

# Study Programmes

At WQE we aim to ensure that a student's programme is individual to them and meets their needs, interests and aspirations. A study programme will comprise a number of different elements; not just the academic subject(s) being studied. WQE offers a wide range of academic and other courses through the curriculum offer and enrichment and extension.

Our recent merger led us to explore and ensure that students at both the Regent Road and University Road campuses have equitable entitlement. There may be minor variations in what a study programme looks like, or is called, according to the 'home campus' of a student and the type and level of course that student is following. The overall aim is to offer each student a programme to for they are qualified, academically suited and personally interested. The detailed information below is also available on the WQE website.

Any variations to the offer will not compromise the student experience or quality of support on offer. It may however differ according to

- the individual needs of each student
- the expertise and resources available
- the level and type of course that the student is following

## Academic Study Programme

The academic element of a student's programme will consist of between 16 and 22 taught hours. This will be broken down into subject areas at whichever level the student is working. A Level subjects are generally taught four times a week whereas, vocational subjects which are equivalent to two or three A levels, will have between 9 and 12 sessions a week.

At Level 2 and below there are a wide variety of programmes with differing amounts of time; each dependent upon need. GCSE English and Mathematics, for example, are given considerable study time to ensure students progress quickly. As well as the formally taught sessions, students are supported by academic study sessions, and those with specific learning needs have additional support as outlined in our support document.

Sessions are currently delivered in a variety of ways across the two campuses and according to the student programme and are designed to underpin the main taught element of each academic programme.

## What elements make up the Academic Study Programme at each level?

### Regent Road Campus

Level of programme	Type of programme	Consisting of
Level 3 Year 2	Exam Focus	3 A levels  STEP – A session during which students prepare and apply for University, Apprenticeships or Employment
	Coursework Focus	L3 BTEC or OCR qualifications equivalent to 3 A levels  Subject specific study sessions  STEP – A session during which students prepare and apply for University, Apprenticeships or Employment

	Hybrid Focus	1 or 2 A Levels plus BTEC or OCR qualifications equivalent to a total of 3 A levels  Subject specific study sessions  STEP – A session during which students prepare and apply for University, Apprenticeships or Employment
Level 3 Year 1	Exam Focus	3 A levels
	Coursework Focus	L3 BTEC or OCR qualifications equivalent to 3 A levels  Subject specific study sessions
	Hybrid Focus	1 or 2 A Levels plus BTEC or OCR qualifications equivalent to a total of 3 A levels  Subject specific study sessions
Level 2	Exam Focus	GCSE English and/or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved  2 or 3 GCSEs to ensure a student can achieve a total of 5 GCSEs including their prior achievement
	Coursework Focus	GCSE English and/or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved  L2 Diploma or 2 L2 Extended Certificates or a L2 Diploma and a L2 Extended Certificate to ensure a student can achieve a total of 5 GCSE equivalent qualifications including their prior achievement
	Hybrid Focus	GCSE English and/or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved  A combination of L2 qualifications to ensure a student can achieve a total of 5 GCSE equivalent qualifications including their prior achievement
Level 1		GCSE English and/or Maths where grade 3 has not yet been achieved  A Level 1 Employability qualification with some subject focused units
Entry Levels		Functional Skills English and Maths where grade 2 has not yet been achieved – this is heavily weighted towards English  ICT Functional Skills

### University Road Campus

Level of programme	Type of programme	Consisting of
Level 3 Year 2	Exam focus	3 or 4 A levels  Group and 1:1 sessions with Progress Coach  Timetabled Subject Support sessions  Examinable Extension course or weekly timetabled Enrichment sessions  A range of online learning activities  GCSE English or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved

	Hybrid focus	<p>1 or 2 A levels plus 1 or 2 OCR qualifications of equal value</p> <p>Group and 1:1 sessions with Progress Coach</p> <p>Timetabled Subject Support sessions</p> <p>Examinable Extension course or weekly timetabled Enrichment sessions</p> <p>A range of online learning activities</p> <p>GCSE English or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved</p>
Level 3 Year 1	Exam focus	<p>3 or 4 A levels</p> <p>Group and 1:1 sessions with Progress Coach</p> <p>Timetabled Subject Support sessions</p> <p>Weekly timetabled Enrichment sessions</p> <p>A range of online learning activities</p> <p>GCSE English or Maths where grade 4 has not yet been achieved</p>
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### **Enrichment and Extension offer – student entitlement**

The enrichment programme has been designed to support learning, encourage the development of new skills and interests, enhance existing skills and prepare students for life after WQE. There are strands of activity from which to choose. Guidance on enrichment choices is offered at enrolment.

The information below outlines the additional activities and courses on offer at each campus and the requirement for participation to ensure a full study programme is developed and followed.

Additionally there are numerous activities in which to get involved that do not form a formal part of the enrichment programme, for example student led societies and events.

## What else do we offer that supports a study programme?

### Regent Road

What we offer.	Who can access this.	Who provides this.	How this is accessed.
Enrichment	All students are expected to take an enrichment course in addition to their main academic programme. This is usually one block per week	Teachers and support staff	Chosen alongside academic programme at enrolment.
Social Action Projects	All students	Curriculum Areas and Learning Development staff.	Study Plus
Extension	EPQ - Students who have gained a specified set of entry qualifications	Teachers	Chosen alongside academic programme at enrolment EPQ
	All students who do not complete the EPQ	Learning Development staff	Study Plus
Work Experience	All students	Curriculum Areas	Designed into courses by the curriculum team; ensuring all learners have this opportunity

### University Road

What do we offer?	Who can access this?	Who provides this?	How is this accessed?
Enrichment	<p>All students are expected to take an enrichment course alongside their main academic programme. This is usually one block per week.</p> <p>Students who follow a programme of four full Level 3 courses are <i>not required</i> to choose an enrichment also.</p> <p>Students studying GSCE English or Maths alongside a programme of three full Level 3 courses are <i>not required</i> to choose an enrichment also.</p>	Teachers and support staff	Chosen alongside academic programme at enrolment.

Student led societies	All students	Student society leaders – supported and overseen by staff in Student Services	Information by email, signage and through WQE on-line. Just turn up!
Extension	<p>A small number of one year qualifications offered to Year 2 students to supplement or extend their main academic programme.</p> <p>Students who choose an extension option in year 2 alongside a programme of full three full Level 3 courses are <i>not required</i> to choose an enrichment also.</p>	Teachers	Chosen alongside academic programme at Yr 2 enrolment. Level 3 Extended Project Qualification is by application
Work Experience	All students	<p>Curriculum Areas</p> <p>Careers Education Manager</p>	<p>Designed into vocational courses.</p> <p>By application</p>

The full University Road Campus enrichment programme offer can be found on the WQE website and on WQE online (once enrolled)