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THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME 2018/19

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WELCOME

TO WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE

At Wigan & Leigh College we believe that an outstanding education can transform lives. The academic success and personal development of each of our students is central to all that we do.

Securing a place at some of the UK's top universities has become more competitive than previous years, mainly due to the A Level reform. In order to ensure our students demonstrate exceptional commitment to a specific career path above and beyond the traditional three A Levels, we have developed The Professional Honours Programme.

This unique programme has been designed as a result of our established partnerships with top universities and high profile employers and is only available to Wigan & Leigh College students.

This exclusive programme offers students the opportunity to combine traditional academic study alongside professional qualifications and work experience. This means that our students can secure places at their chosen universities or with prestigious employers as higher apprentices.

Our academic tutors ensure students receive excellent tuition and support to reach their full potential. We have a strong pastoral system that combines care and support for students with careful monitoring of their academic and personal progress.

We are very proud of our students' achievements and over 400 students progress to some of the leading universities each year. We look forward to you joining us in September 2018.

ANNA DAWE
PRINCIPAL



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EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

This programme has been designed in response to the findings of some of the UK's best universities and leading businesses. Collectively, they have identified a need for students to be equipped with both the academic knowledge and practical skills required to succeed at university level study and to achieve their career aspirations.

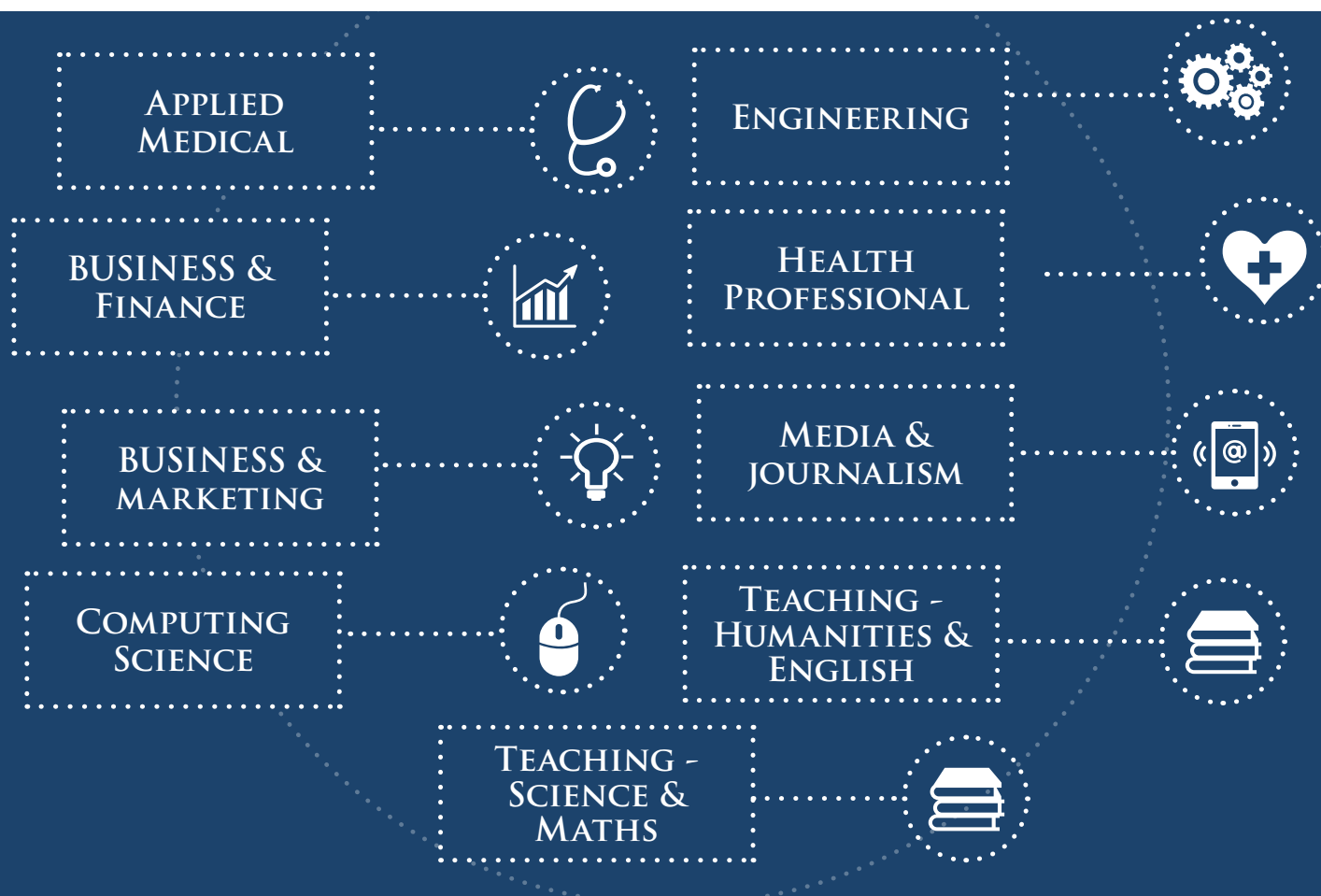
WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME?

