

CHILDHOOD STUDIES



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ABOUT

There are few things more rewarding than watching a child blossom because of your actions. Whether you're helping them to take their very first steps, watching them master their ABCs, or supporting them to tackle their fears, every development is a sign of a job well done.

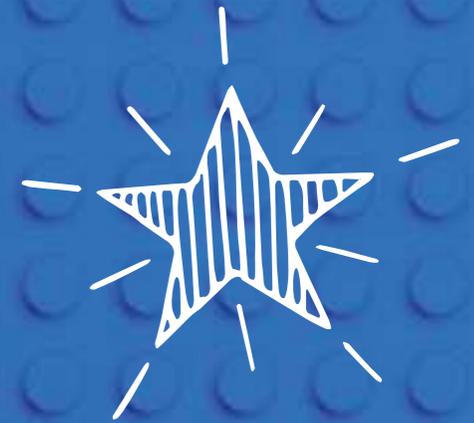
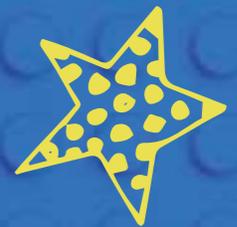
You'll have a lot of responsibility and you may find yourself with aching feet and hair full of glitter by the end of the day, but if you want job satisfaction, a career with children could be just what you're looking for.

To succeed, you'll need to be compassionate, patient and nurturing. You'll also need to genuinely enjoy working with children and encouraging them to try new things. The other skills and knowledge you'll need, we can teach you. You'll learn how to recognise what each individual child requires to thrive, and how to keep children safe, healthy and happy.

Our Childhood Studies tutors have extensive experience, both out in the sector and of teaching students. They also have valuable links to employers, so can help you to gain a greater insight into different careers and to decide which path is right for you.

The best way to learn is to practise. So you'll gain vital practical experience, whether it's in a private childcare facility, a primary school or right here in one of our own nurseries.

In short, The Manchester College can help you to strengthen your innate talents and abilities, ready to embark on a successful, fulfilling career.



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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We passionately believe in helping you reach your ultimate goal, focussing on your future employability and developing the skills you need to have a successful career.

If you're aged 16-18, our Centre of Excellence for Childhood Studies is set up to help you do just that!

STUDY PROGRAMME

You'll join our Centre of Excellence for Childhood Studies when you enrol on any of our qualifications from Entry Level to Level 3.

If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to achieve this level of qualification alongside your course. This is a mandatory requirement and it's also essential you achieve this for many careers.

EMPLOYABILITY

To prepare you for your future career, you'll take part in a range of 'employability' activities to equip you with the knowledge and experience of careers available to you:

Employability Sessions

You'll be assigned an Employability Tutor and will take part in dedicated 'employability' sessions which will help equip you with the skills you'll need to thrive in the workplace

Work Related Activity

You'll learn more about the industry by taking part in activities, visiting locations you could be working in and hearing directly from experts.

Work Experience Placement

You'll spend at least 35 hours working in private nurseries and primary schools that have been rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. You'll be caring for children aged from a few months old up to seven years old, assisting with day-to-day tasks and shadowing staff to develop your skills and broaden your knowledge.

You might even find yourself in one of our very own nurseries, which are situated at our Harpurhey and Northenden campuses, or helping at Moston Children's Centre.

Industry Placement

You may be able to apply for an industry placement, which will give you more than 315 hours of experience with a leading employer.

Your placement will give you an in-depth understanding of the industry and the chance to work with children in different age groups. You'll take the role of a nursery or school practitioner and gain confidence in handling different situations and supporting children to achieve their individual goals.

With a placement, you're taking that all important first step onto the ladder; many of our students even go on to gain paid work with their placement employer at the end of the year.

Once you complete your journey in our Centre of Excellence for Childhood Studies, you'll have all the skills you need to be 'work ready' and the qualifications you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career.



PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

If you have the passion, we can help you to gain the skills you need for a successful career working with children and young people.

Entry Level 3 | Personal and Social Development | Harpurhey | Northenden | Openshaw | One year

Every journey starts by taking that first step. This Entry Level course will help you to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge you'll need to advance onto further study. You could learn about setting goals, working in a team, healthy living, your rights and responsibilities in the workplace, and much more. In fact, it's going to give you a solid set of essential life skills that you'll find useful throughout adulthood.

Once you've gained this qualification, you'll be well equipped to continue on to our Level 1 Caring for Children course.

