

# Your home from home

STUDENTS FROM **THE ISLE OF MAN**TALK ABOUT **LIFE AT LIVERPOOL HOPE**.

Make yourself at Hope

## Did you know?

We have a newsletter specifically for students from the Isle of Man.

Scan the QR code below to sign up and find out more about moving away from home, what it is like to live and learn on our campuses and what the city of Liverpool has to offer from our very own Isle of Man students.



## Welcome

At Liverpool Hope we pride ourself on knowing our students, allowing them to learn from top researchers in dynamic, smaller sized classes across our two teaching campuses; Hope Park and the Creative Campus.

Set in the green surroundings of Childwall, **Hope Park** is a short bus ride from the city centre giving students the best of both worlds; a friendly campus to live and learn, and the vibrant city to socialise, shop and eat.

Our largest campus, Hope Park is an education village with both en-suite and shared accommodation, a state-of-the-art gym and a sports complex filled with various facilities. It houses a friendly student bar; 'Our Place' hosts live music, comedy nights and has a gaming zone.

Just a 10-minute walk from the heart of Liverpool city centre, **The Creative Campus** is a hub of creativity and inspiration. The Grade II-listed Capstone Theatre and the Cornerstone Building are just some of the spaces that are dedicated to the creative arts. The campus is an inspiring place to live and study.

**Aigburth Park** is our residential campus, around three miles from Hope Park and the city centre. Surrounded by beautiful parks, a wealth of trendy bars, shops and local transport links to and from the heart of the city, it remains a popular home for students.







## Location ?

With an international airport on the doorstep and just a two-hour train journey from central London, Liverpool is one of the UK's best-connected cities.



## Why study at Liverpool Hope?

**Our degree courses.** We offer over 1,300 undergraduate degree courses to choose from. Our students can choose study a single or combined honours degree to ensure they are studying their perfect degree pathway. Courses are also enriched with opportunities to study abroad and involve work placements.





We provide **high-quality** degree courses taught by academics who are **experts** in their fields.

**Best of both worlds.** Student benefit from living on a friendly, close-knit campus in a thriving student city.







As well as being one of the **friendliest cities in the UK**, Liverpool is one of the most inexpensive for students to live in.

Travelling to Liverpool is really easy. Daily, 40 minute flights from **Ronaldsway** (IOM) to **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** (LPL). Ferry services from **Douglas** to **Liverpool** or **Birkenhead**. There are direct bus routes from the airport and town (where the ferry docks) to **Liverpool Hope University** campuses.



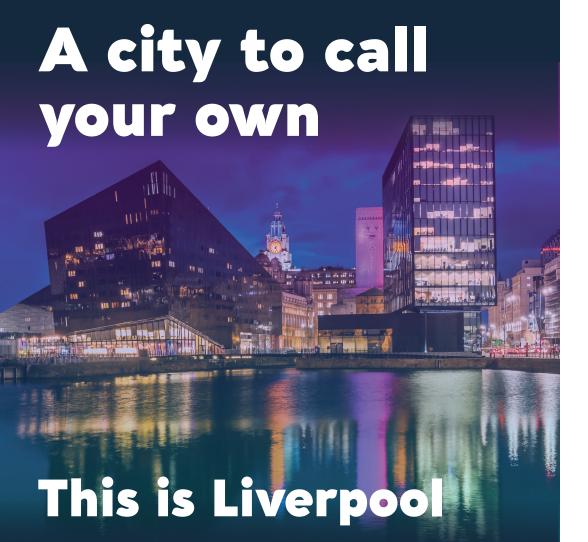


Travelling around the City is easy and inexpensive, not least, as we have a **free shuttle bus that runs between our campuses**.





See our campuses for yourself, scan the QR code opposite to book a visit.



Liverpool is a city like no other. From world-famous architecture and magnificent museums, to music legends revolutionising popular culture, Liverpool has always been a place of creativity. Through spectacular festivals, dramatic sporting attractions and unique art, the city continues to be at the heart of UK culture, attracting millions of visitors every year. There is something for everyone in the city that has been voted one of Britain's best travel destinations (*Telegraph*, 2018).



Scan our QR code here to watch what our students from Isle of Man think about life in Liverpool.

#### Music

It's impossible to imagine Liverpool without music – or music without Liverpool. Birthplace of the Beatles, the world's most famous pop group, the city is home to a host of first-class festivals, including Sound City, Liverpool Irish Festival, and world-leading dance festival Creamfields. The city's M&S Bank Arena Liverpool hosts everything from big name acts like Rihanna and the Arctic Monkeys, to major events like the MTV Europe Music Awards.





#### **Sport**

With the Grand National, golf and of course – football, there are plenty of sporting events to keep even the most avid sports fan entertained. Liverpool is home to two Premier League football teams; what better place to come and watch the match?

#### **Culture**

Liverpool has a wide range of world-class art galleries and museums, including Tate Liverpool and the International Slavery Museum. Liverpool Empire Theatre attracts all the latest touring theatre productions, while the Playhouse, Everyman, Royal Court and Unity theatres offer a rich and varied programme of classic and contemporary productions.





