



A LEVELS

2024/25



100%
PASS RATE
WITH 77%
ACHIEVING HIGH GRADES



A LEVELS WELCOME TO 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 continues to be competitive. We have developed our A Level Professional Pathways, based at our Parsons Walk Centre in Wigan and at Leigh College, to offer our students a commitment to a specific career path, above and beyond the traditional three A Levels.

We liaised with established partners at top universities and high profile employers to develop a programme that reflects their requirements when selecting high calibre students for jobs and further studies.

While many students have a good idea of the career path they want to follow, we appreciate that some do not. If that is the case, you may choose A Levels which do not follow a specific career route, subject to a discussion with us and our timetabled options.

Despite the return to 2019 grading, students once again exceeded the national average with 100% pass rate and 77% achieving high grades.

Our offer combines traditional academic study, alongside professional qualifications and work experience. This means that you can secure places at your chosen universities, or with prestigious employers as higher apprentices.

Our academic tutors deliver excellent tuition so that students may reach their full potential.

We have a strong pastoral system that combines care and support, alongside careful monitoring of academic and personal progress.

We are very proud of our students' achievements with more than 400 progressing to some of the UK's leading universities each year.

Don't just take my word for it. See what our students have to say for themselves - visit the QR code at the top of this page for life at Wigan & Leigh College from the class of 2023.

We look forward to you joining us in September 2024.

ANNA DAWE
PRINCIPAL



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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Academic:

- three complementary A Levels
- the opportunity to study 4 AS Levels in the first year
- or Extended Choices - a mixed programme of 2 A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification delivered at Parsons Walk, Wigan.

Academic Development Day includes:

- CREST Gold Award
- Science Club
- Extended Project Qualification
- HE+ programme in partnership with Cambridge University
- Guest speakers from industry and universities
- Work placement/internship
- Professional qualifications
- Bar Mock Trial competition

We will also support you to prepare for the UKCAT and BMAT qualifications (dentistry, medical and veterinary science admissions tests) and will support you with mock interviews.

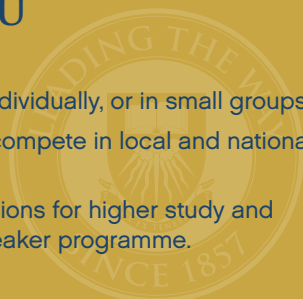
Through our unique partnership with Cambridge University, as a Higher Education Consortium member, we will help you prepare university applications and gain an insight into the undergraduate experience. The Cambridge HE+ Programme includes tutorials and visits delivered by Fellows from the University of Cambridge, as well as residential visits.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We guarantee:

- ⦿ Additional academic support tutorials delivered individually, or in small groups.
- ⦿ Opportunities to take up enterprise projects and compete in local and national competitions.
- ⦿ Enrichment opportunities adding value to applications for higher study and chosen careers, including an enhanced guest speaker programme.
- ⦿ Small class sizes in chosen subject areas.



EMPLOYER SEAL OF APPROVAL

The A Level Professional Honours Programme has 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 & Leigh College.

Over the years we have, and continue to deliver, many successful work placements, apprenticeships and cadet programmes in both healthcare and non-clinical roles.

Every student reports satisfaction with their placements 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 continues 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 at college. The feedback is always positive and it is a pleasure to work with people who inspire and influence such ambition in others."

**Kelly-Marie Fulton
Sellafield Ltd**



"HUSCO International has chosen to partner with Wigan & Leigh College to provide valuable industrial experience, supporting students in achieving academic qualifications to form the cornerstone of a rewarding career in engineering."

**Vicky Dunbar (HR Manager)
Husco International**

ThoughtWorks®

"Wigan & Leigh College's work experience students work hard and are a credit to the college. While on placement A Level Computing students coded an app, carried out programming, experienced a virtual reality machine, had a demo with Alexa and augmented reality, completed user journey mapping and built a prototype."