We are offering students the opportunity to exceed the traditional entry requirements of prestigious Russell Group universities and major employers.

Although each university defines its own entry requirements, there is a need for students to demonstrate commitment through relevant work experience and extra-curricular activities to support their university applications.

The Professional Honours Programme offers you the academic qualifications through A Level provision alongside essential professional related experiences. This comprehensive programme will help you build the skills and attributes required by top university admissions departments.

Students can choose one of the following Professional Honours Pathways:



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Academic knowledge:

- 3 complementary A Levels
- The opportunity to study 4 AS Levels in the first year

Professional Development Day - 1 day a week dedicated to:

- Work placement/Internship
- Extended Project Qualification
- Professional qualifications
- Charity work

Students are also supported with preparation for the UKCAT and BMAT qualifications (Medical and Veterinary Science admissions tests) as well as mock interviews.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

On The Professional Honours Programme we guarantee:

- An opportunity to apply for one of the £2000 scholarships that are available on the individual career pathways
- Small class sizes in chosen subject areas
- Additional academic support tutorials delivered individually or in small groups
- Support with preparation for UKCAT and BMAT qualifications, as well as mock interviews.
- Opportunities to undertake enterprise projects and compete in local and national competitions
- Enrichment opportunities that add value to applications for higher study and chosen careers including an enhanced guest speaker programme

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Professional Honours Programme provides students with the opportunity to study a portfolio of academic qualifications and an additional dedicated Professional Development Day each week throughout the academic year.

Students will benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements and experiences and voluntary work that will help you build the skills and attributes required by top universities and employers.

The additional nationally recognised qualifications and practical activities have all been carefully selected to provide you with the best opportunities to strengthen your university applications and prepare you for higher level study in your chosen career.

As part of the Professional Development Day all students will also take part in:

- Career related work placement/internship
- Charity fundraising activities
- Exam preparation
- Mock interviews for university and higher/degree apprenticeships
- UCAS preparation

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ allows you to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. You will:

- choose a topic
- plan, research and develop an idea
- produce a research based written report

Students are given the opportunity to explore a topic that is not directly taught in their A Level subjects. This qualification demonstrates individual creativity and adds depth to your university applications, in addition to providing UCAS points.



APPLIED MEDICAL

- First Aid qualification
- Extended Project Qualification
- Medical related work placement

BUSINESS

- Young Enterprise Company Programme
- Extended Project Qualification
- Work placement

COMPUTING SCIENCE

- Additional subject specific qualifications
- Extended Project Qualification
- Work placement

ENGINEERING

- Performing Engineering Operations qualification
- Extended Project Qualification
- Work placement

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

- First Aid qualification
- Extended Project Qualification
- Work placement

MEDIA & JOURNALISM

- Extended Project Qualification
- Observe a Journalist
- Contribute to the editing/writing of College or A Level newsletter
- Work with Computing students to build a "College news" app

TEACHING (PATHWAYS 1 & 2)

- Extended Project Qualification
- Tomorrow's Teachers Programme
- Work placement in local primary/secondary schools
- Contribute to the planning of the annual international field trip for A Level students

MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Medical Society from the College's A Level Professional Honours Programme took part in the dissection of a kidney as part of their training to advance into Medical School.

The class consisted of aspiring doctors and those wishing to progress into health care and nursing professions. Students learned about the functions of the kidney and were able to see its main structures and relate these to its role in removing waste from the blood and excretion from the body. The students also discussed kidney disease and dialysis as a treatment.

The experiment was organised to benefit the students who are a part of the Medical Society by giving them the skills needed to gain a place at medical school.

The dissection was part of the Professional Development Day which is a unique aspect of the A Level Professional Honours Programme. The day allows A Level students to widen their skills and knowledge in their chosen career and to gain additional qualifications. Students have so far undertaken work placements within global and local organisations as well as gain hands on experience in masterclasses at The University of Manchester.

Before the dissection India Latham, A Level Professional Honours Programme student on the Applied Medical pathway, said: "I've never dissected anything before but I really enjoy the Medical Society as it is preparing me for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) next year. I'm looking forward to future classes as they positively contribute to my academic studies."





QUESTION TIME

<< Students from Wigan & Leigh College shadowed members of the BBC and took part in a script rehearsal with presenter David Dimbleby ahead of BBC Question Time which was recently broadcast from Wigan.

U.S SPACE ENGINEER INSPIRES STUDENTS

>> Special guest lecture from Dr Paul Jaffe, a space engineer at the U.S Naval Research Laboratory delivered a masterclass via Skype from Washington D.C. He inspired the budding engineers, who are developing their research on solar energy in space.



<< MEDICAL DIRECTOR INSPIRES FUTURE MEDICS

Medical Director at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Umesh Prabhu, joined the College's A Level Professional Honours Programme students to inspire their future careers. The renowned medical professional who has previously met the Queen for his commitment to the National Health Service (NHS) is very proud and passionate about the NHS and has carried out extensive work on patient safety, quality and professionalism.



BBC COMPOSER

David Lowe, composer & music producer best known for his work on BBC News and programmes for ITV and Channel 4 came to speak to students about how he got into the industry, tips on how to get work experience and motivational anecdotes from his own experiences and successful career.

<< VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

A Level students were invited to Oxford University to experience life as a student at the prestigious university. Lectures and seminars, delivered by leading academics from the university, provided students with an insight into different subjects and a taste of what careers their successful alumni have gone on to do. A tour of the college by Oxford undergraduates proved to be a very inspiring experience for the students who are turning their dream into a very tangible reality.



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A LEVELS AT LEIGH COLLEGE

At Leigh College, if you can't find an A Level Professional Honours programme to suit your chosen career, then you can choose 3 A Levels (plus a further AS Level in year 1) from the following:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Economics
- English Combined
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- History
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

If you choose to mix and match your own A Levels you will partake in activities on the Professional Development Day. You will also experience a weekly study day where you will have the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification and gain valuable work experience. These additional A Levels are currently only available at Leigh College.

EMPLOYER SEAL OF APPROVAL

The A Level Professional Honours Programme has received the seal of approval from some of the UK's leading employers:

"Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Bridgewater) is a leading provider of community health services in the north west of England. We are very proud to be working in partnership with Wigan and Leigh College and over the years we have, and continue to deliver, many successful work experience placements, apprenticeships and cadet programmes in both healthcare and non-clinical roles.

We are proud to report that 100% of students report satisfaction with their placements with us and we will continue to develop programmes that clearly demonstrate the benefits of a career in the NHS."



Karla Rimaitis, Talent For Care Programme Facilitator
Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

"Wigan & Leigh College continue to positively support Sellafield Ltd by giving our employees valuable skills as well as the chance to gain a lot of experience and knowledge throughout their time with the College. The feedback we have had is always glowingly positive and it is a pleasure to work with a group of individuals that inspire and influence such ambition in others."



Kelly-Marie Fulton
Sellafield Ltd

"HUSCO International have chosen to partner with Wigan & Leigh College with the joint aim of providing valuable industrial experience whilst supporting students in achieving academic qualifications that will form the cornerstone of a rewarding career within Engineering"



Vicky Dunbar (HR Manager)
Husco International

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SAMPLING DAY



Aspiring A Level students visited the College for an exclusive insight into the innovative A Level Professional Honours Programme.

Students discovered the exciting curriculum on offer this September by visiting the College's dedicated Centre for Construction & Engineering and Parsons Walk Centre for A Level masterclasses.

Ambitious A Level students met with the College's dedicated team of academics who aim to provide students with a catalogue of experiences and opportunities developed to enable students to progress onto Oxbridge and other prestigious Russell Group universities.

Current students have participated in a wide range of masterclasses, including the opportunity to complete the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) which is an entry test for applicants to Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Biomedical Science and Dentistry courses at top universities.



Brandon Ainscough

Former School: Lowton High School
A Level Professional Honours Programme: Computing Science pathway

"I joined the programme to gain valuable professional and academic qualifications as well as work experience. I aspire to become a Higher Apprentice in computer security systems."



Caitlin Knowles

Former School: Harper Green High School
A Level Professional Honours Programme: Health Professional pathway

"Whilst at College there have been various trips and activities. One of the first things we did was take part in a first aid qualification, which I found was very enriching and will help with many future career options. We have also had the opportunity to participate with the Medical Mavericks workshop where we got to explore different medical equipment and learn about the medical field. The tutors have also contributed to the time at College, all tutors have been supportive whilst making sure of the enjoyment the subjects. "



Jack Reynolds

Former School: Bedford High School
A Level Professional Honours Programme: Engineering pathway

“I have always been interested in engineering. I have recently completed a work placement with HUSCO, a global engineering company. I am now being mentored by senior engineers at the organisation which I am sure will provide me with an excellent stepping stone into a career in engineering.”



Maria Babu

Former School: Albany Academy
A Level Professional Honours Programme: Applied Medical pathway

“Choosing the Applied Medical pathway on the A Level Professional Honours Programme has been the best decision I have made. This programme has given me the right foundations for my future towards applying for medicine at university. The teachers, small class size and the extra professional development day contributes towards perfecting my skills and abilities. I completed my 6 week work experience at Chorley Hospital which will enhance my personal statement for university. I thoroughly enjoy the course and would recommend it.”

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OUR ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS

We have brought together the very best tutors from across the UK to ensure you receive excellent teaching and support to achieve your potential.

As well as providing expertise and subject specialisms, our staff will ensure you receive additional academic support tutorials and an enhanced guest speaker programme to improve your learning and personal development.



TANYA EVANS

HEAD OF TEACHING & ACADEMIC STUDIES

Teaching professional, Tanya Evans, has a substantial amount of experience in developing students' abilities and confidence, enabling them to join some of the UK's most renowned universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. In addition to being an experienced educational professional, Tanya is also an Ofsted inspector.

"We will provide an outstanding learning experience for students, which will ultimately lead to them achieving their career aspirations."

Former Head of Department at Runshaw College



ANDY HARGREAVES

HEAD OF SCIENCE

Andy Hargreaves is a highly regarded science professional and academic tutor. He is renowned for achieving a 100% pass rate amongst his students and supporting them onto prestigious universities including Leeds, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh.

"I'm delighted to have joined a College which delivers a range of exciting curriculum in Science. My expertise, enthusiasm and dedication will enable our learners to develop exciting careers in Science."

