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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

At WQE, we have a simple but passionate view that a great education is about more than achieving great results. We are committed to preparing you well for a successful future as a young professional. We will challenge you, while working with you to pursue and achieve your ambitions – and supporting you every step of the way.

We believe the quality, range, and flexibility of our curriculum offer is unrivalled. We have invested heavily in our buildings and facilities to create an ideal academic environment, perfectly located alongside the University's own inspiring campus in the heart of Leicester.

We are proud of the support and care available for our students. At WQE, you will be joining a welcoming, considerate, and highly motivated community. Your creativity and curiosity will be encouraged; your commitment will be recognised and valued.

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These are exciting times at WQE. In fact there has never been a better time to study with us. So why not take a closer look at what we have to offer you and your future. You can find out more through the virtual tour on our website and by visiting us in person.

We strive to bring the very best – the extraordinary – out of each and every one of our students, and look forward to being able to welcome you into our College in the future.



Paul Wilson
Principal

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INTRODUCTION



Our courses



Explore your potential with 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.

Hands-on learning for real-world success

Our courses are designed with your future in mind. They feature fantastic and relevant learning taught by skilled specialists. In your time with us, you will develop the skills and understanding to prepare you for the exciting journey to becoming a young professional.

Focus on academic excellence

We understand that achieving great results is crucial. That's why we focus on matching you with the perfect programme, and providing extensive support to help you succeed. Our personalised approach ensures you can reach and exceed your goals.

Join us, and discover the perfect set of courses to shape your future!



Our courses

Advanced Level: A Levels and Level 3 Vocational Courses

Most WQE students enrol on a two-year, advanced-level programme.

WQE offers an exceptionally wide range of advanced-level courses. This gives us vast flexibility for time-tabling students' personalised programmes; almost all combinations are possible.

Advanced-level courses:

Are a continuation of the kind of education you experienced on your GCSE courses, but with greater specialisation and depth.

Include A Levels and a range of other Level 3 vocational courses.

Cover many subjects with which you are familiar – English, History, Chemistry, Maths, for example – and many others that will be new to you, such as Psychology, Law, Accounting, Ancient History, Film Studies, and Electronics. You have a huge range of subjects from which to choose.

Vary widely in content – Photography is obviously different to Physics – but all develop your academic and intellectual skills. For some subjects, practical skills are an essential part of the course.

Are assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework. In most subjects, examinations carry greater weight.

Lead to many options in higher education and employment.

Include courses of a more vocational or applied nature. These have many of the same characteristics as other advanced-level courses, but have stronger links with the world of employment. For these subjects, assessment relies more on coursework than on examinations.

Often have specific entry criteria.

When planning your programme, you should consider:

1. Your likely GCSE achievement
2. Your interests
3. How studying a subject may prepare or qualify you for what you want to do after WQE

To study a subject at A Level that you have already taken at GCSE, you should normally have achieved at least grade 4 or 5 in that subject at GCSE.

Our courses

These are the Level 3 courses we plan to offer for 2025 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)



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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



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Our courses

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

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)



Physics, Computing, and ICT

- Computer Science A Level
- Electronics A Level
- ICT BTEC Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- ICT BTEC Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)
- ICT BTEC 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



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All qualifications are offered subject to accreditation and funding following the Department for Education Post 16 Curriculum and Assessment Review announced in July 2024.

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.

The combination that's right for you.

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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.



Working with our Young Professionals Unit, you will complete a core programme that includes English and Maths GCSEs and a Higher Project Qualification. The programme and the Young Professionals Unit prepare you for the demands of Level 3 study.

In addition to your core programme, you choose one of the pathways outlined below. You must take all subjects within your chosen pathway.

If you make a success of your core programme and pathway choice, you should be able to continue your studies with us at Level 3.

At Level 3, you can take a tailored study programme formed from A Levels, vocational options, or Cambridge Advanced Nationals (AAQ) courses.

All students will complete their core programme of English and Maths GCSEs alongside our Young Professionals Unit, which has been designed to prepare students for the demands of Level 3 study and includes completion of a Higher Project Qualification.

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

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

Science & Health

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

Sport

- Sport Level 2
- Psychology GCSE
- Biology GCSE

Visual Arts

- Graphics GCSE
- Photography GCSE
- Fine Art GCSE
- Film Studies GCSE



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.

In addition to the Study Programme entry criteria, specific subject criteria may also apply, see our website for details.

Apply

Your route to WQE College



1

Information and guidance

You'll receive information and guidance through your school about the options available to you once you reach the age of 16. These may include visits or presentations from WQE staff.

