- Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
- Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *
  *students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband **(0044 1244 567695)** and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you feel unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately.
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via key or swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it 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. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a curriculum based on the students' age, level and needs, structured into four different programmes:

FUN (ages 8-10)
Engaging lessons that offer a wide range of materials and activities specific for our young learners, making games into lessons and lessons into games. Available in levels A1-B1.

CONNECTION (ages 10-13)
Dynamic lessons covering a variety of topics and media, designed to engage students using tools native to the fast-paced world they are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

ACTION (ages 13-16)
Lessons tailored for learners stepping into their teenage years. This programme focuses on activating students' knowledge and competencies to balance developing a personal voice while contributing effectively to a team. Available in levels A1-C1.

PURPOSE (ages 16-18)
Lessons tailored for our students approaching adulthood, designed to kickstart their lives not only as maturing youths but also as forward-thinking global citizens. Available in levels A1-C2.

The Connection, Action, and Purpose programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE
These lessons aim to empower our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse), as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP
This programme is designed to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, focusing on leadership development, communication and teamwork. Students build the confidence and competencies needed to grow into empowered young adults.

FOCUS ON CULTURE
These lessons combine CLIL and British culture, allowing students to use English to explore a range of disciplines, including art, literature, natural sciences, as well as the history and geography of the UK

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to advanced. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.
Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.
If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who will decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.
We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.
We will provide all course materials including a journal and a pen.
Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours or 21 hours of English lessons per week
- Full board accommodation in residence.
- A full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment.
- 1 free group leader for every 15 students.
- Placement test on arrival and End-of-Course Certificate.

15 Hour Programme:

• 15 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of Activity Sessions
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

21 Hour Programme – Intensive English:

• 21 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

English Plus Electives – new for 2027

Students can choose from a range of English Plus electives and sign up during their stay. These sessions allow students to personalise their programme, enjoy activities they love and continue developing their English skills.

English Plus Electives available at this centre

1. **Community Action Sessions:** Students explore ways to support local charities and organisations in the surrounding community. The precise format is still being finalised to ensure safe and appropriate participation; options may include engaging with local organisations or developing a fundraising initiative.
2. **Dance Classes:** An energetic, inclusive programme introducing a range of dance styles while developing musicality, coordination, confidence and creative expression. No previous dance experience is required, and students can participate at their own pace.
3. **Drama Lessons:** A practical, confidence-building programme exploring storytelling, character, improvisation and communication. Students develop vocal expression, imagination, collaboration and everyday speaking skills, with activities adapted to different ages and English levels.
4. **STEM Workshops:** Four hands-on workshops encourage students to think like scientists and engineers as they investigate, design, build, test and improve ideas. The emphasis is on teamwork, problem-solving, practical discovery and explaining outcomes in English.
5. **AI and Digital Workshops:** Four practical workshops help students explore AI and digital tools creatively and critically. Students develop digital literacy, problem-solving and responsible AI habits, while building or shaping a digital outcome and explaining their ideas.

At centres operating a zig-zag programme, lessons may also take place in the afternoon. This is confirmed on the final programme provided before arrival.

