

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 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 80% 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 two spacious, attractive sites 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 BTEC and 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://wqe.ac.uk/our-courses/>

What are the entry requirements?

A Levels	<p>We normally expect applicants to have achieved the equivalent of good GCSE passes in at least six subjects, these must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate the suitability for Advanced Level study • have been achieved at Grade 4/C as a minimum • include two at Grade 5/B as a minimum • include English Language - a minimum of grade 4/C <p>Mathematics - If not achieved within the scope of above should normally be achieved at a minimum of grade 3 (D). If mathematics is not achieved at grade 4 (C) then it will be a requirement to continue to study at the correct level until a grade 4 is achieved. Subjects with a mathematical content will require a higher grade.</p>
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Full Advanced Applied programme (BTEC and/or Cambridge Technical)	We normally expect applicants to have achieved the equivalent of a minimum of five GCSEs, at Grades A*-C/4–9, including English Language, from a mixture of GCSEs and equivalents
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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://wqe.ac.uk/our-courses/>) 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 if, for any reason, the student is not able to take up a place. However, if the College were to be unable to offer an applicant a place, £75 of the administration fee will be refunded less any bank charges incurred in any refund.
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.
7. The full first year fee payment or first instalment of the first year fees must be paid prior to enrolment.

Accommodation

Please be aware that the College is unable to provide accommodation for students.

Home Office

Information relating to your application may be passed to the Home Office for purposes connected with immigration. Under the terms of our 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](#)
- [Student Visa](#)

Evidence of Funds Required

When you apply for your visa, you may need to provide evidence that you can support yourself during your time in the UK.

Sponsored Student Visa applicants usually must have had at least £9,207 (£1,023 per month for nine months) in a bank account for at least 28 days at the time of visa application to meet the UKVI “financial requirement”. This amount is in addition to any course fees that may remain outstanding. Bank statements must be dated no more than 31 days prior to the date you make your visa application. Please note that you must be able to provide evidence that these funds are in a personal bank account in the name of the enrolling student or in the name of his / her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and not in a business or trust account.

You can demonstrate access to funds with bank statements for the last 6 months. Bank statements must be in your name, or in the name of your parent(s) / guardian and cover at least one month before you submit your application and dated no more than 31 days prior to making your application, showing that you meet the financial requirements.

Further information regarding this can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money>

Tuberculosis Tests

Residents from certain countries who come to the UK to study for more than six months will need to take a tuberculosis (TB) test and provide your test results as part of the visa application process. The list of countries subject to TB testing and the approved TB testing clinics are listed on the Home Office [here](#). Please note that some countries don't have approved testing centres and, if so, you'll need to get tested in a neighbouring country.