Former Bradford Grammar School Teacher



PAUL MOLYNEUX

COMPUTING SCIENCE TUTOR

Paul Molyneux joined the College's A Level Professional Honours team to mentor the next generation of computing experts.

"My career began working in industry before moving into further and higher education. During my time in education I have helped develop the national computing A Level syllabus. The IT industry is exciting and rewarding and the Professional Honours Programme is a great platform to build the academic knowledge and skills needed to secure a place at some of the UK's top universities."

Former British Aerospace Computer Trainer



JONNY EVANS

PSYCHOLOGY TUTOR

Jonny Evans aims to inspire the next generation of Psychologists. The Bangor University graduate aims to provide the College's A Level students with a pathway into some of the country's most prestigious Russell Group universities.

"I have worked in outstanding colleges' inspiring and educating students onto Oxbridge, as well as other prestigious universities. I have provided students with a wealth of information which has enabled them to carve careers within politics, medicine and the police."

Former A Level Tutor at Runshaw College and Riverside College



DR MICK GRADY

CHEMISTRY TUTOR

Chemistry professional Dr Mick Grady has a wealth of industry and academic experience. During his Medicinal Chemistry degree at Newcastle University, Dr Mick Grady completed a twelve month work placement at Glaxo SmithKline which inspired him to gain his PhD in Organic Synthesis at Bristol University. He then headed to the USA to work as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Colorado State University. He spent seven years in the chemical industry before moving into further education.

"A Level Chemistry can offer students many opportunities beyond the laboratory. It can open up a vast amount of exciting career pathways with the scope to travel world-wide and become a professional in a wide-range of industries".

Former A Level Tutor at Holy Cross College



GARETH NEWMAN

ECONOMICS TUTOR

Gareth has a wealth of experience teaching A Level Economics and from working in International Banking. He has seen his students progress onto degrees in prestigious institutions such as Oxford University, Cambridge University and the London School of Economics.

"There are many reasons to study Economics. It allows you to understand the world in which we live, from why individuals and governments make decisions and what influences these choices. It is a rigorous and rewarding academic subject which is well respected by universities and employers alike and is an excellent basis for a career in many areas."

Former A Level Tutor at Highdown Sixth Form - Reading



SUZANNE GOTHEIMER

ENGLISH TUTOR

English enthusiast Suzanne has amazing skills in creative writing and wants to teach the next generation of English professionals. Suzanne completed her undergraduate and Master's degree at the University of Salford.

In the study of English A Level, the variety of assessment styles used, such as re-creative writing, essays and research-based investigative writing, allow students to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment. Remember, as a famous author once said;

"The only important thing in a book is the meaning that it has for you".

Former Master's degree student at the University of Salford

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING FACILITIES

Students who are successful in securing a place on The Professional Honours Programme will benefit from the exceptional learning facilities at the College. Engineering students will have access to industry standard equipment, at our Centre for Construction & Engineering – Pagefield Centre, during their Professional Development Day.

WIGAN CAMPUS

At the Wigan campus, you will enjoy the sixth form experience in our contemporary Professional Studies Building which has a unique and exciting atmosphere.

Students will benefit from our brand new purpose built science laboratories and state-of-the-art science resources.



LEIGH CAMPUS

At Leigh College, you will enjoy the sixth form experience in a vibrant campus located on the multi-million pound Leigh Sports Village site.



THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME ENRICHMENT

There are many enrichment activities that you can get involved in whilst studying The Professional Honours Programme.

We will provide you with the opportunity to develop new interests, become more knowledgeable, skilled and boost your self-confidence. Those who interview for places at universities and employment require evidence of wider achievements, as well as good grades, including leadership skills, self-motivation and good time-management.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD (DOFE)

A DofE programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. You achieve your Award by completing a personal programme of activities. You'll find yourself helping people or the community, getting fitter, developing skills and going on an expedition.



COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

The door to the College Chaplaincy is always open and offers support and guidance to students of all faiths and none.

The College has a full-time Chaplain, as well as a dedicated Chaplaincy team, who will assist students throughout their time at the College.

Students will also have the opportunity to get involved with a variety of groups, community events and projects alongside other students throughout the year.



WIGAN YOUTH ZONE

The College is a Silver Patron of Wigan Youth Zone; a purpose built facility for young people in Wigan that offers students exclusive access to:

- Fully equipped gym
- Sports Hall
- 10 metres Climbing Wall
- Outdoor Skate Park
- The Venue (*Gigs, food, film nights*)

As a **Wigan & Leigh College** student you will have exclusive access to these facilities during the day.

Join one of many clubs, charity events, celebrations or projects including:

- Football Inter-College Tournament • Table Tennis • Craft Group • College Choir • Photography Club • One World Day
- Children in Need • Remembrance Day • Diwali • Anti-bullying Week • Homeless Project • International Women's Day

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH YOUR STUDIES

The needs of our students always come first. That is why we have a pastoral system in place to provide you with all the support and professional guidance you need.



PERSONAL TUTORS



At the beginning of term you will be assigned a personal tutor. You will get to know them and become a member of a tutor group which meets regularly. Ultimately your personal tutor will help you settle in and adjust to College life.