Level 1 | Caring for Children | Harpurhey | Northenden | Openshaw | One year

Our Level 1 diploma is an ideal introduction to Childhood Studies if you want to explore the skills needed to care for young people. It'll help you to build the foundations for further study and a rewarding career in childcare.

The tutors will share their experiences and research on how children grow and develop. You'll discuss how to respect and value children's feelings and tackle challenging behaviour. You'll also gain a greater understanding of how to use play-based activities and crafts to support early learning and how to encourage children to enjoy healthier lives.

This course also covers many of the practical health and safety aspects you'll need to be aware of when you work with children.

Level 2 | Early Years Practitioner | Harpurhey | Northenden | Openshaw | One year

Babies and children under eight need more hands-on care and guidance. They need to learn basic skills, from eating to managing friendships. However, this age group is also incredibly rewarding to work with, and you'll never forget that first handmade card that tells you just how much you mean to a child in your care.

This Level 2 course will give you the specialist knowledge and understanding that you'll need to work with young children.

You'll learn all about the roles and responsibilities you'd enjoy as an early years practitioner, and find out how to support children's development, keep them safe, carry out care routines and plan and deliver fun activities.

Level 3 | Childcare and Education | Harpurhey | Northenden | Openshaw | Two year

Do you want to help children learn, grow and fulfil their potential? Our Level 3 Childcare and Education course will help to prepare you for a career as an early years educator.

You'll develop your knowledge of educating and caring for young children, including learning about the stages of child development, health and wellbeing and children's additional needs. You'll also gain an in-depth understanding of how to combine play and learning so that children are stimulated, entertained and happy. We'll teach you the assessment and planning skills you'll need for a career in this fun and fulfilling sector.

INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

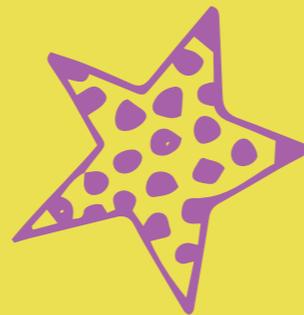


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If you've obtained the necessary entry requirements you may be invited to progress into our Industry Excellence Academy for Childhood Studies.

The programme of study within this Academy has been co-developed with industry partners and will allow you to transition straight onto our Education and Childcare T Level course in 2021.

You'll benefit from courses aligned with current industry demands and take part in a range of industry-level activities and lessons.

You'll benefit from masterclasses and lessons delivered by industry experts, and visits from guest speakers at the forefront of the industry. You'll also have the opportunity to take part in 'live briefs' at industry standard that will see you working on similar projects to those you'll face once you begin your career in the childcare sector.

Childcare is a competitive sector and experience can help to give you an advantage over other job applicants. So, you'll complete a placement with an industry employer through our Industry Excellence Academy. This placement will last at least 15 days and, in many cases, you'll be matched with a mentor from your chosen industry to support you along the way.

Once you complete your journey through our Industry Excellence Academy, you'll have gained the qualifications, experience and skills you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career.

Level 2 | Childcare and Education | T Level Transition Year

If you're keen to gain significant practical experience in a real workplace, you may be interested in T Levels. This Level 2 Transition Year qualification will develop your understanding and knowledge of childcare so that you're able to progress onto our Level 3 T Level in Childhood and Education in 2021.

You'll be introduced to a range of childcare settings and cover topics such as child development, anatomy and physiology, creative and therapeutic activities and literacy and numeracy in early years. You'll also complete a Paediatric First Aid qualification as part of your course.

In preparation for employment, you'll be assigned a designated employability tutor, who will support you to develop the skills you'll need for the sector. You'll also be paired with a work placement officer, who will help you to find a work placement and support you while you're completing your mandatory 200+ hours on placement.





T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels

From 2021, you'll be able to study for a Technical Level (T Level) qualification through our Industry Excellence Academy for Childhood Studies.

T Levels are a new two-year technical alternative to A Levels. If you're already itching to get out into the workplace, our Level 3 T Level could be perfect, as it combines college learning with an extended work placement of at least 315 hours (approx. 45 days).

If you're joining us in September 2020, then taking our Level 2 Childcare and Education T Level Transition Year programme means that you'll be able to transition straight onto the Level 3 course next year.