2

Open Day (2 November)

Our Open Day gives you and your family a chance to visit the College, meet teachers and current students, and learn more about our courses and facilities.

3

Application

To apply to study at WQE, use your school's PS16 portal. If your school doesn't have PS16, you can apply directly via the PS16 portal on the WQE website. Your application must reach us by 31 January 2025.

4

Application decision

After the deadline date, we will review your application promptly and, if you're suitably qualified, make you an offer. Students needing further guidance may be contacted by our Admissions Team.

5

Offer holders event

This is a great opportunity for you to talk to WQE subject staff, and agree a provisional programme of study.

6

Welcome to WQE

Get to know us better – this is your chance to experience college life as a WQE student.

7

Enrolment

During enrolment you'll have access to advice and guidance that reflect your actual GCSE results. It's essential that we enrol you on the right courses.



Being ambitious and striving to make the most of our talents and resources, prioritising learning and personal development, support where needed to overcome challenges or improve outcomes.

COMMITMENT

Teaching and learning – people strategy

We want WQE to be a place where your learning journey is the best it can be. To support your progress, we will provide you with a broad range of staff who are completely invested in your success.

We have been working hard to ensure that WQE is not just a fantastic place to come and learn, but a fantastic place to come and work. That's why we've put teaching and learning at the heart of our People Strategy.

The whole team here at WQE, from the Estates Team to the Principal, care about how their role helps to develop you and your fellow students into the young professionals of the future. Our teachers are experts in their subjects, offering in-depth subject knowledge and personalised teaching methods.

Their mission is to ensure that you reach your potential.

Our Personal Progress Mentors and our Welfare and Skills Team work closely with your teachers to provide the wraparound support that brings success, no matter what barriers you face, large or small. All of this is underpinned by the hard work of the other college teams who provide the services you need to complete your studies, explore extracurricular opportunities, and make your application for the next step of your life journey.



Development and progression

Your future starts here at WQE

At WQE, we are dedicated to helping you achieve a positive outcome after college, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, or another path. We provide the support, impartial advice, and guidance you need to help you make your next steps towards a successful and fulfilling future.

Rapid progress and real-world experience

Our support extends to all students, including those in progression support, ESOL provision, and Level 1 programmes, many of whom progress to advanced-level studies and beyond. For students in vocational programmes, we have strong links with employers, providing formal work-experience opportunities.



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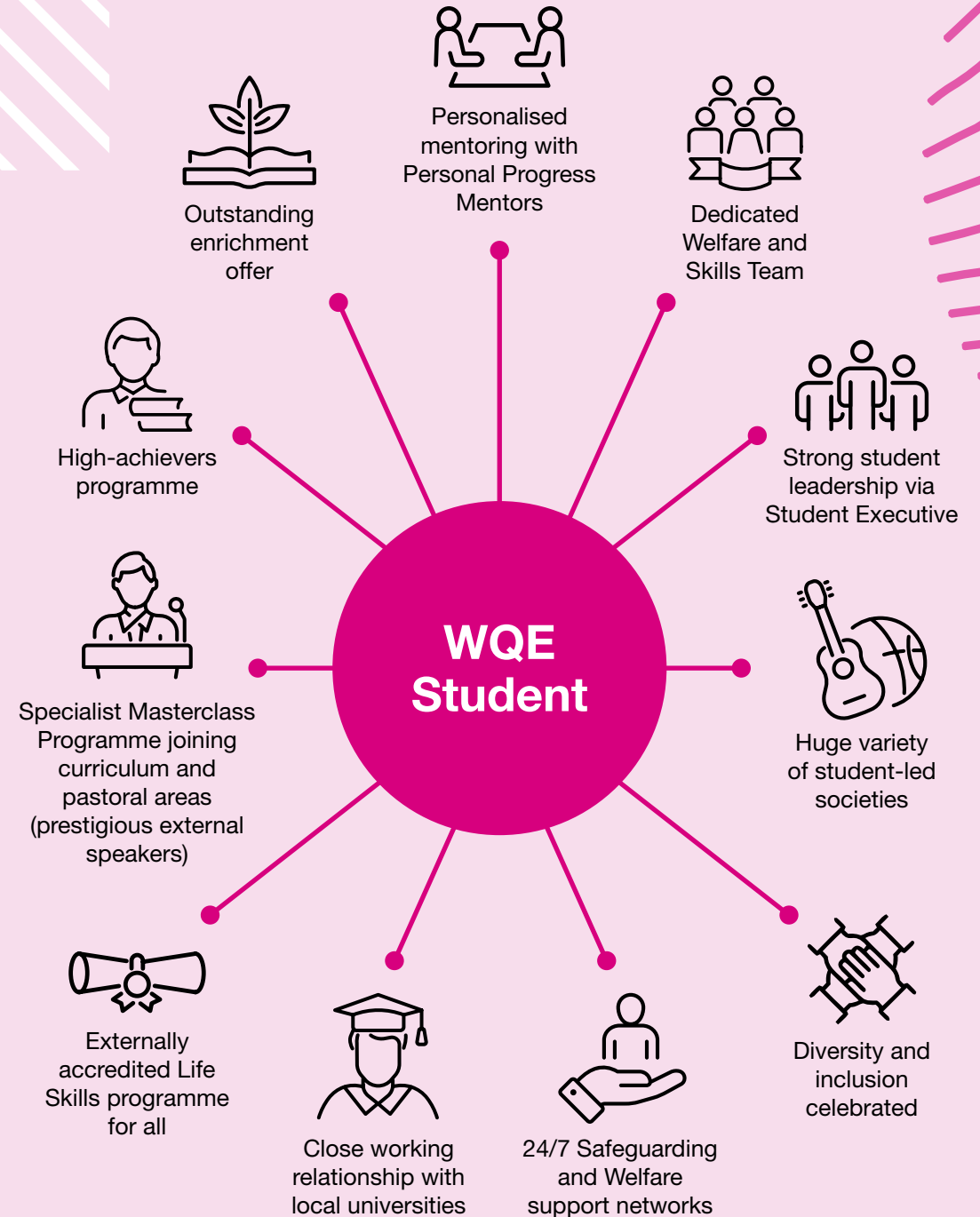
Pathways to success: expert guidance and valuable connections

