

About Leicester

Leicester is brimming with things to see and do, with state-of-the-art, award-winning venues including Curve, Highcross Shopping Centre and the National Space Centre, a fantastic calendar of events and festivals, renowned museums and galleries, a range of cuisines, areas of natural beauty and ancient heritage.

Set in the heart of the East Midlands, one of England's most attractive counties, the surrounding villages and countryside are easily reachable to explore. Leicester is well served by public transport links; London can be reached in approximately one hour by train.

Leicester is a thriving centre for higher education; the University of Leicester, De Montfort University, the University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and Loughborough University are all based in the East Midlands region.

To find out more about Leicester and Leicestershire, visit www.visitleicester.info

Why choose Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College (WQE)?

WQE has a long tradition of high achievement and a reputation for excellence. Students' record of examination success and progression into higher education and employment reflects the strong focus on academic achievement. Around 70% of students annually progress to university.

The College also aims to ensure that students enjoy their time at WQE and widen their horizons as well as deepening their knowledge and understanding. In addition to their examination programme, students take advantage of an unusually rich array of activities, enrichment courses, educational visits and sporting events. All students receive high quality personal support and guidance throughout their time at WQE.

The College benefits from a spacious, attractive site adjacent to a large park and next to the University of Leicester. Specialist facilities for learning and teaching, private study areas, IT access, sports facilities and grounds are of a very high standard.

What can I study?

You can choose from the Advanced Level programmes offered by the College a range of A Level subjects and Level 3 Cambridge Technical qualifications.

All students will also take one enrichment course in the first year and either an enrichment or extension course in Year 2.

Detailed information regarding courses can be found on the website: <https://www.wqe.ac.uk/course/>

What are the entry requirements?

The College curriculum comprises academic courses, almost wholly at Advanced Level. In order to enrol onto such courses with a good prospect of success students must have a sound basis of achievement on academic courses at GCSE level or above.

We normally expect applicants to have achieved the equivalent of good GCSE passes in at least six subjects; these must:

- demonstrate the suitability for Advanced Level study
- have been achieved at the equivalent of GCSE grade 4 or grade C as a minimum
- normally include two at the equivalent of GCSE grade 5 or at grade B as a minimum

For all courses, a minimum IELTS score of 6 is required in order to demonstrate a competent standard of English Language.

In addition to the general criteria above, many subjects also have specific entry requirements. Prospective applicants are advised to research their course choices using our website (<https://www.wqe.ac.uk/course/>) before submitting an application.

How do I apply?

1. Download the application form from the College's website.
2. Send your completed application form, copies of certificates for any existing qualifications (including English Language), school/college reference, copy of the personal details page in your passport and the non-refundable £100 administration fee to the College's Admissions Office.
3. The College will consider your application basing a decision on your qualifications and suitability for your chosen course and places available.
4. If we are able to offer you a place, the College will send you a provisional offer letter with an Offer Response form. We will also request a deposit of £1,000.
5. You should return your completed Offer Response form and your deposit within one month. If you do not reply within this time, the provisional offer of a place may be withdrawn. The deposit can be paid by direct transfer to the College's bank account (charges will apply) or by sterling cheque.
6. On receipt of the deposit the College will issue you with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) which will enable you to apply for a Student Visa. **Note: A CAS cannot be produced on the basis of predicted grades.**
7. The full first year fee payment or first instalment of the first year fees must be paid prior to enrolment.

Accommodation

The College is unable to provide accommodation for students. If you need to arrange accommodation you may wish to refer to **Accommodation for Students** (national website):
www.accommodationforstudents.com/Leicester.asp

Please be aware that the accommodation advertised on this website has not been checked nor is in any way endorsed by the College.

Home Office

Information relating to your application may be passed to the Home Office for purposes connected with immigration. Under the terms of the Tier 4 Sponsorship Licence the College is obliged to inform the Home Office if you fail to arrive for the start of your course, withdraw from your course, defer or suspend your course, or fail to attend for a significant period of time.

Visa Application

For more information about visas:

- [UK Council for International Student Affairs](http://www.ukcouncil.org)
- [Tier 4 \(General\) Student Visa](http://www.gov.uk)

Please ensure that you pay particular attention to the money (also known as maintenance or funds) that you will need to evidence as part of your visa application. There is clear guidance regarding the amount, the length of time this money needs to have been in your bank account and the documents required to evidence this.

If you do not present the correct financial information it is likely that your visa application will be refused.