

Welcome to WQE



Explore Our Diverse Course Offer

At WQE, we offer the widest range of A Level and classroom-based vocational courses in the area, providing a flexible curriculum tailored to your strengths and passions.

Whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship, or the workplace, we have the right programme for you.

Entry Requirements

A Level and Vocational Level 3

2 years

6 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language (for A-Level courses, you must have at least 2 GCSEs at grade 5 or above).

Advanced Transition

**1 transition year,
leading to 1 or 2
further years at
advanced level**

A programme solely for students who hold a Level 3 offer, but narrowly miss their course criteria and who have clear potential to succeed at advanced level after a year of support.

Progression support

The College offers a small range of bespoke support and ESOL provision to enable advanced-level progression. Students who enrol onto a Progression Support programme will have a personalised programme which may include a combination of the following courses:

- Business Certificate in Employability
- English Functional Skills
- Health Certificate in Employability
- ICT Functional Skills
- Maths NCFE Level 1 Certificate

To find out more about this programme and our assessment process, please contact the Admissions Team directly.

A Level Programme

2

2-year
programme



All exams are
taken in the
second year

3

Pick 3 subjects
from a broad
range



Leads to many
options in higher
education and
employment.

Vocational Programme

2

2-year
programme



Assessed through
a combination of
exams and
coursework

3

- Extended Certificate = 1 A Level
- Diploma = 2 A Levels
- Extended Diploma = 3 A Levels



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These are the Level 3 courses we plan to offer for 2026 entry. They are grouped by Curriculum Area:

Biology, Chemistry, and Applied Science

- Applied Science BTEC Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)
- Applied Science BTEC Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Biology A Level
- Chemistry A Level

Business, Economics, and Finance

- Accounting A Level
- Business Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Business Cambridge Technical Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)
- Business Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Business Studies A Level
- Economics A Level

English, Film, and Languages

- English Language and Literature A Level
- English Language A Level
- English Literature A Level
- Film Studies A Level
- French A Level
- German A Level
- Spanish A Level

Health and Sport

- Health and Social Care Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Health and Social Care Cambridge Technical Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)
- Health and Social Care Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Physical Education A Level
- Sport and Physical Activity Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Sport and Physical Activity Cambridge Technical Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)
- Sport and Physical Activity Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)

Humanities

- Ancient History A Level
- Geography A Level
- History A Level
- Law A Level
- Law BTEC Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Politics A Level

Mathematics

- Mathematics A Level
- Mathematics, Further A Level

Media and Creative Arts

- Art, Craft and Design A Level
- Art and Design Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Creative Digital Media BTEC National Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Drama and Theatre A Level
- Fashion and Textiles A Level
- Fine Art A Level
- Graphic Communication A Level
- Media Studies A Level
- Music A Level
- Photography A Level
- Product Design A Level

Physics, Computing, and ICT

- Computer Science A Level
- Computing: Application Development Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A level)
- Electronics A Level
- IT: Data Analytics Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Physics A Level

Social Science

- Criminology Applied Diploma (equivalent to 1 A Level)
- Psychology A Level
- Religious Studies (Philosophy, Ethics and Religion) A Level
- Sociology A Level

Performing Arts (Off-site Provision)

Leicester College of Performing Arts (LCPA)

- Dance, BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice, (LCPA) (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Acting, BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice, (LCPA) (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Musical Theatre, BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice, (LCPA) (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

Studio 79

Level 3 Programmes

- Dance, BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice, (Studio 79) (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Musical Theatre, BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice (Studio 79) (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

Level 2 Programme

- Diploma in Performing and Production Arts Industry Skills (Studio 79) (equivalent to 3 GCSEs) **PLUS** BTEC Certificate in Work Skills (Studio 79) (equivalent to 1 GCSE)

Course Combinations

You have the option to mix and match your courses. You can select one of these combinations:

A Levels

Choose to study
3 A Level subjects.