Our strong relationships with universities make it easier for you to transition to higher education. Those relationships sometimes lead to preferential offers. Each year, many of our students gain admission to top universities or start successful careers as young professionals. Our careers and progression staff also organise events, workshops, and talks with local businesses to help you gain the knowledge and skills needed for the world beyond WQE. From work shadowing to employability workshops, we ensure you're well-prepared for what comes next.

Our values and your potential

At WQE, we ask from you only what we ask of ourselves: to be open, honest, committed, and motivated to be your best. We're proud of our traditional values of hard work and respect, and of our rich reputation within the community. We understand that your journey is unique to you, so our detailed, personalised approach ensures you can reach and exceed your goals. The one most important thing you will learn from us is how much you can achieve.

Join WQE, and take the first step towards a successful and fulfilling future!



Digital strategy

The constantly changing digital landscape that surrounds you is reflected at WQE by our investment in new technologies, new digital equipment, and training for our staff to support you. These are exciting times with new developments entering the curriculum all the time.

We are always looking for ways to maximise your experience using our current facilities, while also developing our plans for the digital age. We are a Microsoft 365 learning organisation, and are upskilling our staff to take full advantage of the available teaching tools, while utilising all of the software to make our processes more efficient for you.

We encourage students to bring and use their own devices, and provide full access to our Wi-Fi network. If this isn't a possibility for you, you will have access to hardware in classrooms and study centres. Everyone has access to what they need.

We keep ourselves at the forefront of evolving new technology to support your learning, and to aid your transition to future employment. Our pilot project in the virtual-reality learning environment is a good example.

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The College is also keen to use AI technology. We recognise that AI creates opportunities as well as challenges, but we also know that your future will inevitably involve this technology. So it's our responsibility to provide you with an education that embraces the opportunities of AI while helping you understand its challenges so you can use it responsibly.



Safeguarding

We know that some members of our College community need more support than others. We also know that it's our moral imperative to do everything we can to support our college community.

We have a dedicated Safeguarding Team who use the latest technology and University networks to create a safe and welcoming community. Our SafeZone App gives you access to their support immediately. And if you need it, our Whisper service lets you talk anonymously to the Safeguarding Team.

We encourage all students to reach out to us whenever they're experiencing challenges. When College is open, you can call us on our safeguarding freephone number 0800 061 4222.

We work closely with a wide range of academic and welfare services at WQE, tailoring support to individual need. We have a long-established strong safeguarding and welfare culture at WQE and know that it has never been so important to take care of each other.



Scan here to
find more
information
on safeguarding



Pursuit of excellence, focus positively on the future, celebrate and recognise achievements especially when challenges are overcome or ambitious goals are achieved, stretching and supporting to help make progress.

CHALLENGE



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.