#### **Shopping**

As well as the 42-acre Liverpool One shopping complex in the heart of the city, Liverpool boasts more than 100 independent businesses. Student-friendly shops offering one-of-a-kind pieces and vintage finds, sit alongside top high street names.

## Living on Campus

If you decide to live on campus, hope will soon become your home away from home. Our accommodation provides you with a secure and fun place to live while you progress with your studies.



#### We have three accommodation sites:

#### **Hope Park**

The 532 rooms available are reserved for first year undergraduates and include both en-suite and shared facilities rooms. The en-suite halls at Hope Park provide you with a single bed, double wardrobe, study area, chair, drawers and shelves, plus an en-suite shower room and toilet. We also have six traditional halls of residence with shared bathrooms, providing an informal and friendly environment for students who enjoy socialising and making friends.







#### **Creative Campus**

Our accommodation is situated just outside the city centre and is convenient for all amenities associated with city living, while being away from the main hustle and bustle. The modern, purpose-built hall is situated in Angel Field, a beautiful landscaped garden.

#### **Aigburth Park Student Village**

Aigburth Park is a residential campus approximately three miles from the city centre and Hope Park. The halls are set in private landscaped gardens and there is a wealth of shops, banks, bars and restaurants, plus a library nearby.



#### Did you know?

We guarantee accommodation for all our foundation and first year students.

## Isle of Man Student Finance

Financial support is available for students who meet the required criteria in terms of residency, qualifications, course choice and age.



#### **Tuition fees**

Tuition fees cover your teaching costs. All undergraduate courses at Liverpool Hope are £9,250 per year.

The table below shows what you could be eligible for dependent on household income:

	Contribution type	Contribution amount
Undergraduate tuition fee	Loan offered to eligible students by The Department	£2,500
	Minimum (means-tested)	£0
	Maximum (means-tested)	£6,750

#### **Maintenance Grants**

Subject to means testing, support may be available to assist with your living costs.

Maintenance grants are non-repayable and are calculated based on household income.





#### Repayments

You will begin to repay one year after your graduation if you are earning over £25,000 and will only pay back 9% on the amount above £25,000.

## **Kate Caley**

#### **Sport and Exercise Science**



#### Why did you choose Liverpool Hope University?

I originally put it as one of my options because the course structure included

the topics I was most interested in, and because the University was still relatively close to home, while still being far enough away to live independently.

After coming to the University on the Applicant Day, I fell in love with the campus as it is very beautiful and homely, the facilities for my course are very good and all the staff and students were really helpful and welcoming.

#### What has been your favourite memory of first year?

Each course has a trip to Plas Caerdeon in Wales at the University's activity centre. This was a highlight of my first year as it is when the people on my course really got to know each other through team building, activities and socialising. It was a really fun week, and we all felt more relaxed in lectures and seminars afterwards.

#### What would you say to anyone thinking of coming to Hope?

Definitely choose it as one of your options. It is a smaller campus university and so has a great community feel and everyone is so friendly. A new starters social media page makes it easy to make new friends. I would also highly recommend joining a sports team because some of my best friends and happiest memories have come from the netball team. Weekly team socials have been a great way to experience the popular city nightlife.

#### Do you have any advice for other iom students considering university?

Take advantage of university Open Days as these really help to get a feeling of each university's culture and environment, as this is where you will be spending at least 3 years of your life.

#### What is your favourite thing about liverpool as a city?

I like that it is a big city with lots of things to do. It is also a very cultural city so there are usually big events happening in the city centre, which is only a short bus ride from the University. I also like how there are lots of parks and greenery around the University itself so you can get away from the busy city life.

## **Henry Hyde**

#### **Psychology**



## What is your favourite thing about your course?

The fact that there's so many things to explore in Psychology. The course is also

accredited by The British Psychological Society (BPS). I am really interested in how mental health can affect sufferers and those around them.

#### What made you choose liverpool hope university?

I loved the campus as it is nice and small, which is perfect for me. The fact the campus is so green reminded me of home. As well as this, I loved the content in the Psychology course.

#### What are you looking forward to for the next academic year?

The fact I am going to be living with the friends that I have made over the past year.

#### Did you apply for our scholarship that supports isle of man students?

Yes, the scholarship has benefited me massively at university. I have been able to get all my necessary kit for my studies, including books and stationery.

#### What is your favourite thing about Liverpool?

Everyone is so lovely in Liverpool!



#### What would say to anyone thinking about coming to Hope?

I would recommend the University if you like its campus and if it has the right course for you. Also, I would encourage them to go and see the city too.

#### Kate Wasawas

#### **English Language**



## What would you say to anyone thinking of coming to Hope?

As someone who is used to living in a small community, Hope makes

everyone feel welcome. The campus is not too big, which means it is not overwhelming for Isle of Man students, especially when living far from home.