**Phil Thornley, Product Manager
ThoughtWorks
(Creative Technology Consultants)**

STUDENT SUCCESSSES



JAMIE MILBURN

ASPIRING MARKETEER

Former School:

Outwood Academy Hindley

Results:

C English Literature

B History

B Sociology

Destination:

BA (Hons) English Literature

- The University of Salford

"I am happy to get my university place confirmed. I am really grateful for the tutors I have had as they are really passionate and love what they teach."



ADAM BULLEN

ASPIRING SOCIAL WORKER

Former School:

Dean Trust Rose Bridge

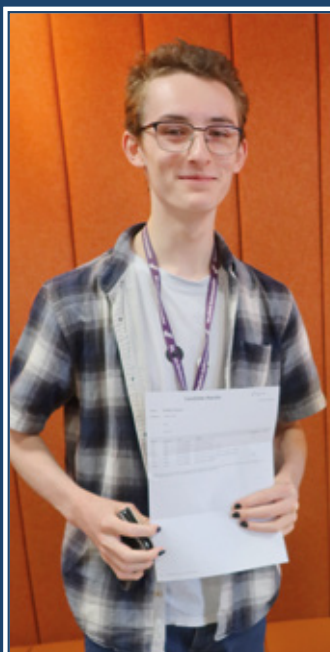
Destination:

Level 4 Accounting

Apprenticeship

- Fairhurst Accountants

"This college had the course I wanted and has a good reputation - it was the right choice compared to other options I had. I like how the class sizes are small, as you can get the help you need."



MORGAN SIXSMITH

ASPIRING SOCIAL WORKER

Results:

A Media

A Psychology

A Sociology

Morgan, who has aspirations to work in social work in the future, said:

"I am now more confident going into my second year. Being at Leigh College is great as the campus has a friendly atmosphere."



ALICE IRETON

Former School:

Burscough Priory Academy

Results:

B English Combined

B History

Distinction

BTEC Extended Certificate in Film Production

Destination:

BA (Hons) English and Film

- The University of Salford

"I am very pleased with my results - the hard work has paid off. I had a fantastic trip to Poland which was a great experience and opportunity to apply what I had learned on the course."

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alongside your portfolio of study, you will have an additional dedicated Academic Development Day, each week throughout the year.

You will benefit from a range of extra qualifications, placements and voluntary work to build the skills and attributes required by top universities and employers.

Additional nationally recognised qualifications and practical activities have been carefully selected to provide the best opportunities to strengthen university applications and prepare for higher level study in chosen career pathways.

As part of the Academic Development Day all students may take part in:

- career related work placement/internship
- charity fundraising activities
- sailing qualification
- mock interviews for university and higher/degree apprenticeships
- UCAS preparation
- First Aid qualification
- A Level magazine production
- HE+ Programme in partnership with Cambridge University.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) demonstrates individual creativity and adds depth to university applications, as well as UCAS points.

- The EPQ is a self-directed project studied in your second year. You will:
- explore a topic not directly taught in your A Level subjects
- plan, research and develop the idea
- produce a research-based written report.



ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

BIOLOGY:

- **I'M A SCIENTIST: Get Me Out Of Here!** is a nationwide event allowing you to engage in text-based chat with scientists working in closely related fields in a themed zone. You will gain an appreciation for the range of careers available, and the different academic journeys of the scientists they speak to. It is an opportunity to "meet" scientists in a very neutral and friendly setting, and to ask about research, studying, topics of interest, and current news in the sciences.

BUSINESS:

- Guest speakers from:
The Bank of England, Regional Director from Santander Bank, HSBC, Operations Director from Federa Investment Company.

CHEMISTRY:

- You will have the opportunity to broaden your understanding of both HE pathways and employment prospects in STEM. Competitions such as the Cambridge Chemistry Olympiad will also be offered, to allow you to encounter fields of chemistry beyond the A Level specification, and to enhance your UCAS applications.

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

- Work Experience with local business promotes computing outside the classroom
- You will benefit from a range of trips including Arcade Museums

ECONOMICS:

- Guest speakers from: The Bank of England, Regional Director from Santander Bank, HSBC, Operations Director from Federa Investment Company.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE:

- You will visit Shakespeare Theatre North and Haworth Parsonage where you will learn about opportunities and what it is like to work in creative industries and museums.