Personal Tutors will:

- Guide you through your course
- Create an action plan to help you reach your goals
- Track your progress and achievements
- Help you access any support that you may need
- Offer advice about overcoming any challenges that you may have

HEAD OF STUDIES

Each College Centre has a dedicated Head of Studies who will ensure that you receive as much pastoral support as you need to be successful in your studies. This may include help to keep your attendance to a high level or support with developing your study skills to achieve your potential.

Their role is to ensure that high standards are maintained and that you enjoy a positive learning experience during your time at College.

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STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services team will support you with:

- Career decisions and higher education options
- Applications for universities
- Applications for Higher Apprenticeships
- Job searches and employment opportunities
- Obtaining financial help to support learning
- Personal difficulties
- Safeguarding

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

The College welcomes students with learning difficulties and disabilities. The Additional Learning Support team is based at Parsons Walk Centre but offers services to all campuses.

To find out about the support available call 01942 761 887.

COLLEGE BURSARY*

Bursaries are available to full-time students aged 16-19 who have a household income of less than £20,817 per year:

- £50 each month
- Travel Support
- Free College Lunch

*2017/18 bursary offer which may be subject to change for 2018/19



LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

The Learning Resources Centre (LRC) is an impressive educational support service. Each campus is equipped with its own Learning Resources Centre and houses a library providing access to a wide range of books, magazines, newspapers, subject specific publications, DVDs and CDs.

The LRC is equipped with computers providing access to online resources including the College intranet, Office applications, e-books, WiFi access and Moodle, the College Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Staff are available to help with any enquiries that will support you in finding the most relevant information.

All College students receive free Office 365. Further details are available from your LRC.





THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

APPLIED MEDICAL



The Applied Medical pathway will prepare you for your progression into specific medical careers. The pathway will allow you to gather evidence and gain the necessary skills to support your UCAS application for medical based degrees.

At **Wigan & Leigh College** we will provide you with the very best opportunities to enable you to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success in this industry.

We have combined both traditional academic A Level subjects with the essential professional related experiences to offer you a comprehensive programme of study.

APPLIED MEDICAL STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Biology Chemistry Maths + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical society • Work placement • Extended Project Qualification • A range of medical skills courses e.g. First Aid • Debating society • Student conference • Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

Students wishing to pursue a career in medicine should be aware that typically medical schools will require at least 5 A's or A*s at GCSE (Grade 8 or 9 - New GCSE Tariff).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Doctor | Veterinary Surgeon | Pharmacist | Biomedical Researcher | Dentist

AS CHOICES

Whilst on The Professional Honours Programme, you will study four AS subjects in the first year including the mandatory subjects:

BIOLOGY

In Biology, you will explore the variety of life, both past and present, and consider the biochemical basis for all living things, analyse the structure of DNA and methods of studying cells. Topics you will study include:

- Biological molecules
- Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
- The responses of organisms to changes in their internal and external environments
- The control of gene expression
- How energy transfers in and between organisms

CHEMISTRY

In Chemistry, you will make use of mathematical skills to analyse and evaluate evidence from different areas of Chemistry, including organic and physical chemistry.

Topics you will study include:

- Physical chemistry including: Atomic Structure, Oxidation, Reduction and Redox Equations and Thermodynamics
- Inorganic chemistry including: Periodicity, the Alkaline Earth Metals, the Halogens and Transition Metals
- Organic chemistry including: Organic Analysis and Synthesis, Alkanes and Alkenes

MATHS

In Maths you will develop and enhance your skills in algebra that you used at GCSE and will also learn how maths is applied in the real world through the study of mechanics, statistics and probability.

Topics you will study include:

- Proof
- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry in the (x,y) plane
- Sequences and series
- Trigonometry
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Vectors
- Statistical sampling
- Data presentation and interpretation
- Probability
- Statistical distributions
- Statistical hypothesis testing
- Quantities and units in mechanics
- Kinematics
- Forces and Newton's laws

After the successful completion of the AS year you may choose to continue to study all four subjects to A Level, however the opportunity is there to progress with three subjects and retain an AS qualification in one.

EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Oxford University – BA Biomedical Sciences	A* A A
Cambridge University – MB BChir Medicine	A* A* A
University of Manchester – MBChB Medicine	A A A
University of Cardiff – BSc Medical Pharmacology	A A B
University of Liverpool – BVSc Veterinary Science	A A A



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BUSINESS & FINANCE



Business careers are among the fastest-growing and in-demand of all occupations. One reason for this is that business professionals are needed in just about every industry in existence.

The Business & Finance A Level Professional Honours pathway will enable you to understand the nature and scope of business and financial functions and the economic environment in which businesses exist. The world of business and finance offers great career opportunities for those aspiring to work in a fast paced, high pressured environment.

At Wigan & Leigh College we will provide you with the very best opportunities to enable you to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success.

We have combined both traditional academic A Level subjects with essential professional related experiences to offer you a comprehensive study programme.

