

6 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Runshaw College MEGA Day – 11 March

Inspiring Young People into Digital and Technology Careers

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a MEGA Day which will be held at Runshaw College on Wednesday, 11 March. The event is free and fully funded by the programme deliverer IN4 Group, their partners, and Lancashire County Council.

The aim of the programme is to inspire and prepare young people for the growing number of opportunities within the digital and technology sectors.

Transport is provided by the college. Pupils will be collected from school at 9am and will return before the end of the school day, in time for the school buses. Pupils will need to be in full school uniform and bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they must order this through the catering staff. This will then be made available for them to collect before we depart.

IN4 Group is an award-winning technology company dedicated to supporting young people and communities across the North West. Their mission is to provide Fair Access to Technology Futures through high-quality educational enrichment.

Why Digital and Technology?

The digital sector is one of the fastest-growing industries in the UK. In the North West alone, it is predicted that there will be over 30,000 cyber-related jobs by 2035, spanning both technical and non-technical roles. These careers are high-skilled, well-paid, and in demand.

What is a MEGA Day?

A MEGA Day is an interactive, themed experience where students explore modern and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital innovation. Students will take part in hands-on activities and work on real-world challenge

This exciting experience will give your child the chance to:

- Discover a range of digital and technology career pathways
- Develop key digital skills through engaging activities
- Build confidence and explore potential future opportunities

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We believe that participating in a MEGA Day will help students raise aspirations, develop transferable skills, and make informed decisions about their next steps in education and employment.

Please find attached the summary and itinerary for the day.

If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip below by Tuesday, 10 March.

Prior to the trip, I must ask that you inform the school of any recent updates to emergency contacts and medical information that we may not already be aware of.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Qadri
Head of ICT & Computer Science**

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REPLY SLIP: RUNSHAW COLLEGE MEGA DAY – 11 MARCH

(Please return to Mrs Qadri by Tues, 10 March)

- I **give** permission for my child to take part in the event at Runshaw College on 11 March.
- I **do not give** permission for my child to take event at Runshaw College, please offer the place to another student.

Pupil Name..... Class.....

Parent/Carer Signature

Print Name (parent/carers) Date.....

SUMMARY & ITINERARY

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Activity	Description
09:30 – 10:00am	Welcome and Introduction - We begin the day by welcoming students and introducing the wide range of exciting careers available in the technology industry, especially here in the Northwest.
10:00 -11:15am	Session 1: Creators & Designers Students kick off the day by flexing their creative muscles, competing in a series of design-focused challenges to earn points for their team and climb the leaderboard.
11:15 – 11:30am	Break
11:30 – 12:30pm	Session 2: Organisers & Communicators Students take on challenges that develop their communication and organisation skills, reflecting the critical abilities needed in real technology roles. Teams continue earning points as the competition intensifies.
12:30 – 13:00pm	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00pm	Session 3: Builders & Problem Solvers Students tackle hands-on challenges that mirror the skills used by technology professionals to build, test, and solve problems. These final challenges determine the overall team rankings.
14:00 – 14:15pm	Final Scores, Medals, and Wrap-Up We conclude the day by celebrating students' achievements, reflecting on the skills they have shown throughout the day and careers that uses these skills regularly.