

MICA is an award-winning architecture and masterplanning practice. We have been based in Camden since 1978 and are constantly looking for new ways to engage with our local community. We offer support to secondary school pupils across London boroughs applying to study architecture at university or as an apprentice. To support schools in careers activities we can offer the following:



## Mentoring

Pupils often benefit from talking through the ins and outs of a career and understanding what an architect does day-to-day before deciding whether to apply to an architecture course. We have many experience mentors in our office, who have worked with the Social Mobility Foundation mentoring scheme, the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, and the RIBA Mentoring Programme. Individuals would respond directly to pupil's questions by email with appropriate safeguarding measures in place.



## Personal Statement Advice and Portfolio Review

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We would be happy to review and advise on pupils' personal statements and portfolios, particularly those applying to architecture or design courses. Our staff have a wide and varied experience and have studied and taught at a variety of leading institutions globally, including Cambridge University and University College London. This would normally take place via exchange of emails, supervised by our Office Manager.



## Virtual or in-person careers session

We are happy to deliver a talk to your pupils whether in person or online via video conference software to introduce students to a career in architecture and the construction industry. Our partners in the design industry, including structural, civil and services engineers as well as contractors and landscape architects are happy to join us in these sessions to give a broader overview of the types of careers and routes available within the construction industry. We also have pre-recorded versions of these talks available to share.



## Office tours

Seeing the inside of an architect's office, complete with the desks full of drawings, the model shop with works in progress, the materials library of samples and the pin up walls of evolving designs can help to shape a pupil's understanding of what it might be like to work as an architect. We welcome class groups for office tours during normal working hours. In all cases a risk assessment would be carried out in advance, and with the current restrictions associated with the pandemic, Covid-secure measures will be implemented, including limited group sizes and wearing of masks.



## Work Experience

We regularly offer unpaid two-week work experience sessions to Year 11, 12 and 13 students during half terms or summer holidays. As we receive a lot of requests, we cannot always guarantee that a place will be available, but we always endeavour to accommodate pupils from the local area. Pupils will be paired with usually two project architects to gain an insight into different projects and – with parents' permission – we take the students to visit active projects on site to see a building being realised. Pupils will also gain an insight into architecture drawings, models and software used to produce them.

If you would like to find out more about the practice, please go to [micaarchitects.com](http://micaarchitects.com) or we would be happy to arrange a phone call or video conference to discuss what we can offer in more detail. Please email [info@micaarchitects.com](mailto:info@micaarchitects.com) to set up a call.