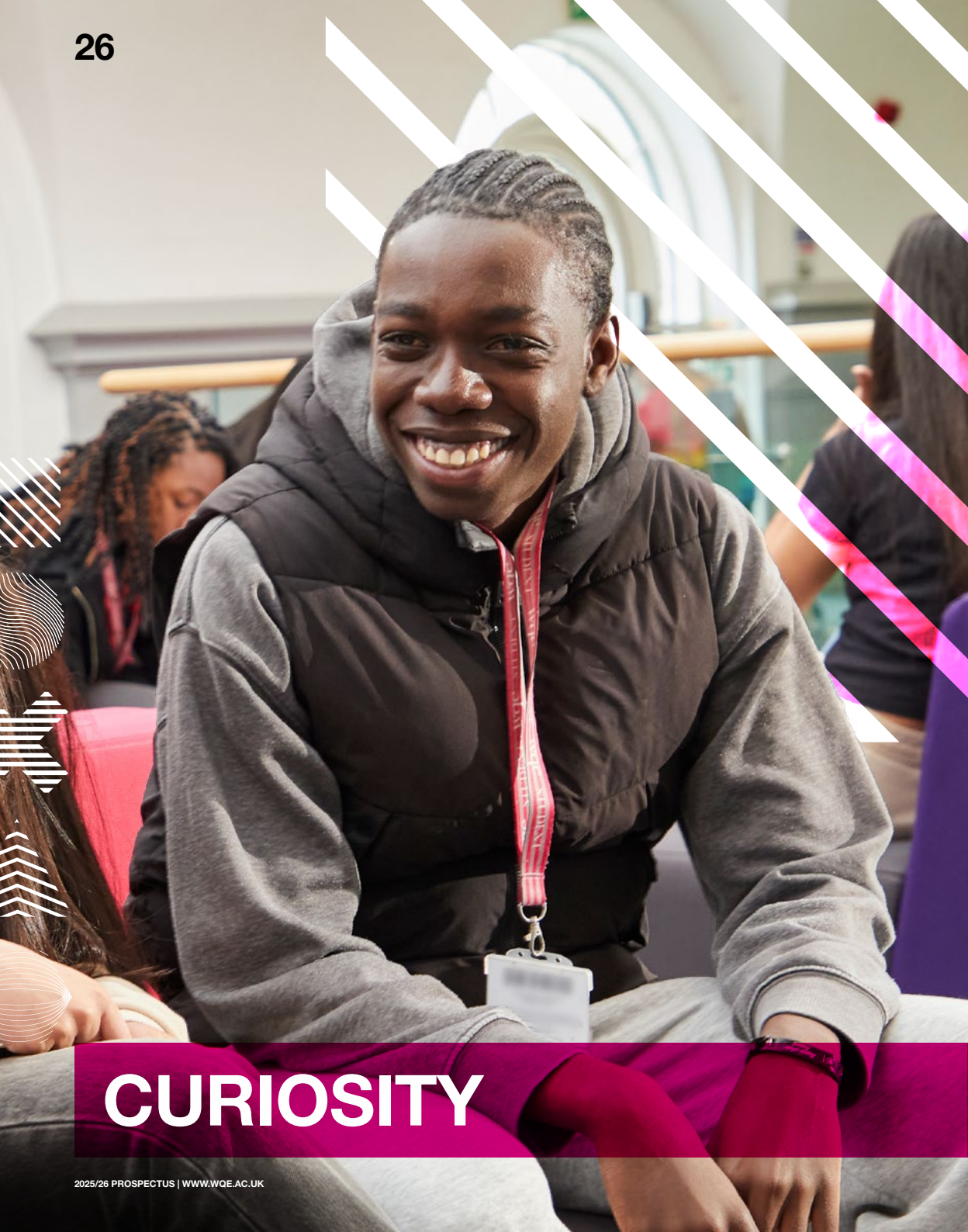
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Extension subjects

Expand your horizons at WQE

Many WQE students choose to take an additional qualification alongside their main programme. If you're suitably qualified, you can complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The EPQ is a research-based project that develops essential independent study skills for higher-education success.

Join WQE, and make the most of your educational journey!



CURIOSITY



Enrichment

Enrich your experience at WQE

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.

Choose your path

During enrolment, you'll have the chance to select an enrichment course alongside your main programme. With a broad selection to explore, you're sure to find something that interests you and adds to your overall experience at WQE.

Discover more

For detailed information on the courses and their content, visit our website.

Join us at WQE, and
make the most of
your college journey!



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Sport and physical activity opportunities – a chance for everyone to get involved

WQE College has a range of great facilities across the two campuses, giving you a chance to get involved in a wide choice of sport and physical activities. Our unique enrichment programmes offer a way for every student to stay active. Your choices cover traditional competitive team sports, recreational sports, fitness activities, non-traditional activities, leadership, volunteering, and health for life.