BUSINESS & FINANCE STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

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Business Economics Maths + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work placement • Extended Project Qualification • Debating society • Student conference • Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Chartered Accountant | Human Resources Manager | Investment Banker | Financial Analyst
Credit Controller | Auditor | Project Manager

AS CHOICES

Whilst on the Professional Honours Programme, you will study four AS subjects in the first year including the mandatory subjects:

BUSINESS & FINANCE

BUSINESS

In Business, you will investigate the intricacies of planning and financing and explore the different departments that are involved in managing a business and the external factors that can impact on its success. Topics you will study include:

- Business objectives such as profit, growth, survival, cash flow, social and ethical objectives
- The different types of management and leadership and the impact that these can have on productivity
- How developments in technology are affecting marketing decision making and activities
- The ethical and environmental influences on marketing decisions
- Factors influencing which markets to compete in and which products to offer

ECONOMICS

In Economics, you will critically explore government policy, economic growth and recession and trade. You will analyse the impact these have on global economies. Topics you will study include:

- The application of economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues
- The interrelationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Demand and supply, the operation of the price mechanism and the causes of market failure
- You will analyse the objectives of macroeconomic policies put forth by different governments and consider how these change over time and place

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- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry in the (x,y) plane
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- Trigonometry
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Differentiation
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- Statistical hypothesis testing
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EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Cambridge University – BA Economics	A* A A
London School of Economics –BSc Accounting and Finance	A A A
Durham University – BA Business and Management	A A B
University of Manchester –BA (Hons) Business Studies and Politics	A A B

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BUSINESS & MARKETING



“Marketing is the management process responsible for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customer requirements profitably.” Official academic definition from the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Marketing is a diverse function of business that requires systematic planning of many elements including: market research, product or service development, distribution for sale and communication through advertising and public relations.

The Business & Marketing A Level Professional Honours pathway will provide you with the very best opportunities to enable you to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success.

We have combined both traditional academic A Level subjects with essential professional related experiences to offer you a comprehensive programme of study.

BUSINESS & MARKETING STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Business English Psychology or Sociology + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work placement • Extended Project Qualification • Debating society • Student conference • Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Market Research Analyst | Brand Manager | Head of Marketing | Digital and Communications Manager | Marketing Manager | Advertising Account Manager

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BUSINESS & MARKETING

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- The different types of management and leadership and the impact that these can have on productivity
- How developments in technology are affecting marketing decision making and activities
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ENGLISH COMBINED

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EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The University of Manchester –BSc (Hons) Management (Marketing)	A A B
University of Liverpool BA (Hons) Business Management	A B B
University of Leeds BA (Hons) International Business & Marketing	A A A
University of Birmingham BSc Business Management with Marketing	A A B

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

COMPUTING SCIENCE



Adam Thilthorpe of The British Computer Society has stated that “There isn’t a sector in the UK whose success isn’t based on its ability to innovate in the ICT space - from retail to financial services to the public sector - so we need the best and most talented people coming through and thinking this is a great area to work in because it’s so diverse and dynamic”.

At Wigan & Leigh College we will provide you with the very best opportunities to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success in Computing Science.

We have combined both traditional academic A Level subjects with essential industry related experiences to offer you a comprehensive programme of study.

COMPUTING SCIENCE STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Maths Computing Physics + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Project Qualification Industry related qualifications Work placement Debating society Student conference Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Security Analyst | Computing and System Manager | Network Engineer
Web/Games Developer | Software Developer

AS CHOICES

Whilst on The Professional Honours Programme, you will study four AS subjects in the first year including the mandatory subjects:

MATHS

In Maths you will develop and enhance your skills in algebra that you used at GCSE and will also learn how maths is applied in the real world through the study of mechanics, statistics and probability.

Topics you will study include:

- Proof
- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry in the (x,y) plane
- Sequences and series
- Trigonometry
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Vectors
- Statistical sampling
- Data presentation and interpretation
- Probability
- Statistical distributions
- Statistical hypothesis testing
- Quantities and units in mechanics
- Kinematics
- Forces and Newton's laws

COMPUTING

In Computing, you will develop a range of computing skills that will prepare you for higher level study in this fast-paced industry. Topics you will study include:

- Fundamentals of programming and data structures
- Problem solving and computational theory
- Algorithms and computation
- Computer architecture and data representation
- Databases and "Big Data"
- Approaches to programming and problem solving
- Computer systems and their consequences of use on society
- The computing practical project

PHYSICS

In Physics, as you progress through the course, you will build your knowledge of the theories and concepts of physics. Topics you will study include:

- Particles and radiation
- Waves
- Mechanics and materials
- Nuclear Physics
- Fields and their consequences

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EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
University of Cambridge - Computer Science	A* A* A*
Oxford University - BA Computer Science	A* A A
Imperial College London - BEng Computing	A* A A
University of Edinburgh - BSc Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science	A A A
The University of Manchester - BSc Software Engineering	A A A
St Andrews University - BSc (Hons) Computing Science	A A B

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

ENGINEERING



In 2014 the Centre for Economics and Business Research projected that employers will need 1.82 million people with engineering skills by 2022.

At Wigan & Leigh College we will provide you with the very best opportunities to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success in the industry.

