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# MCA Careers Newsletter

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## Post 16 Options

### Post 16 Information:

There is a lot of information from a variety of sources available on Post 16 pathways and options. We are collating this in one place for students and parents. Scan the QR code and visit our padlet for this information.



### MCA Careers Fair

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October MCA hosted the annual careers fair. This was an opportunity for all Year 7- 11 to meet employers, apprenticeship companies and college to find out about further educated.



### Assemblies in MCA:

This half term we have welcomed Connell College and Xaverian College into assembly to speak to our Year 11 students.



### Looking to study T Levels.

This link will show you all the colleges and courses offering T Levels

Its important to look at various different setting to ensure it suits you!





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## Preparation for Post 16

### Personal Statements

All students have undertaken an Aspire lesson and guided them to complete a Personal Statement. This is an opportunity to really tell the college about themselves. First paragraph starts off about them, before moving onto strengths, skills, attributes and their characteristics. The third paragraph is about their hobbies and employment before concluding the document.

Date	College / Event	Time (if given)
14 Oct	Worsley College	5pm – 7pm
15 Oct	Bolton College	5pm - 7pm
19th Oct	Xaverian College	10.30am - 2pm
19th Oct	Loreto College	10am – 12pm / 1pm – 3pm
15 Nov	Bolton College	5pm - 7pm
15 Nov	Oldham College	10.30am – 1pm
15 Nov	Manchester College (Harpurhey)	10am – 1pm
15 Nov	Openshaw (TMC)	10am – 1pm
16 Oct	Bury College	5pm – 7.15pm
18 Oct	Access Creative College	11am - 2pm
18 Oct	Rochdale College	10am – 2pm
18 Oct	Trafford	10am – 2pm
16 Nov	Connell College	10am - 1pm
18 Nov	Bolton College	5pm - 7pm
18 Nov	Eccles Sixth Form College	5pm – 7pm
19 Oct	Loreto College	10am – 12pm / 1pm – 3pm
19 Oct	Xaverian College	10.30am – 2pm
20 Nov	Rochdale College	4pm – 7pm
21 Oct	Pendleton	5pm – 7pm
22 Oct	Hopwood Hall	4.30pm – 6.30pm
23 Oct	Greater Manchester Skills Centre	4pm – 6pm
27 Nov	Pendleton	5pm – 7pm
27 Nov	Access Creative College	11am - 2pm
27 Nov	Greater Manchester Skills Centre	4pm – 6pm
29 Nov	Access Creative College	11am - 2pm
29 Nov	Future Skills (Salford City College)	10am – 12pm

College  
Open  
Days

Ensure you  
visit the college  
website to  
register for a  
ticket.

### Careers 1-2-1 Appointment:

One to one appointments take place every Friday with Holly.

Do not miss this appointment or waste the opportunity.

All students depart with information, sources of support specific to them!

### Did you know:

65% of young people who are in school today will enter jobs that currently do not exist.

### Jobs that didn't exist 10 years ago:

- Cloud Computing expert
- Drone Expert
- App Drivers
- Data Miner
- Driverless Car Engineers



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## KS3 Careers - Labour Market Information

### What is Labour Market Information?

LMI is facts and trends about jobs, skills, and industries — what's growing, what's declining, and what employers are looking for. It helps young people make informed decisions about their future education and careers.

Even though your child is still early in their school journey, this is the ideal time to start exploring:

- Sparks curiosity about different jobs and industries
- Links school subjects to real-world careers
- Builds awareness of future opportunities and challenges
- Supports option choices in Year 9 (GCSEs)

### What's happening in Labour Market Information now in Manchester?

Sector	What's Happening	Skills in Demand
Health & Social Care	Growing fast, especially for NHS and care roles	Empathy, communication, science
Digital & Tech	Expanding rapidly (cybersecurity, coding)	Problem-solving, IT, creativity
Construction & Trades	High demand for skilled workers	Maths, teamwork, practical skills
Green Jobs	New roles in sustainability and energy	Science, innovation, environmental
Creative Industries	Strong in Manchester (media, design, music)	Imagination, collaboration, tech

### How can you support your child?

Here are some simple ways to help your child engage with LMI:

- Talk about your own job and how it's changed over time
- Watch career videos together (e.g. BBC Bitesize, GMACS)
- Visit open days and local employers when possible
- Encourage curiosity — "What does a civil engineer do?" is a great dinner table question!
- Use tools like GMACS or National Careers Service