Each individual sport or physical-activity-enrichment course has its own target audience. Look under the headings to find out what suits you best.

Competitive team sports

Competitive teams play in AOC regional leagues, AOC National Cups, AOC regional events, Team Leicestershire competitions, and Leicestershire County Competitions.

Teams include:

- Men's Football
- Women's Football
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Men's Rugby
- Women's Rugby
- Men's Cricket
- Women's Cricket
- Netball
- Men's, Women's, and Mixed Badminton
- Men's, Women's, and Mixed Volleyball
- Men's and Women's Table Tennis

Fitness

Fitness based enrichments for those students who want to be physically active and use the College fitness-suite facilities

Sessions include:

- Strength and Conditioning (beginners)
- Strength and Conditioning (advanced)
- Olympic Lifting
- Women's Gym Fitness
- Couch to 5km
- Yoga
- Dance Fitness
- Cross Fit

Physical activities

Recreational sport and physical activities are for students who want to play and improve their skills and fitness. You will have opportunities to participate in internal competitions.

Sessions include:

- Badminton
- Outdoor Football
- Indoor Football
- Multisport
- Table Tennis
- Women's Rugby
- Basketball
- Netball
- Volleyball

Sports development opportunities

Sessions include:

- AOC leadership programme
- Leadership and Coaching
- First Aid and Sports Injuries
- Careers in Sport

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Learning beyond the classroom

Community projects and volunteering provide you with invaluable opportunities to make a difference, meet new people, learn from others, and develop skills such as organising and leading. You'll find a huge range of volunteering opportunities within the College or through student groups, peer mentoring, and the work of the Student Executive Team.

We'll also encourage and support you to develop charitable projects, locally or further afield. As well as encouraging you to make a difference, we want to inspire your curiosity and raise your awareness of global issues or perspectives. You could link with local schools, for example, by supporting reading or acting as a Sports Volunteer and getting involved in primary-school Tag Rugby tournaments or leading school sports days. Our students are our best ambassadors and are very active in supporting various events, including helping to promote the College.

Look out for our Student Ambassadors when you come to our Open Day.



Encouraging a love of learning, supporting students to be curious and aspirational about their future, sharing creativity, exploration and innovation.

WQE students have access to a vast array of trips and visits each year. Trips are linked to the subjects you take, the societies you join, and the competitions in which you take part. They all add an extra dimension to College life, and create some of your most memorable and influential experiences.

Some of the international destinations our students have visited include Iceland, Rome, Venice, New York, and Berlin. National trips have taken them to London for arts events and the Supreme Court, and to Sheringham. Others trips are more local: they include the National Space Centre and New Walk Museum. These are just some examples of learning outside the classroom; there are many more. You can keep up to date on trips and visits that students undertake by visiting the news section of our website.

We are also well supported by the Wyggeston Foundation and Old Wyggestonian Association, both of which can help significantly reduce the costs of trips and visits that enhance the experience of our students.



Skills and employability

Developing skills and growing as a young professional

We're committed at WQE to nurturing your individual interests and preparing you for your future journey. Beyond academic subjects, we focus on developing your technical, personal, and social skills to equip you for success in a changing world. We'll give you personalised guidance to tailor your programme and explore new opportunities that align with your goals. Whether you're set on a specific path or exploring options, our supportive community and inclusive environment will help you develop into a responsible, independent young adult.

Join WQE to discover your potential, gain confidence, and make a positive impact on your future and the world around you.

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Open and honest, building trust, respect and understanding of different contexts and perspectives, consideration of our impact on others and the environment.

CONSIDERATION



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.

We offer a wide range of services to meet your needs. That could include access to any of the following: mentoring, quiet spaces, group workshops, counselling, and exam access arrangements.

We welcome applications from all students for whom we can offer a suitable course. We recognise the potential within students who have already overcome the challenge of coping with an illness, impairment, or disability. Our Welfare and Skills Team will work with you from the application stage to course completion. Please help us to support you by letting us know at the time of your application if you have any specific needs.

Scan the QR code below to find out more about the services and support available in the Welfare and Skills Department.



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Financial support

Financial support, through the 16-19 Bursary Fund, is available to students whose household income is below £33,000. Bursaries are based on individual need and can include support for the cost of transport, meals, educational trips, or other course-related costs.



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Welcoming, safe and supportive, enabling a sense of belonging, identifying opportunities, sharing and adding value, promotion of British Values.

COMMUNITY

Outstanding facilities

Our extensive, leafy campuses and specialist facilities make WQE an attractive place to study. Split over two sites, we have more outdoor space for sport and leisure than any other local college.