DEGREE LEVEL



Once you've completed a Level 3 qualification as part of our Centre of Excellence or Industry Excellence Academy, you'll have the opportunity to progress onto a degree level qualification through our higher education partner UCEN Manchester:

Level 5 Childhood and Youth Studies

Level 6 Childhood and Youth Studies

For more information or to apply, visit ucenmanchester.ac.uk





CAREERS



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

As an educational psychologist, you could help a child or young person who's going through a difficult time. They might be struggling to participate in school, or suffering with mental health issues. You could help them to learn coping mechanisms and start to enjoy their life again.

Average Salary: £40,000



EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONERS

Do you want to work with children from birth to five years old? A career as an early years practitioner could be just what you're looking for. Childcare is closely linked to the science of children's health and psychology, so there's lots to understand and learn about. At the same time, you could easily find yourself covered in paint and glitter, so bags of energy and a sense of humour are essential! Sometimes tough, often joyful, childcare is a rewarding and important career.

Average Salary: £17,000



PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

If you want to make a real difference to children's lives, and watch them blossom under your care, why not become a primary school teacher? You'd develop lesson plans in line with curriculum objectives, build a relationship with pupils and work to create a positive learning environment in the classroom. You'd be helping to give children the best chance of fulfilling their potential, by supporting them to develop age-appropriate skills and social abilities.

Average Salary: £25,000



MEET THE TEAM



EMMA WARD

Head of Department

Emma joined the College as a nursery officer in our on-site nurseries back in 1999. She then moved to the teaching side in 2004, and progressed into the management team six years ago. Emma also does a lot of charity work. She used to be the safeguarding co-ordinator for a charitable organisation, and has been a lead volunteer for a youth organisation for the last 21 years.



ANGELA MAHON

Department Team Leader

Angela joined the College six years ago as a tutor and First Aid Trainer for the Child Studies department and became Department Team Leader three years ago. Angela has a wealth of experience in early years settings across England, as both a practitioner and a manager.



NICOLA DILLON

Tutor

Nicola started at the College in 2018. She has more than 20 years' experience working in a range of different early years settings, educational establishments and out in local communities. Prior to becoming a tutor, Nicola was a children's centre district lead, which saw her managing a number of centres, and working with families and children under five years old.



LOCATION



Our Childhood Studies courses are offered at campuses across Manchester, all of which are well served by public transport. So, wherever you live, it should be quick and easy for you to get to class and start your journey towards your career.

Harpurhey Campus
Rochdale Road
Harpurhey
Manchester
M9 4AF

Northenden Campus
Sale Road
Northenden
Manchester
M23 0DH

Openshaw Campus
Ashton Old Road
Openshaw
Manchester
M11 2WH





BUILDING EXCELLENCE



The Manchester College strives to deliver an exciting and innovative learning experience to all our students looking to learn new skills. We are committed to playing a pivotal role in shaping the learning of today and for the generations to follow.

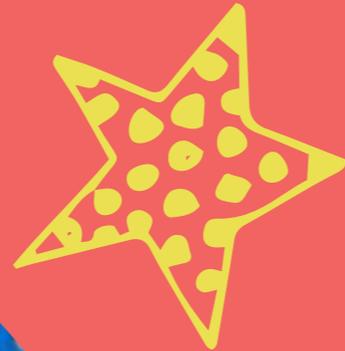
In support of our commitment, The College, alongside Higher Education partner UCEN Manchester, is investing £140 million to transform and restructure our campus estate which are set to open throughout 2021 and 2022.

A powerful mix of new and redeveloped campuses, as a student you will enjoy exceptional, state-of-the-art study facilities alongside access to outstanding student support services. Our aim; to create a healthy, happy, productive environment in which you can thrive as we encourage you to create a positive and prosperous future.

Our Childhood Studies facilities will benefit directly from our investment with a brand new dedicated mock nursery built at our Openshaw campus and a range of specialist childcare equipment.

