

# Manchester Communication Academy

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Stepping Stones  
Programme –  
Y11 June 2021



with you, for you, about you.

## Introduction

After a turbulent year, compounded by the national uncertainty regarding exams, we are more determined than ever to ensure our Year 11s make a smooth transition to Year 12. That's why we have created 'MCA Stepping Stones'!

This programme of study aims to ensure that whatever your destination next year, you will have a diet of remote, and in some cases face to face learning to support you. Are you planning to study A-Level Chemistry next year? Are you hoping to become an Engineer? Or are you going to work with young people? **Whatever you are planning we will have sessions to support you.**

Some of these will be provided by MCA staff who will run on-line lessons to introduce to study in further education. We have also worked closely with staff from the institutions we send our students to ensuring our material 'joins up' neatly to next year's courses. But 'Stepping Stones' is not all about preparation for qualifications. We are also going to invite outside providers to host workshops on the other vital skills for life as a successful citizen: emotional and mental resilience, employability and more!

## Leavers Events and Rewards

Depending on any changes to government guidance and the current roadmap, we are planning a MCA CLASS OF 2021 'Leavers Event' at the end of June/early July. This will event will take place in an evening at MCA and include a BBQ and live entertainment! In order to secure your place on the guest list for this event, you must participate in the activities from the 'Stepping Stones' timetable included in this document

In addition to securing your place at the 'Leavers Event' we will be drawing THREE lucky Year 11 names out of the hat each week who has engaged in Stepping Stones activities and they will receive a mystery prize, which include Vouchers, Kindles and more!



## Week 1 - Theme of the week – Transition to further education and career insights

| 7-11 June                       | Transition to FE  | Virtual Career Insight   | Virtual Work Experience |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>    | Transition to FE workbook<br>(see email off Miss Whiting)   | Explore careers<br><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers</a>   |                         |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | Transition to FE workbook   | <b>What does it take to make content go viral?</b><br><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a>  |                         |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> | Transition to FE workbook   | <b>1. Insight into Construction with Bellway Homes</b><br><b>2. British Army</b><br><b>3. Careers in the NHS</b><br><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a><br><br><b>14.30 - 15.30:</b><br><b>Web and UX – So what makes a good website?</b><br><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soda-taster-wednesday-workshops-tickets-153453203663?ref=estw">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soda-taster-wednesday-workshops-tickets-153453203663?ref=estw</a> |                         |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | Transition to FE workbook<br><br>BE COLLEGE READY - GM Higher<br>(Mr Roberts will email chosen students)<br><br>Football with Factory Youth Zone 3.30-5pm on 'Old 3G' | Explore Careers<br><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers</a>   |                         |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>   | Transition to FE workbook<br><br>Email Mr Roberts with a summary of activities you've engaged in to be entered into the weekly prize draw                             | Explore careers<br><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers</a>   |                         |