We also have extensive study and learning resources. They range from traditional and inspiring library spaces to IT study centres and multiple supervised study rooms. There are fitness suites, creative spaces, and great social and dining facilities.

Our twin campuses offer extensive and modern specialist sports facilities, enabling a wide range of sports for competition and participation. They include tennis, netball, basketball, and futsal courts, as well as cricket, rugby, and football pitches.

Teaching and learning at WQE takes place in purpose-built, specialist accommodation.

In J Building we have a state-of-the-art facility for art, design, graphics, photography, textiles, and ceramics, as well as wood and metal workshops. It also houses a café, art gallery, dark rooms, and drama and music studios.

Our science laboratories are designed for each individual science. They are modelled and equipped to incorporate specialist facilities for science teaching and learning.

WQE study areas have relevant and stimulating materials and learning facilities which provide a calm and well-equipped independent study area. As a student, you'll have access to over 22,000 current publications, e-books, and online study platforms supporting all aspects of the WQE curriculum and more.

The College has extensive, safe, and pleasant grounds for socialising, and a modern sports-hall complex with a high-specification gym.

Our multiple Learning Resource Centres provide large, open, flexible learning spaces with networked computers. They give you access to our Virtual Learning Environment, the internet, subject-specific software, and Office applications.

WQE Online gives you online access to information and resources. These resources come in both general form and in formats specific to courses. You also have specific student-level access that lets you track or reach information relevant to yourself.



Extensive and modern IT facilities help you produce high-quality coursework using a variety of software packages, including industry-standard software relevant to your course.

As a WQE student, you also benefit from our estate and the high-quality buildings of Leicester's established learning quarter, which includes the University of Leicester. Many curriculum teams have links with University counterparts, and for some projects or independent work, students have access to the University's David Wilson Library.

Students also have opportunities to work in collaboration with University of Leicester PhD students on projects that support the local community, such as environmental sustainability and equality and diversity.

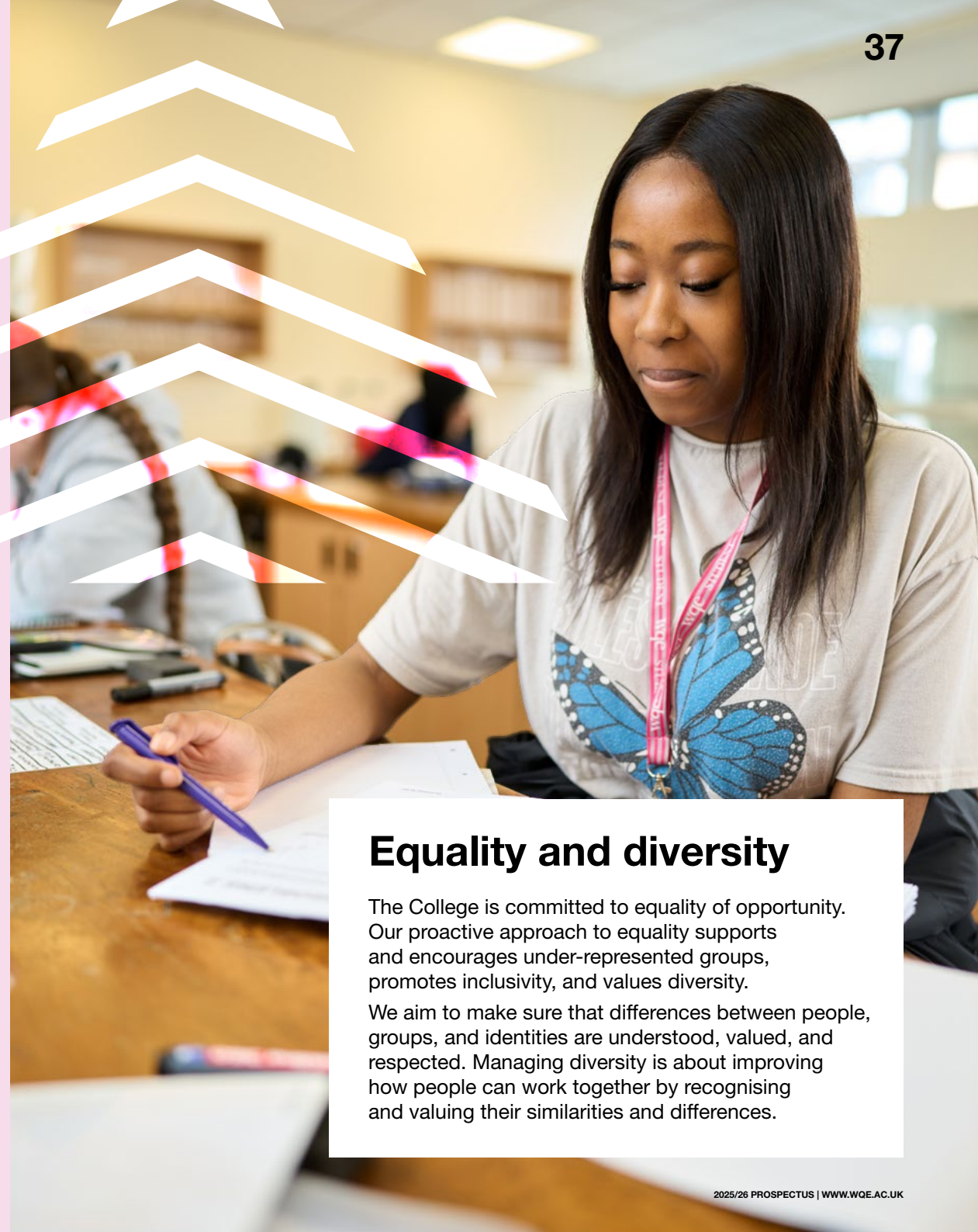
You can also use other University facilities, including the bookshop and cashpoints.