ENGLISH LITERATURE:

- You will benefit from a range of trips including Haworth Parsonage.
- There will also be visits to libraries to hear poets speak and collaborate with poets on their visits to college.

FINE ART:

- You will visit a variety of galleries in Manchester, Liverpool and London across the two years. We have a key trip to Yorkshire Sculpture park where you will have gained significant inspiration for your future works on the course.

HISTORY:

- Archives guest speaker
- Holocaust Educational Trust Auschwitz
- Talks from holocaust survivor,
- UCAS and university trips.

MATHEMATICS:

- You will benefit from masterclasses with Industry experts such as Ford France and BAE Systems. You can challenge yourself at UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge. You will be supported through the University of Manchester support sessions and the college's Mathematics lunchtime club.

MEDIA STUDIES:

- Live studio recordings (including Question of Sport)
- Q&A sessions with writers and directors.

PHYSICS:

- Guest speakers have included a Nuclear Astrophysicist based at Vancouver University, giving their insight on the everyday use of a particle accelerator.
- STEM ambassadors are involved in supporting you through the Gold CREST Award, whereby you can pick any STEM project of your choice to work on in your second year of study; this project is graded by experts in industry.
- You are encouraged to participate in the British Physics Olympiad to gear you up for the university level of study and expectation.

POLITICS:

- You will visit the place where all the laws of the land are created, the Houses of Parliament as part of our London trip. During the trip you will meet MP's in and around the different chambers at Westminster Palace.

PSYCHOLOGY:

- You will benefit from a range of trips
- Guest speakers including a moot courtroom
- Participate in a mock trial
- Guest talks from academics within the field, and those who work with domestic abuse survivors.

SOCIOLOGY:

- Guest speakers from: Barristers to Police Officers
- Mock Court

A LEVEL LIFE

Get involved in a range of activities alongside your studies. Develop new interests, improve your knowledge base, pick up new skills and boost your self-confidence.

You will build evidence of wider achievements for university interviews and job applications, including leadership skills, self-motivation and good time management.



Jaime Milburn, Ashley Highlands and Eva Mannion



^ A LEVEL ENGLISH STUDENTS VISITED THE BRONTË PARSONAGE IN HAWORTH

Our A Level English students visited the Brontë Parsonage in Haworth to learn about the lives of the Brontës and life in the village during the Victorian times.

They were also introduced to possible career options in museums and related areas.



^ YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

A Level students went to Yorkshire Sculpture Park to experience a spot of art and culture.

Student, Jamika said: *"The park was ethereal and filled with amazing sculptures and views dotted around. We spent our time walking around the park, reading about various sculptures and their backgrounds. This particularly helped art students in understanding focus points in art and it's significance, while all students took advantage of the time to have a break and bond with each other."*



^ UNIVERSITY ACADEMY 92

A Level students visited University Academy 92 to sample their media courses.

They spoke with sports reporter and journalist, Phil Jones, who has worked with CNN and BBC Sport. They also participated in some podcasting and broadcasting workshops where they looked at presenting, mixing, and interview skills. They also had the added bonus of receiving media goodie bags that included a tripod!

✧ A LEVEL TRIP TO ICELAND

A Level trip to Iceland saw our students take in the sights of the capital, Reykjavik before going on a whale watching boat trip where they saw both humpback and minke whales. They also got time to have a relaxing soak in the famous Blue Lagoon. The students visited the Southern coast where they saw the beautiful Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls before stepping foot on the Sólheimajökull Glacier.

Azaria Abrams and Georgia Glascott



^ UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD'S OPEN EVENING

A Level students attended University of Oxford's Open Evening where they got to explore the campuses and take in the surroundings including the Bodleian Library.

The learners, who will be interested in applying for Oxford next year, also got accommodation and dinner in what was a great day out.