This will enable us to expand and enhance our current Centres of Excellence allowing us to remain at the cutting edge of industry standards whilst offering you the very best environments to unleash your creativity and maximise your potential.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



“ As part of my course, I was placed into a very nice work placement in a nursery where I could practice and develop my teaching skills. After college, I’m hoping to progress on to university and train to become a primary school teacher. ”

Stephanie Rowley

Level 3 Childhood Studies and Education
Former Altrincham College of Arts student



“ I have gained confidence and identified my skills and best abilities. My tutors have helped me with so much, from my career research and assignments, to work placement support. They’ve helped us to see all the possibilities of what we can do when we leave. ”

Taylor-Kay Folks

Level 3 Childhood Studies and Education
Former Manchester Enterprise Academy student



“ Studying Childhood Studies, you’re put on work placement and it’s great to learn first-hand about the industry. I’ve also had the opportunity to obtain a First Aid qualification, which really strengthens my chances of getting a job. ”

Taylor Greenwood

Level 3 Childhood Studies and Education
Former Reddish Vale High School student



“ As the class size is small, my tutors are able to give me extra support. They encourage us to get our work in on time and ensure it is completed to a high standard by giving us advice on how to improve it. I would recommend The Manchester College, I’m so proud of what I have achieved here ”

Hanan Omar

Level 3 Childhood Studies and Education
Former Manchester Academy student

HOW TO APPLY



STEP 1

Visit tmc.ac.uk



STEP 2

Browse our range of courses and choose the course you'd like to apply for



STEP 3

Apply for the course using our application portal, making sure you complete all of the relevant information



STEP 4

Receive a conditional offer



STEP 5

Book to attend an Applicant and Parent Information Evening (16-18 year old students only)



STEP 6

Register to attend our New Student Welcome Day (16-18 year old students only)



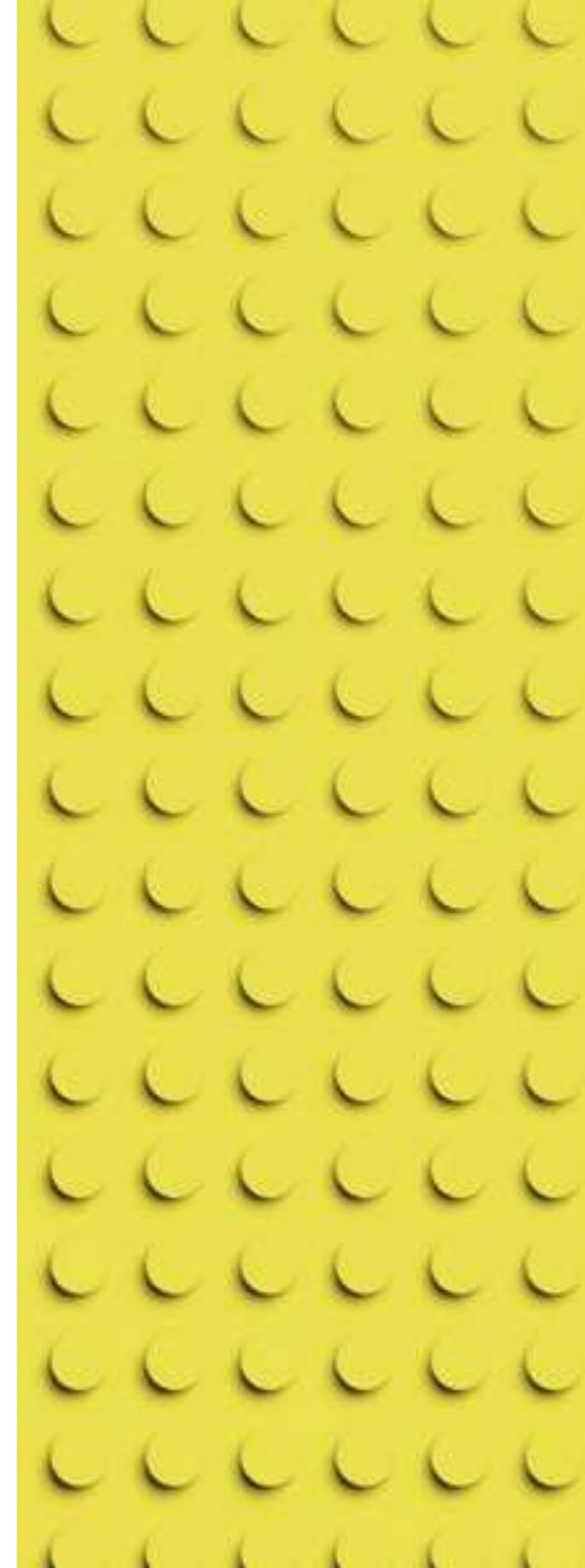
STEP 7

Join us at enrolment on the date we specify on your invite (For 16-18 year old students applying for September this will be after you receive your results)



STEP 8

Start your journey to amazing



WHAT NEXT?