Our proximity to the University campus creates a fabulous environment. It gives you the space to grow, and the time, freedom, and opportunities to express and to challenge yourself.



Our Estates Strategy emphasises the need for ongoing investment across both campuses. Our aim is to continue to refurbish and remodel the accommodation to create additional thriving and vibrant teaching and learning facilities that deliver an outstanding learning experience for all our students. The Strategy also includes a programme of planned maintenance over the medium to long term. We hope to develop the Strategy to include future decarbonisation projects.

The speed at which we can deliver our Estates Strategy depends on the availability of capital funding for sixth-form colleges.



Equality and diversity

The College is committed to equality of opportunity. Our proactive approach to equality supports and encourages under-represented groups, promotes inclusivity, and values diversity.

We aim to make sure that differences between people, groups, and identities are understood, valued, and respected. Managing diversity is about improving how people can work together by recognising and valuing their similarities and differences.



“As a Student Governor, I am most interested in observing and learning how the governing body enact change and being able to comment on issues I feel strongly about.”

Ibrahim – Student Governor

Student voice and parent or carer views

We pride ourselves on building effective relationships with all our students and their parents or carers. To support this, we take opportunities throughout the academic year to gather feedback via questionnaires, focus groups, and webinars.

Most importantly, we set out to be open and approachable to maintain an ongoing dialogue between all elements of the College community. At the end of each formal survey of student opinion, we ask a simple question:

Would you recommend this College to your friends? The answer is a resounding ... YES!



Student governor

The College's governing body, the Corporation, includes two Student Governors with full voting rights. The Student Governors are elected by our students, and are able to bring before the Corporation any issues they feel are of importance.

Student Executive

We want our students to help shape the College's character and its future development. Students' views matter to us; we listen to them and respond.

Our Student Executive is the recognised student representative association in the College.

The Student Executive aims to:

- Represent the views of College.
- Be the voice of students – to tell us what you want.
- Help make your time here at WQE as enjoyable as possible.
- Organise charity and other events for all students to unite and experience new things, including Culture Day and Pride Celebrations.



Student societies

WQE has a fantastic range of student-led societies which meet on a Tuesday afternoon. Societies give you an opportunity to meet new people with shared interests and to develop skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork. Through their societies, students have arranged activities, hosted guest speakers, and – with great success – participated in national competitions. New ideas for societies are always welcome. Speak to the Student Services Team to find out more.

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Sustainability

At WQE, we are on an exciting and transformative journey towards a greener and more sustainable future. We are committed to, and ambitious in creating, a more sustainable College and equipping our students with the future skills they need for greener, sustainable careers.

We recognise that sustainable development means more than just making improvements to the environment. It should focus on three key areas: **People, Planet, and Product**. Throughout the curriculum, we are raising awareness and promoting action on environmental issues, and becoming more sustainable through dedicated enrichment programmes and embedding the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals across the College curriculum.

