

LIVING IN CARE? THINKING ABOUT GOING TO UNIVERSITY? WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY?

At MMU we recognise that you may not need, or want, any extra support when you come to university, but it's always good to know what you are entitled to— especially when you are still thinking about applying, or in the first days of settling in to a new course and a new place to live.

Sometimes, it can just be easier to know that there is one person who can point you in the right direction.

So, what can we offer you?

1) A '**Student Support Officer**' who you can go to with any queries in the first instance. Student Support Officers work with all students and can be useful in:

- Answering any questions you have about the course you are thinking of applying for.
- Acting as a link between you, the university and your local authority.
- Helping you with strategies to improve your studies and giving advice on how to manage your time effectively; how to structure your essays etc.
- Referring you to other people in MMU if you need more specialist support— such as careers advisers, counsellors, disability advisers.
- Or just being someone to can go and have a chat with.

The full list of these Student Support Officers and their contact details, is available at the end of this leaflet. They are there to help you both with questions you might have before you apply, and to support you if you decide to come to MMU.

2) Financial Support. In addition to the financial support you get from your local authority -

- You are entitled to £1000 from MMU, which you don't need to pay back, to help towards your accommodation costs – we just need proof that you are a care leaver.
- You can also apply for additional financial support every year you are at university to help you with other expenses (again, you don't need to pay this back).

3) Support with Accommodation which is available all year round, if you need it.

Any questions at all, then just contact your Faculty Student Support Officer. If you aren't sure which one covers the course you would like to do, then just ring Student services on 0161 247 3480 or email us studentservices@mmu.ac.uk Tell us what course you are thinking of doing, and we'll put you in touch with the right person.

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