We have combined both traditional academic A Level subjects with essential industry related experiences to offer you a comprehensive programme of study. For Engineering there are a number of career progression opportunities that you could choose to follow including:

- Studying at a university or a higher education institution
- Completing a higher apprenticeship

ENGINEERING STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Maths Computing or Chemistry Physics + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing Engineering Operations qualification (PEO) • Extended Project Qualification • Work placement • Debating society • Student conference • Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Civil Engineer | Structural Engineer | Robotics Engineer | Environmental Engineer
(including renewable energies and resources) | Chemical Engineer
Aircraft Design and Build Engineer | Electrical and Electronic Engineer

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- Inorganic chemistry including: periodicity, the alkaline earth metals, the halogens and transition metals
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Cambridge University – BA (Hons) in Engineering	A* A* A*
Durham University – MEng	A A A
University of Manchester – BSc Physics with Astrophysics	A* A* A
Warwick University – BEng	A A B
University of Liverpool – BEng Aerospace Engineering	A B B

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL



The Health Professional Honours pathway aims to prepare you for your progression into a wide range of careers. The programme will enable you to demonstrate the necessary skills and gather evidence to support your UCAS application for health professional degrees.

At Wigan & Leigh College we will provide you with the very best opportunities to develop the essential skills needed to secure your chosen career path and for your future success in industry.

We have combined both the traditional academic A Level subjects with essential professional related experiences to offer you a comprehensive programme of study.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Biology English Combined Psychology or Sociology + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work placement • Extended Project Qualification • Medical skills courses including First Aid • Medical society • Debating society • Student conference • Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nurse | Radiographer | Occupational Therapist | Physiotherapist | Midwife

AS CHOICES

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- The control of gene expression
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EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
University of Salford – BSc Diagnostic Radiography	B B B
The University of Manchester – BNurs Mental Health Nursing	B B C
King's College London – BSc Physiotherapy	A A B
Liverpool John Moores University – BA (Hons) Midwifery	128 Tariff Points

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

MEDIA & JOURNALISM



The world of media and journalism is exciting and offers a wide-range of career opportunities. This pathway has been designed to equip you with a range of skills and experiences needed to support your UCAS application for media and creative or contemporary journalism degrees.

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MEDIA & JOURNALISM STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
English Combined Economics or Media Studies Psychology or Sociology + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Project Qualification Observe a journalist Journalist/editing of a College newsletter Work with computing students to build a news app for the College Debating society Student conference Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Chief Journalist | Broadcast Presenter | Investigative Journalist
Script Writer | TV Producer | PR Manager

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ECONOMICS

In Economics, you will critically explore government policy, economic growth and recession and trade. You will analyse the impact these have on global economies.

Topics you will study include:

- The application of economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues.
- The inter-relationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Demand and supply, the operation of the price mechanism and the causes of market failure
- You will analyse the objectives of macroeconomic policies put forth by different governments and consider how these change over time and place

OR MEDIA STUDIES

In Media Studies, you will develop critical understanding of the media through engagement with media products and concepts and through the creative application of practical skills. Topics you will study include:

- Investigating the media by applying media concepts to a range of media products in order to reach an understanding of how meanings and responses are created
- Creating media demonstrating an understanding of media concepts and the functions and codes of broadcasting, e-media and print
- Discussion and debates that will develop a critical perspective of media and its role in society
- Creating a production piece to reflect your research findings and skills

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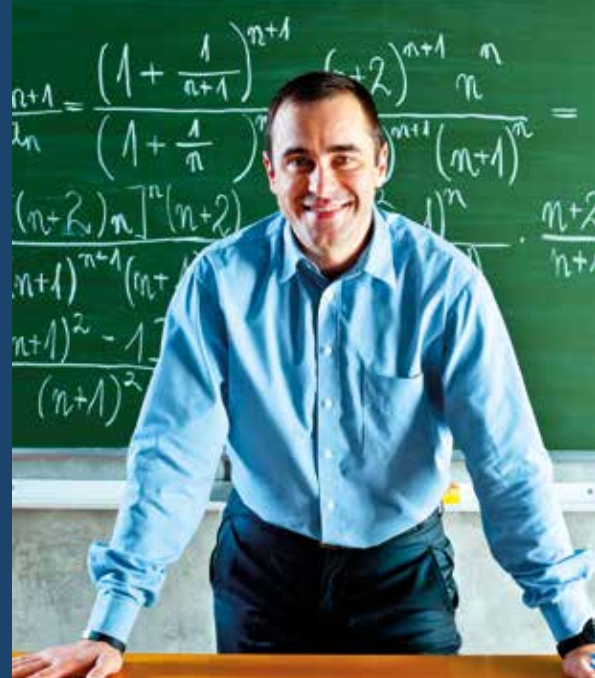
EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
University of Liverpool – BA (Hons) Communication and Media	A B B
Nottingham Trent University – BA (Hons) Broadcast Journalism	A B B
University of Salford – BA (Hons) Journalism (Multimedia)	A B B

THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

TEACHING



SCIENCE & MATHS



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TEACHING STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

PATHWAY 1 A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
Biology Chemistry Maths + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Project Qualification Tomorrow's Teachers Programme Work placement in local primary/ secondary schools Work with business students to stage a Student Conference Contribute to the planning of the annual international field trip for A Level students Debating society Student conference Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher | Head of Division | Head of Year | Headteacher | Deputy Headteacher | School Inspector