Find out more and apply

To find out more about The Manchester College and our Childhood Studies department and to apply for one of our courses visit:
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Visit us

Join us at one of our Open Events throughout the year to learn more about our courses, visit the campus you could be studying at and tour our facilities, speak to our tutors, view demonstrations and work from current students and much more.

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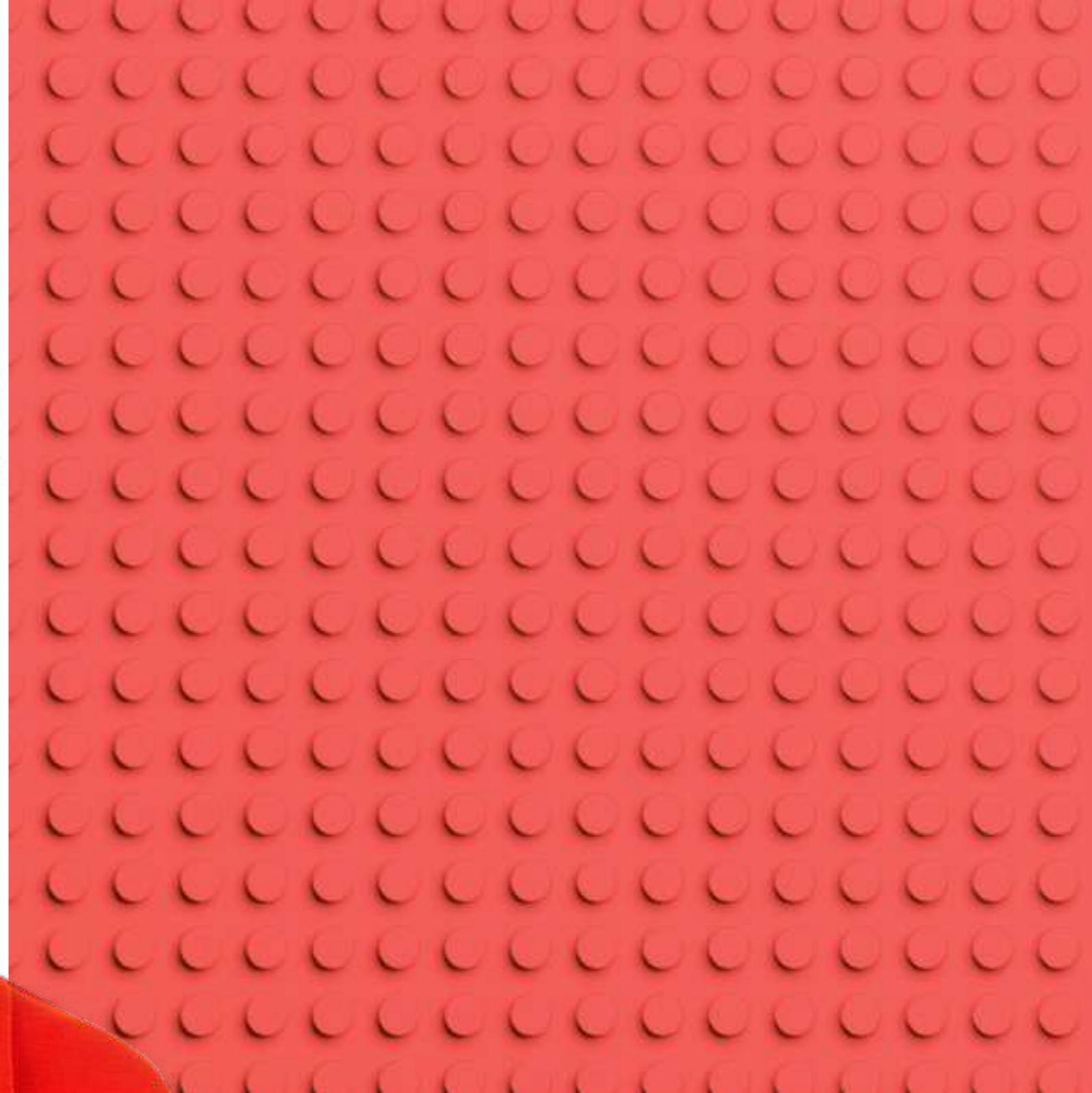
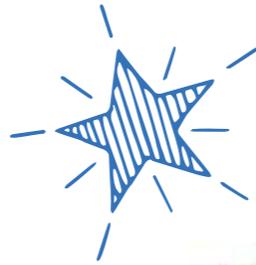
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