## Week 2 - Theme of the week – Course preparation and career insights

| 14-18 June                       | Transition to FE  | Virtual Career Insight   | Virtual Work Experience  |
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| <b>Monday 14<sup>TH</sup></b>    | <p>A-LEVEL MASTERCALSSES (Students will be emailed google meet invites)</p> <p>9.15am<br/>Computer Science</p> <p>10.50am<br/>Biology</p> <p>2.30pm<br/>Sociology</p> | <p><b>Branding and Digital Marketing Placement with Changing Lives</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> <p><b>Careers in Health</b><br/><a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer</a></p>   | <p><b>Careers in Recruitment</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p>   |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>TH</sup></b>   | <p>9.15am<br/>Psychology</p> <p>10.50am<br/>English Language</p> <p>2.30pm<br/>Chemistry</p>  | <p><b>Looking After the Pounds: Discovering the world of Finance</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> <p><b>Careers in Health</b><br/><a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer</a></p>   | <p><b>Careers in Recruitment</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p>   |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>TH</sup></b> | <p>9.15am<br/>Accountancy</p> <p>10.50am<br/>Law &amp; Criminology</p> <p>12.00pm<br/>Business</p>  | <p><b>Game Art – Worlds from your imagination.</b><br/><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soda-taster-wednesday-workshops-tickets-153453203663?ref=estw">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soda-taster-wednesday-workshops-tickets-153453203663?ref=estw</a></p> <p><b>Careers in Health</b><br/><a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer</a></p> | <p><b>Careers in Recruitment</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p>   |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>TH</sup></b>  | <p>9.15am<br/>Maths</p> <p>10.50am<br/>Physics</p> <p>2.15pm<br/>English Literature</p>   | <p><b>Careers in Health</b><br/><a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer</a></p> <p><b>Careers in Teaching</b><br/><a href="https://icould.com/stories/tennille-m/">https://icould.com/stories/tennille-m/</a></p> <p><b>Football with Factory Youth Zone 3.30-5pm on ‘Old 3G’</b></p>  | <p><b>Careers in Recruitment</b></p> <p><b>Discover Digital Careers with LJMU and Industry Professionals VWEX 2 Days</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>TH</sup></b>    | <p>Email Mr Roberts with a summary of activities you’ve engaged in to be entered into the weekly prize draw</p>   | <p><b>Careers in Health</b><br/><a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer</a></p>  | <p><b>Careers in Recruitment</b></p> <p><b>Discover Digital Careers with LJMU and Industry Professionals VWEX 2 Days</b><br/><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> |



## Week 3 - Theme of the week – College specific activities and career insights

| 21 - 25 June                          | Transition to FE   | Virtual Career Insight   |
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| <p><b>Monday 21<sup>ST</sup></b></p>  | <p>Loreto students: <a href="https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/">https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/</a></p> <p>Pendleton students: <a href="https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/">https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/</a></p> <p>Other College information will be sent by email via Miss Whiting</p> |  |
| <p><b>Tuesday 22<sup>ND</sup></b></p> | <p>Loreto students: <a href="https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/">https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/</a> Pendleton students: <a href="https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/">https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/</a></p> <p>Other College information will be sent by email via Miss Whiting</p>        | <p><b>1. CAREERS IN CREATIVE &amp; DIGITAL MEDIA</b></p> <p><b>2. Closed: From Corporate to Criminal: Discovering the world of Law</b></p> <p><b>3. Virtual Insight with Virgin Money for Manchester students</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> |

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| <p><b>Wednesday<br/>23<sup>RD</sup></b></p> | <p>Loreto students <a href="https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/">https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/</a></p> <p>Pendleton students</p> <p><a href="https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/">https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/</a></p> <p>Other College information will be sent by email via Miss Whiting</p>   | <p><b>Embracing Talent (Employability Skills Award) Prize draw activity -</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p> <p><b>Electricity North West Insight Day - Behind the scenes -</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1516">https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1516</a></p> <p><b>Find out more about Apprenticeships in the Food Industry with Kepak -</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1468">https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1468</a></p> |
| <p><b>Thursday<br/>24<sup>TH</sup></b></p>  | <p>Loreto students: <a href="https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/">https://www.loreto.ac.uk/year-11-preparatory-work-for-study-at-college/</a></p> <p>Pendleton students: <a href="https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/">https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/pre-enrolment-tasks/</a></p> <p>Other College information will be sent by email via Miss Whiting</p> <p>Football with Factory Youth Zone 3.30-5pm on 'Old 3G'</p> | <p><b>CAREERS IN ENGINEERING (FEMALE ONLY)</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/">https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Friday 25<sup>TH</sup></b></p>        | <p>Email Mr Roberts with a summary of what activities you have completed and what was most useful.</p> <p>Programme Complete!</p>   | <p><b>Email Mr Roberts with a summary of what activities you have completed and what was most useful.</b></p> <p><b>Programme Complete!</b></p>   |