#### What is your favourite thing about Liverpool?

My favourite thing about Liverpool is the people. I've seen how united they are especially when it comes to football. The locals are friendly and they make you feel like you already belong in a community. I also like that it has a lot of history left behind such as monuments and sculptures, this makes Liverpool a very vibrant city.

#### Do you have any advice for other IOM students considering university?

If you are considering university, I suggest you pick a course you are passionate about. Before I chose to do English Language, I applied to be a Pediatric Nurse. But as I was writing my personal statement, I realised that there was no passion in my words. Then, I wrote another personal statement for English Language and that was when I realised that this was

the course I wanted to pursue — every sentence showed my interest and passion towards the subject. My advice is — do not apply for a course you will not love in the long term.

#### What has been your favourite memory of first year?

My favourite memory has got to be creating a society and being part of the team. This gave me the chance to meet more people with various backgrounds. Because of this, I began to develop better connections with people.

#### How has the Isle of Man scholarship helped?

The scholarship was my motivation to work hard when doing assignments and essays. It helped me learn how to manage my money in terms of weekly budgets and saving up. It also helped pay for my accommodation. Additionally, I used some of the scholarship to pay for my university necessities such as stationery, textbooks and reading material.

#### What is your favourite thing about your course?

I really enjoy the discussions and debates during the seminars. The smaller-sized classes really allowed me to discuss texts in detail.

## **Molly Steele**

#### **BA (Hons) Business Management and Marketing**



#### Why did you choose Liverpool Hope?

As a student from the Isle of Man it was important to me to be able to easily travel home when I

needed to, so I decided on Liverpool quite quickly, but what attracted me specifically about Hope was feel of community due to the campus-style of the University. I also liked the idea that as the class sizes are slightly smaller than those at other Uni's you are not just a name to your lecturers, you are able to build a rapport with them.

#### Did you stay in halls of residence, if so what campus and how did you find it?

In my first year at Hope, I stayed in Wesley Halls on Hope Park campus. The campus is a short bus-ride away from the town centre but is far enough away that it isn't too busy at night when you're trying to study. I made close friends in halls of residence that I have gone on to live with in second and third year.

#### How was your experience of settling into life at Hope?

Settling into Hope was a bit difficult to begin with as I was so far away from home, but I found that throwing myself into life at university helped a lot, such as joining societies and joining group chats with people from my course.

#### What do you enjoy most about campus life?

I enjoy the sense of community most on campus, there is a sense that the university cares about each of us that I don't think we would experience at a larger city university. This sense of community is also really important in all the social events that happen on campus, such as karaoke nights and movies and pizza.

#### How have you settled into living in Liverpool?

I have settled into life in Liverpool better than I could have ever expected, I couldn't really imagine living anywhere else, it feels like home.

#### What advice would you give a student moving away from home?

I always say that everyone should move away from home for at least 6 months. Even though it can be daunting being in a new city it really allows you to find yourself and your independence, moving away also allows you to try things that you may not have had the opportunity to do at home.

#### **Lillie Wootton**

#### BA (Hons) Special Educational Needs & Disability Studies



#### Did you stay in halls of residence, if so what campus and how did you find it?

I stayed in Josephine Butler at Aigburth Park, Hope's accommodation

campus. Aigburth Park is very friendly and social. Aigburth Park is in a great location, close to everything you need, buses and trains are only a 5-minute walk away. There are multiple supermarkets nearby and many bars and restaurants just up the road on Lark Lane.

#### What do you enjoy most about campus life?

The thing I enjoy most about campus life at Hope is how social and busy it is. There is a constant buzz with people everywhere, especially in Our Place, the student bar. The residential life team are always putting on different activities across all three campuses and so there is always something to do.

#### How different is Liverpool to home?

The Isle of Man appears very different to Liverpool. Liverpool is big, busy city while the island is very quiet. While Liverpool is much bigger than the Isle of Man, there are still areas that feel like home, for example, the many parks that are scattered through the city.

#### Are there any similarities with your home town?

Much like in the Isle of Man, people in Liverpool are very friendly and welcoming. You can strike up a conversation with so many people. You also bump into people you know all the time, there are a lot of Manx students in Liverpool that you will often see around town, but you also bump into other students from Hope around the city.

#### How did you find moving away from home?

It was very easy to settle into Liverpool. Of course, there are days when I miss home but there is so much to do in Liverpool that it is easy to distract yourself. In many ways Liverpool feels more like home than the Isle of Man does now, the friend you make at university become your family.

#### What do you enjoy most about Liverpool?

The thing I enjoy most about Liverpool is the social life. There is so much to do, all over the city. There is something for everyone; there is a vast history with many museums, lots of shopping, plenty of bars and restaurants but also more adventurous things like rock climbing and go-karting.



Chat with Lillie on Unibuddy about any aspect of studying with us: accommodation, course content, assessment or making friends.



Hear what Lillie thinks about moving away from home to study at university on our Humans of Hope podcast.



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