<< ANDERTON CENTRE RESIDENTIAL

A Level learners enjoyed a residential at the Anderton Centre where they got to know one another more as Wigan students met Leigh students. The action packed trip took many out of their comfort zones as they took on the 'leap of faith' on the high ropes. Students also got to try XL paddle boarding, tree climbing and archery amongst other outdoor and teambuilding activities. By all reports it was a great experience. Well done to everyone!

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING FACILITIES

Students who are successful in securing a place on our A Level programme will benefit from exceptional learning facilities.

PARSONS WALK CENTRE

At the Wigan centre, you will enjoy the sixth form the experience in our contemporary surroundings.

You may also benefit from our brand new purpose built science laboratories and state-of-the-art science resources.



LEIGH COLLEGE

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

Brand new science labs provide university standard facilities and equipment. A fully equipped art department is home to A Level Art and our first Digital Academy and Clinical Skills lab.



PAGEFIELD CENTRE

Engineering students access our multimillion pound industry standard facilities, at our Centre for Excellence in Engineering, based at the Pagefield Centre, during their Professional Development Day. £1.8 million was spent on refurbishing the Centre and equipment.



VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS

You can now explore our centres and facilities online with 360° virtual tours. See for yourself why Wigan & Leigh College is such a great place to be. You can visit each of our centres and check out A Level classrooms, laboratories, art rooms and much more.

Visit wigan-leigh.ac.uk/virtual-tours for a look around.

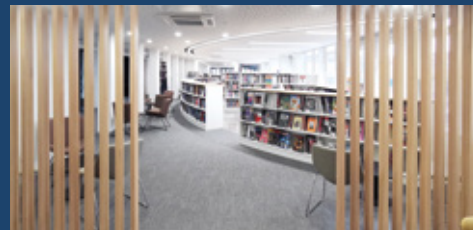
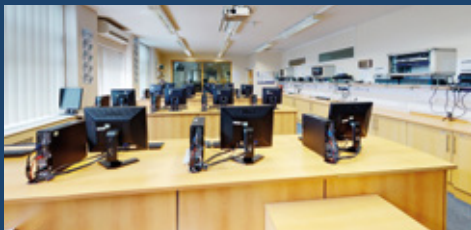
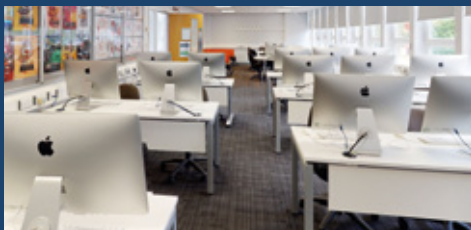
WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE

Parsons Walk Centre WN1 1RR



LEIGH COLLEGE

Leigh Sports Village WN7 4JY



Facilities include a clinical ward, manual handling suite, specialist science laboratories and a health and social care careers hub. Facilities are for those on specialist courses, such as the T Level in Health, aimed at future adult and mental health nurses, as well as healthcare professionals.

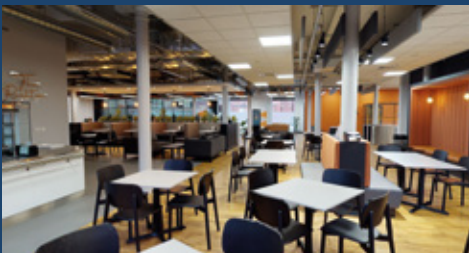
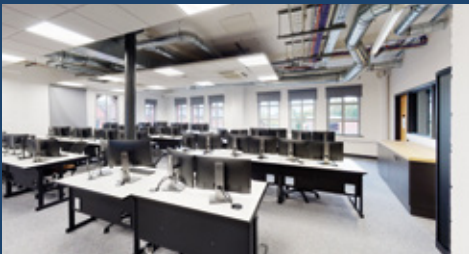
The Centre is also home to the latest Digital Skills Academy and higher education engineering programmes.



CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNICAL STUDIES

New Market Street, Wigan WN1 1RP





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SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH YOUR STUDIES

As a student at Wigan & Leigh College your needs always come first. That's why we have a pastoral system in place to provide you with 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 support
- offer advice about overcoming challenges.

HEAD OF STUDIES

Each college centre has a dedicated Head of Studies who will make sure that you receive pastoral support to be successful in your studies.

This may include help to keep your attendance up, or support with developing your study skills to achieve your full potential.

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

FREE BUS PASS



Visit: wigan-leigh.ac.uk/free-travel

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

The Learning Resources Centre (LRC) at Parsons Walk is a modern and spacious environment for a multi-functional way to study.

There is a fast access PC zone, increased laptop and PC capacity, reading and wellbeing area, with lots of working spaces for group, project and individual study.

Leigh College also has its own LRC and a library with access to a wide range of books, magazines, newspapers, subject specific publications, DVDs and CDs.

Students may access computers and online resources, including the college intranet, Office applications, e-books, WiFi access and Moodle – the college Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Staff are on hand to help with enquiries and support for you to find the most relevant information relating to your course.



SUPPORT TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM CAREER



We make sure that every young person has the support to develop skills for a rewarding and successful career, putting careers education at the heart of everything we do.

We are a lead college within the Greater Manchester Careers Hub, Bridge GM and the first in the Wigan Borough to achieve the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks - government guidelines that define the best careers provision in schools and colleges.

FAB FUTURES

We work with you to raise aspirations, explore career options, develop employability skills through meaningful work placement and work experience, so you progress to great destinations when you leave college.

The specialist team can support you with:

- Progression to the next course at college
- Applications to universities including the University Centre Wigan & Leigh College
- Finding an apprenticeship
- Securing meaningful work placements
- Developing employability skills
- Finding employment.

CAREER PLANNING

As part of our commitment to providing high quality careers education, information, advice and guidance we provide experiences to support you in achieving your dream career. We hold industry guest speaker sessions, provide visits to workplaces and opportunities to work on live briefs and projects developed by employers.

We use up-to-date labour market information to help you explore careers in your chosen industry, find out more about salary and earnings, growth opportunities and the key skills to succeed. This information is available on the college website wigan-leigh.ac.uk

COLLEGE BURSARY*

Bursaries are available for full-time students aged 16-19, who have a household income of less than £26,000 per year.

You may receive:

- **£75 each month**
- **travel support**
- **free college lunch.**

*2023/24 bursary offer which may be subject to change for 2024/25.

INDUSTRY & CAREERS PLACEMENTS

Every A Level student will carry out work experience to develop the knowledge and skills learned at college and improve your chances of gaining employment through vital hands on experience.

We provide guidance and activities to help you succeed in finding placement opportunities. And we make sure your workplace is a safe environment to gain an insight into the world of work.

A work placement shows you how your course can help develop your future career plans. It also provides the opportunity to:

- develop key skills for your career choice
- develop your employability skills and professional behaviour
- discover new talents
- strengthen your CV
- improve your knowledge of industry.

The college's Careers Strategy and Careers Programme is at wigan-leigh.ac.uk/careers

A LEVELS - EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Our A Level 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 the academic knowledge and practical skills to succeed at university and to achieve career aspirations.

Why should I choose Wigan & Leigh College to study A Levels? Our A Level centres are based at Parsons Walk in Wigan and at Leigh College where you will have 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 university applications. We offer academic qualifications through A Level provision, alongside essential professionally related experiences.

OUR A LEVELS

Mix and match 3 or 4 A Levels to give you the most flexibility in choosing which subjects you wish to study.

Our A Levels are delivered at our Parsons Walk Centre and at Leigh College.



BIOLOGY



ENGLISH LANGUAGE
& LITERATURE



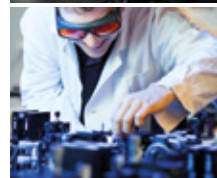
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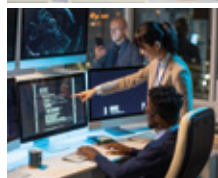
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FINE ART*



POLITICS



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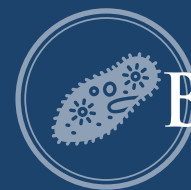
ECONOMICS



MATHEMATICS



SOCIOLOGY



BIOLOGY

Biology is the study of living organisms, encompassing their structure, function, growth, evolution, and interactions with the environment.