Extended Diploma

Choose to study
**1 Extended Diploma
subject.**

Extended Certificates

Choose to study
**3 Extended Certificate
subjects.**

Diploma / A Level / Ext Cert

Choose to study
1 Diploma subject
with either
**1 A Level or
1 Extended Certificate
subject.**

A Level / Ext Cert / Ext Cert

Choose to study
**1 A Level subject with
2 Extended Certificate
subjects.**

A Level / A Level / Ext Cert

Choose to study
2 A Level subjects
with
**1 Extended Certificate
subject.**

Advanced Transition Programme

This is a programme solely for students who hold a Level 3 offer but narrowly miss their entrance criteria and who have clear potential to succeed at advanced level after a year of support.

Students choose the pathway that offers them a clear Level 3 progression route.

Advanced Transition Programme

All students will complete their core programme of English Language and Maths GCSEs, alongside our Young Professionals Unit.

Alongside your core programme, you will also be able to choose **one** of the below pathways:

Business

Business Level 2
Certificate
Psychology GCSE
Citizenship GCSE

Technical Business

Business Level 2
Certificate
ICT Level 2
Certificate

Contemporary World

Psychology GCSE
Citizenship GCSE
Sociology GCSE
Film Studies GCSE

Dance

(Led by Studio 79)
Maths GCSE x 2
(offsite)
English GCSE x 2
(offsite)
Dance Level 2

Engineering

ICT Level 2 Certificate
Core Maths Level 3
Electronics GCSE
Computer Science
GCSE

Science & Health

Biology GCSE
Psychology GCSE
Sociology GCSE
Health and Social Care
Level 2

Science

Chemistry GCSE or
Applied Science GCSE
Biology GCSE
Psychology GCSE
Core Maths Level 3

Sport

Sport Level 2
Psychology GCSE
Biology GCSE

Visual Arts

Graphics GCSE
Photography GCSE
Fine Art GCSE
Film Studies GCSE

Development and Progression

High Achievers

At WQE, we offer a unique programme of academic support and development to enable high-achieving students to be the best they can be. Our aim is to help them make successful applications to Oxbridge, Russell Group, and other competitive universities.

Enrichment

WQE offers a wide range of additional courses and activities to enhance your student life, develop your personal skills, and prepare you for the future. These opportunities complement your exam subjects and help you gain valuable skills for higher education and employment.



Welfare and Skills

The Welfare and Skills Team are here for any student who needs extra help during their time with us. We provide support for students with a physical disability or a specific learning difference, such as dyslexia, mental ill-health, or a medical condition.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Many WQE students choose to take EPQ as an additional qualification alongside their main programme. The EPQ is a research-based project that develops essential independent study skills for higher education success.

Campus Map and Transport Info

Campus maps

WQE provides a great learning environment with green space and high-quality buildings in the heart of the city's learning quarter, next to the University of Leicester.



Transport info



Cycle

We encourage students to cycle to and from College. There are plenty of cycle racks plus rentable secure cycle storage at the front of the College by the main car park. If you do decide to cycle, it's well worth applying for a bike passport to help keep your bike secure.



Scan here for more information



Bus

Most students travel to and from College by bus. Several First or Arriva services stop nearby on Welford Road, Queens Road, University Road, London Road, and Aylestone Road – all within a short walk of the College.

Arriva

Service number	Major stops
84/84A/85	Lutterworth, Broughton Astley, Cosby, Whetstone, South Wigston
47/48	Aylestone, South Wigston, Wigston, Knighton
31/31A	Oadby
44/44A	Wigston, Knighton, Clarendon Park
80/80A	Oadby, Clarendon Park, University of Leicester
49/49A	South Wigston, Wigston, Kilby, Fleckney, Kirby, Knighton
X3	Market Harborough, Kibworth, Great Glen, Oadby

First

Service Number	Major Stops
22	Spencefield, Evington
54	Beaumont Leys, North Evington, Spencefield
88/88A	Eyres Monsell, Aylestone



Train

To plan your journey or find out more about ticketing options, visit: thetrainline.com



[Life at WQE:
As told by our students]



Join us at our Open Day
Saturday 1 November 2025
9:00am – 3:00pm

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