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EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY COURSES	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
University of Central Lancashire – BA (Hons) Education and Professional Studies	B B C
Edge Hill University – BA (Hons) Teaching, Learning and Child Development	112 Tariff Points
University of Chester – BA (Hons) Primary Education	B B B

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TEACHING



HUMANITIES & ENGLISH



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TEACHING STUDENTS WILL STUDY:

PATHWAY 2 - A LEVELS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
		NEW GCSE TARIFF	OLD GCSE TARIFF
English Combined Psychology Sociology + a further AS Level in year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Project Qualification Tomorrow's Teachers Programme Work placement in local primary/secondary schools Work with business students to stage a Student Conference Contribute to the planning of the annual international field trip for A Level students Debating society Student conference Charity fundraising 	8 GCSEs graded 9-5 of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 9-6 (including English, Maths and Science)	8 GCSEs graded A* - C of which a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded B (including English, Maths and Science)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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- Themes through core studies
- Applied psychology including
- Forensic psychology
- Issues in mental health
- Sport psychology

SOCIOLOGY

Topics you will study include:

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- Research methods
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There may also be an opportunity to study A Level History on this Pathway. Please ask for details.

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GETTING TO COLLEGE

All our campuses are located within easy reach of public transport links.

WIGAN CAMPUSES

**Wigan & Leigh College
(Parsons Walk Centre)**
Parsons Walk,
Wigan, WN1 1RR

**Centre for Construction
& Engineering
(Pagefield Centre)**
Walkden Avenue,
Wigan, WN1 2JH



LEIGH CAMPUS

Leigh College,
Leigh Sports Village,
Sale Way,
Leigh, WN7 4JY



For more information visit www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/how-to-find-us

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There are a number of reasons why changes to course information may need to be made prior to you applying for a place on a course at the College. These may include, but are not limited to, operational and/or academic reasons. Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study on a course of study at the College, that they review up-to-date course information, which is available by visiting www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk or by contacting us at 01942 761 111.

In addition, the College may be required to withdraw courses due to cohort numbers not being sufficient - please contact us if you require information in relation to cohort requirements on 01942 761 111.

Further information describing the teaching, examination and other educational, pastoral and student support services offered by the College are available from www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk. Prospective students should therefore fully familiarise themselves with these documents prior to applying on a course to study at the College.

The Professional Honours Programme Application Form

For use by applicants under the age of 19 on 31st August 2018

This application form is only to be completed if you are not already a student at the College and you wish to apply for a Professional Honours Programme starting in September 2018.

Section 1 - Tell us about yourself	
Please tick Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Ref (office use)
Last Name	First Names
Home Address	Date of Birth
	Age on 31/08/18
	Mobile
	Telephone
Postcode	Email
Present or last school or college attended	
Have you ever studied at Wigan & Leigh College before? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you been a permanent resident in the UK during the last 3 years? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 2 - Tell us which course you would like to study at Wigan & Leigh College
Which A Level Professional Honours Programme would you like to study?
Where would you like to study? Wigan <input type="checkbox"/> Leigh <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are unsure about which course or subject you wish to study, please contact our Admissions Team on 01942 761 111.

Section 3 - Tell us about your qualifications			
Subject (Example: Art)	Qualification (Example: GCSE)	Estimated grade (Example: B)	Achieved grade (Example: B)

Section 4 - Tell us about any additional support you may need
Do you have:
• A disability (e.g. visual impairment, hard of hearing, mental health difficulties, epilepsy)
• A learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyscalculia)
• A major health condition that may affect your course
If so, please tick this box <input type="checkbox"/> We will contact you to discuss your support requirements.

Section 5 - Declaration
By signing below I agree to Wigan & Leigh College processing, for any purpose, the personal details contained in this form and sharing information with relevant Partners and Schools.
Applicant signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/>
If you would like to receive information about future events and courses by email, post and SMS, please tick this box <input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Statement

What are your Career aspirations? What have you done to support your application (e.g. Voluntary Work, Sports Achievements, Work Experience).

Market Research

What was your MAIN reason for choosing Wigan & Leigh College?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Location | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Choice of course | <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Reputation of College |
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- How were you made aware of the College? (tick all that apply)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Event | |

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If you need assistance with completing your application form please contact our Admissions Team on **01942 761 111**.

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Wigan & Leigh College
PO Box 53
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WIGAN
WN1 1RS

HOW TO APPLY

Tear out and complete the application form opposite and return it **FREEPOST** or drop it into one of our College receptions

Apply online today at www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete an Application Form

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2. The Interview

Once we receive your application form, you will receive an appointment for your admissions interview. At your interview you will have the opportunity to ensure that the course you have chosen is right for you and your future career goals.

3. The Offer

At the end of your interview, if you and the interviewer decide that this is the right programme for you, you will be offered a place at the College. Your offer will be conditional on you achieving certain grades in your GCSEs and successfully completing your entrance exam.

4. Invited to a New Student Day

You will be invited to a new student day in July where you will sample your programme, meet tutors and fellow students to prepare you for the start of the term.

5. Enrolment

In August, once you have received your GCSE results, you will be invited into College to complete your enrolment.

6. The Experience

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