Our estate and related activities:

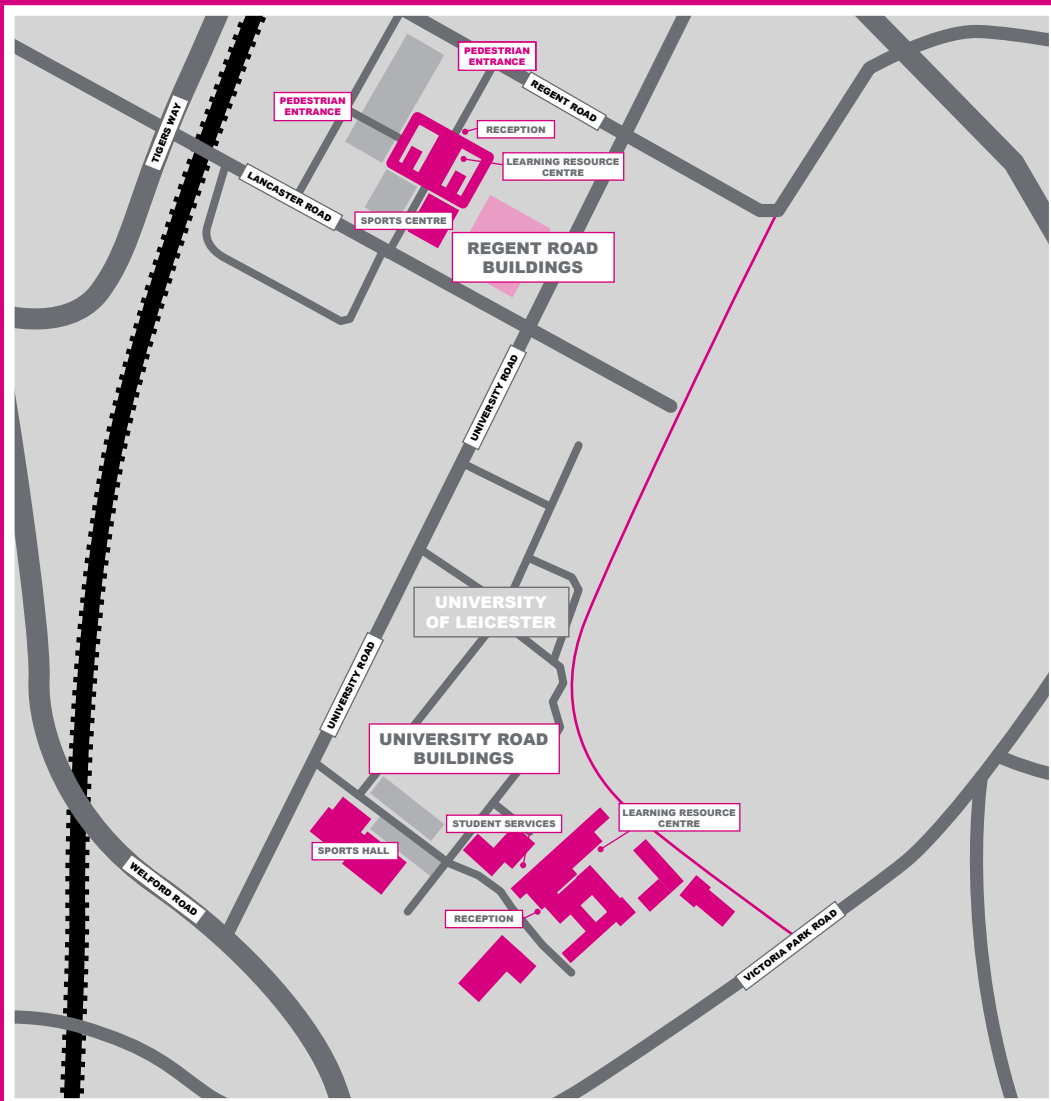
- Work within DfE guidelines to set science-based targets, ensuring we play our part in reducing public-sector emissions.
- Seek opportunities for partnership working in the city to maximise our use of renewable energy sources.
- Consider the installation of smart meters and energy-management systems to reduce bills and usage, including voltage optimisation.
- Establish a print strategy to significantly reduce the numbers of printers on our campuses.

- Seek grant funding to adapt our buildings towards the aspiration of achieving net zero for all of our buildings.
- Review carbon-reduction opportunities in each of the next phases of delivery of our Estates Masterplan, adapting existing buildings and designing new ones to respond to climate change and reduce emissions. Seek specific grant opportunities to support public-sector decarbonisation work.
- Introduce an LED lighting replacement programme in conjunction with each phase of our Estates Masterplan.
- Encourage sustainable transport options by reviewing our car-parking usage and introducing electric-vehicle charging points. Seek grant funding for electric charging points.
- Review our waste strategy to increase levels of recycling across both campuses.



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](https://www.thetrainline.com)

Open Day:
2 November, 9:00am – 3:00pm

The best way to find out more about the College and our courses is to visit us.

**Join us at our Open Day:
Saturday, 2 November
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