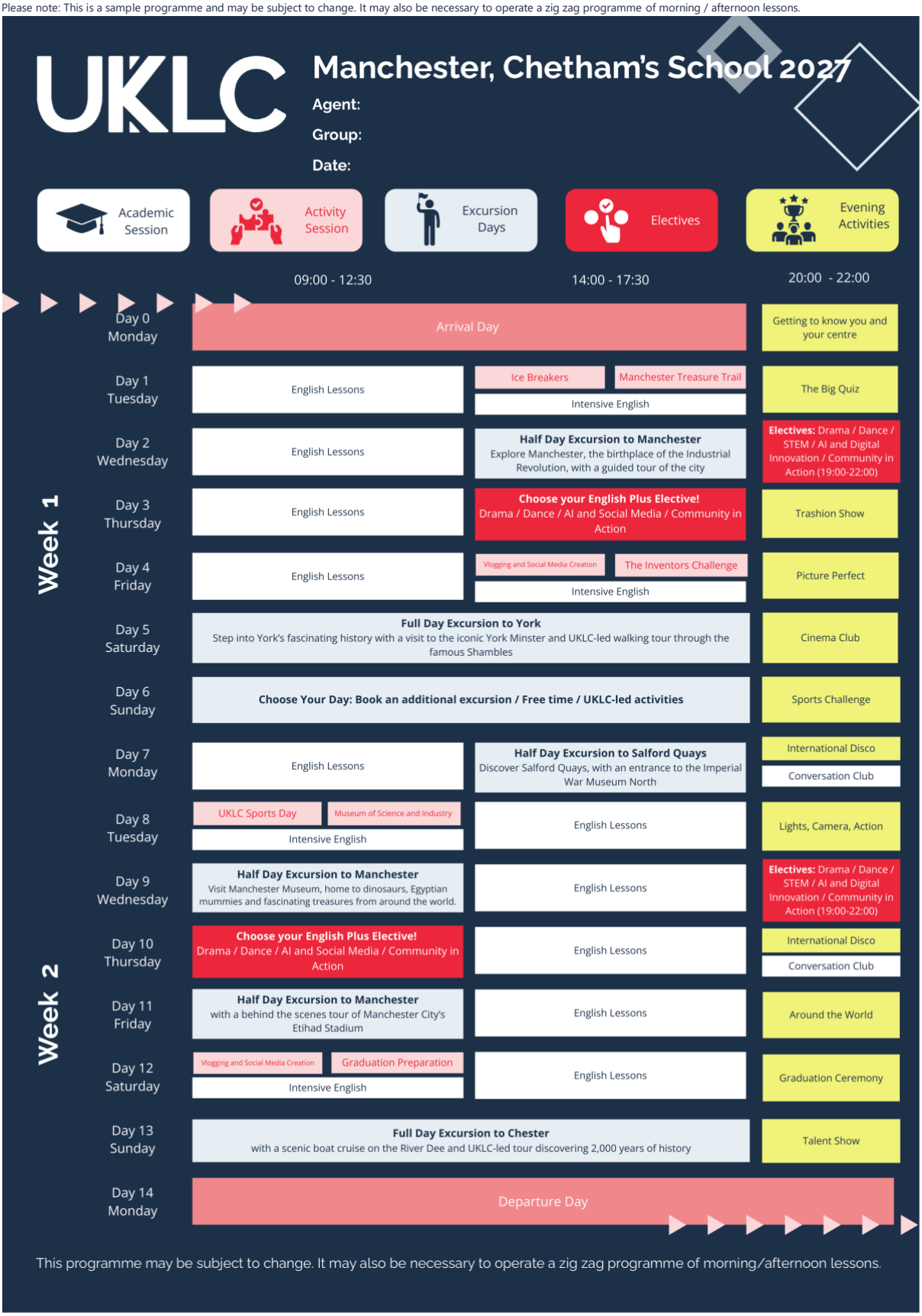
A typical day for students

08:00 – 09:00	**Breakfast**
09:00 – 10:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
10:00 – 10:15	**Break**
10:15 – 11:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
11:15 – 11:30	**Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
15:00 – 15:15	**Break**
15:15 – 16:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
16:15 – 16:30	**Break**
16:30 – 17:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
18:00 – 18:45	**Dinner**
20:00 – 22:00	**Evening Activities**
22:30	**Bedtime**

This centre runs on a 'zig-zag', meaning the order of lessons and multi-option activities/excursions will change after a week. See example below.

Manchester, Chetham's School Sample Programme

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.



Facilities

- Dance Studios
- Drama Studios
- Common Rooms
- Social Spaces

Evening entertainment

UKLC Activity Teams deliver fun and engaging evening activities for students to practise their English, make new friends and enjoy their time at the centre.

Students receive their evening activity programme on their first day. Activities can include:

Lights, Camera, Action – students re-enact famous film scenes, create scripts in English and perform for the centre.

Talent Show – students can perform singing, dancing, acting and other talents.

Trashion Show – students create outfits from recycled or unexpected materials and take part in a catwalk.

International Disco – students socialise and dance to music from around the world.

Around the World – teams take part in activities inspired by different countries.

Picture Perfect – a creative team activity designed to encourage collaboration and English communication.

The Big Quiz – students work in teams to test their knowledge across a range of fun topics.

Conversation Club – an opportunity for students to practise speaking English while discussing interesting topics.

New for 2027: ***Evening Electives*** – once a week, students can choose from a range of evening activities, giving them more opportunities to personalise their programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chetham's School, Manchester in summer 2027!