



Ada, the National College for Digital Skills

State of the art
Manchester campus

Exceptional
pastoral care

WHERE
TECH CAREERS
BEGIN

Tech
industry coach

FREE laptop &
financial support

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WELCOME

Ada is a **specialist computing college**, founded in London in 2016, and named after **Ada Lovelace**, a computing pioneer. In 2021, we opened a campus in the UK's second biggest tech hub of **Manchester**.

Our mission is to **educate and empower the next generation of diverse digital talent**. Across our campuses, we have worked with over **1300 young people** to jump-start their careers in tech, either via our **Sixth form** or, post-19, as **Apprentices**. Ada is a unique and supportive environment which **bridges the gap between education and employment**.

Our industry-leading programmes not only develop students' and apprentices' tech talents, but offer opportunities for young people from diverse backgrounds to **connect with future employers** and take their first steps into a career in tech.

In 2026, we welcomed our first 16-19 learners at our **Manchester campus in Ancoats** to study a T Level Digital Software Development. Alongside their studies, they will complete **45 day work placements** with top tech employers in Greater Manchester. In order to prepare them for the world of work, they have the opportunity to take part in our award winning **Industry Projects**. Our industry partners work with student teams to solve **real world challenges** and our learners get to present their solutions to senior people in tech.

We'd love to hear from you and tell you more about our transformational education offer at **Ada Manchester**
- Where Tech Careers Begin!



Tina Götschi
Principal



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CURRICULUM

T LEVEL

DIGITAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Equivalent of 3 A Levels (up to 168 UCAS points)

What You'll Master

- **The Software Development (SW) Lifecycle:** From design to implementation, testing to evaluation, you will learn and practice how SW Developers go about turning business requirements into apps
- **Learn fundamental programming concepts** with current Industry standard languages and platforms including Python, Javascript, SQL, React and Flask
- **Cyber Security and regulations** - understand why SW should be secure by design, what the threats to businesses are and what legal standards must be met in SW development

Guaranteed 45-Day Work Placement

Gain 315+ hours of hands-on experience embedded within **top tech organisations**.

Completed flexibly via multi-week blocks, 2 days per week, or a combination of both between the summer of Year 1 and the end of Year 2.

The Ada Advantage



Industry Mentoring: Get paired with a dedicated professional coach from the tech industry.



Extra Certifications: Earn industry-recognised credentials alongside your studies.



Student Perks: Every student receives a free laptop, free trips & visits, plus access to travel bursaries and financial support.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Grade 5 in GCSE Maths & English Language
- ✓ Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science
- ✓ 5 or more GCSEs with an average grade of 5 or above

FUTURE CAREERS

- Software Developer
- Digital Games Developer
- Web Developer
- Mobile Application Developer
- Application Support Analyst
- Cyber Security Analyst

Pearson T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Software Development
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WORK PLACEMENTS

Every T Level student completes a 45-day industry placement with an employer in Greater Manchester. This isn't just work experience - you will work on live client projects, collaborate with production teams, and build a professional network before graduating.

Gain real-world experience with top industry partners.
Previous work placements included **Amazon, Tata, Cisco, DfE, and WWT.**

PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT: Leo



Leo completed his placement in Amazon's Application Security (AppSec) team, calling it the "biggest period of growth" in his life. Embracing a fast-paced environment with support from dedicated mentors, he turned high expectations into professional resilience and corporate confidence.



PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT: Nhi



Nhi completed her placement at Amazon Fresh, demonstrating outstanding initiative by building automated tools and leading marketing campaigns. Her ability to translate classroom technical skills into real-world business solutions allowed her to present directly to senior industry leadership.



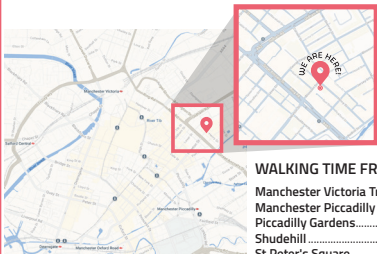
Following their placements, both Leo and Nhi - along with many of their T Level peers - secured **Degree Apprenticeships at Amazon** upon graduation.

VISIT US



Located at the Heart of Manchester's Tech Ecosystem

Our state-of-the-art campus is situated in Ancoats, named one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the world and home to Manchester's fastest-growing digital and creative hub.



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WALKING TIME FROM NEAREST STATIONS

Manchester Victoria Train Station.....	15 mins
Manchester Piccadilly Train Station	15 mins
Piccadilly Gardens.....	10 mins
Shudehill	10 mins
St Peter's Square	15 mins

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AND VISIT US**



T LEVEL RESULTS

100%

of our students
passed their
two year course

88%

D*-M
(equivalent to
A*A*A* - BBB)

88%

progressed to
aspirational
destinations

DESTINATIONS

Our students secure
University placements
at top institutions such as



KING'S
College
LONDON



University of
BRISTOL



The University of
Nottingham



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Our students secure
Degree Apprenticeships
with employers such as

BBC



BANK OF AMERICA

Deloitte.

amazon



JUST EAT

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BAE SYSTEMS

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

At Ada, we bridge the gap between education and employment, combining real-world industry projects, professional skill development, and elite certifications to launch your tech career.



ADA SKILLS PROGRAMME

Industry Connections

- Employer Projects
- Industry Coaching
- Work Placements
- Guest Speakers



Professional Development

- Portfolio Development
- Presentation Skills
- Career Planning
- Employability Skills



TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Cisco Networking Academy
- Coding Competitions
- Game Jams
- Hackathons



INDUSTRY PROJECTS

- Real world challenges set by industry partners
- 3-day tech challenges
- Pitch to senior industry leaders

OUR CONNECTIONS

Through our partnerships with world-leading tech employers, our students gain extraordinary opportunities you won't find at standard colleges.



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