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MCA Careers Newsletter

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Help and Support

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.



Who can help me?



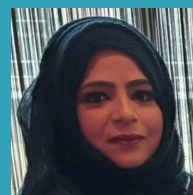
Mrs Wilcock

Assistant Principal for Personal Development and Careers
Mrs Wilcock is the lead and point of contact for Post 16 information.



Holly Ball

Careers Advisor (Mploy)
Holly is present in school every Friday and can be found in the Careers/Counsellors office on the top floor. Students can drop in for advice and will also meet Holly for their 1-2-1 appointments.



Mrs Rather

Work Based Learning Co-Ordinator
Mrs Rather support our students to experience workplace encounters with employer and employee.

Progress Leaders/ Director of Learning / Head of Year

Post 16 Options:

Students should be considering what their next steps are:

- A Levels
- Vocational Qualifications
- T- Levels
- Apprenticeships

(Visit the parent guide on the padlet for more information on each area)

Upcoming Open Days

Date	College / Event	Time (if given)
2 Oct	Conell College	4pm – 7.30pm
4 Oct	Holy Cross	10am – 1pm
4 Oct	Hopwood Hall	10.30am – 1.30pm
6 Oct	Oldham Sixth Form College	5pm – 7pm
6 Oct	City Skills	5pm – 7pm
7 Oct	Manchester College (Harpurhey)	5pm – 7pm
7 Oct	Openshaw (TMC)	5pm – 7pm
8 Oct	Future Skills (Salford City College)	5pm – 7pm
8 Oct	Oldham College	4.30pm – 6.30pm
9 Oct	Eccles Sixth Form College	5pm – 7pm
11 Oct	Xaverian College	10.30am - 2pm
11 Oct	Loreto College	10am – 12pm / 1pm – 3pm
14 Oct	Worsley College	5pm – 7pm
15 Oct	Bolton College	5pm - 7pm
19th Oct	Loreto College	10am – 12pm / 1pm – 3pm



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Manchester Labour Market Insights for July 2026

Why Manchester Matters

Greater Manchester is one of the UK's fastest-growing regions, adding over 114,000 jobs between 2018 and 2023—and projected to add nearly 60,000 more by 2028. But skills shortages and economic inactivity remain challenges. Parents play a key role in helping young people navigate this changing landscape.

Growing Job Sectors in Manchester

Sector	Local Demand Drivers	Example Roles
Digital & Tech	Expansion in information and communication	IT Support, Cybersecurity Analyst, Data Technician
Green Construction	Retrofitting for net-zero targets	Insulation Installer, Retrofit Coordinator
Health & Social care	NHS reforms and mental health support	Mental Health Nurse, Care Assistant
Education	Shortage of STEM and digital educators	Teaching Assistant, STEM Tutor
Manufacturing	Automation and energy efficiency needs	CNC Operator, Maintenance Engineer
Logistics & Transport	Growth in e-commerce and infrastructure	Transport Planner, Warehouse Operative

Where to Find Help:

GMACS - Greater Manchester
Apprenticeship and Careers Service

National Careers Service

Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Labour Market Review.

What Parents Can Do to support their child:

- **Explore Apprenticeships:** High demand in construction, engineering, and green tech.
- **Support Soft Skills:** Employers report gaps in communication, time management, and digital literacy.
- **Use Local Resources:** The Greater Manchester Baccalaureate (MBacc) aligns education with local economic needs.



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MCA Careers Fair



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CAREERS FAIR

The MCA Careers Fair is your chance to explore new opportunities, ask questions and make connections to start shaping your future.

Meet employers from diverse industries to learn what skills are valued in today's workplace. Colleges and training providers will also be there to share courses and career pathways, helping you plan your next steps.

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025
MCA SPORTS HALL
9AM - 4PM

We invite employers, colleges, training providers and businesses to promote career opportunities at this event -please email careers@mca.manchester.sch.uk to register your interest.

Parents can attend from 3:15pm - 4pm.

Visitors can arrive from 8:30am for a 9am start. Partial or full attendance is welcome.

All MCA students will have the opportunity to visit the Careers fair across the course of the day.

Parents are welcome to attend from 3.15pm - 4pm.

Register your attendance here.