OCR A Level Biology explores the intricate web of life, from microscopic cells to complex ecosystems, allowing us to understand the fundamental processes that shape and sustain our planet.

You will cover the following units: development of practical skills in biology, foundations in biology, exchange and transport, biodiversity, evolution and disease, communication, homeostasis and energy, and genetics, evolution and ecosystems.

You will have the opportunity to carry out ecological fieldwork, and attend talks and workshops on key topics. You will also be able to join the Medical Society, where you will investigate broader and deeper topics related to medicine and the life sciences.

A LEVEL BIOLOGY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Biology

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Biochemistry	Marine Biology
Biological Sciences	Medicine
Biomedical Sciences	Microbiology
Biotechnology	Palaeontology
Ecology & Environmental Biology	Physiology
Genetics	Zoology

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Academic and Industrial Research
Agriculture and Food Science
Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Industries
Conservation and Environmental Management
Education and Outreach
Forensic Science
Medical and Healthcare Professions

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES HEALTH

If you choose to attend Parsons Walk, Wigan you may study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification to help you fulfil your career ambitions.

This provides an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships and may be suitable for those who prefer a combination of coursework and examinations.

This pathway is not suitable for those who wish to study medicine or veterinary science and it is not offered at Leigh College..

A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Chemistry Mathematics Physics	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate Applied Human Biology Learn human anatomy and physiology, from the molecules we depend on to the function of the human body. Develop practical skills in microbiology, including the identification of diseases and the selection of appropriate antibiotics. Analyse data and research for human health, and study issues surrounding fertility and reproductive technology.	<p>A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9 - 5 including English and Maths.</p> <p>If you wish to study A Level Mathematics or Science you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.</p> <p>Not suitable for those who wish to study medicine and veterinary science.</p>



ARSHMA ZAHOOR

Former school:
Sharples School

Results:
A Biology
C Chemistry
A Psychology

"I chose the college because I think it's a really good college with high standards in terms of education.

I like the small class sizes and trips we get to go on. I also like how we are taught.



The fundamentals of business are introduced to students in A Level Business.

You will learn all aspects of running a business.

You will be exploring the following: business objectives and strategic decision, external influences such as economic, political, legal, technological and social that are facing businesses, marketing and marketing strategies, operational strategy, human resources, accounting and financial considerations, globalisation, internationalisation, digital technology, mergers and takeovers, how to manage strategic change and business ownerships.

A LEVEL BUSINESS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Business and related subjects such as finance, accounting, marketing and management are among the most popular degree courses in universities. Subject areas include:

Accounting

Business and Marketing

Business Management

Events Management

Finance

Hospitality and Tourism

Human Resources and Management

International Business Management

Retail and Merchandising

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Studying business equips you with a skill for every sector. Careers include:

Accountant

Estate Agent

Bank Manager

Event Manager and Organiser

Business Analyst

Human Resources Manager

Business Consultant

Investor

Business Owner (Entrepreneur)

Marketing Executive

Business Development Manager

Project Manager

Cost Analyst

Recruitment Consultant

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A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES BUSINESS & LAW

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A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Economics English Language & Literature* or English Literature History Politics	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business Develop a range of skills critical to your success in business. Create and present your own marketing campaign, explore different types of businesses and calculate business finance.	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you wish to study A Level English you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.

*AS is no longer a stand alone option.



JACOB MURTAGH
ASPIRING INVESTMENT BANKER

Former school:
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Results:
A Economics
B English Literature

Distinction BTEC Extended Certificate in Business

Destination:
**BSc (Hons) Economics with
International Finance & Banking**
- Nottingham Trent University

"I liked the independence we get from the tutors to create presentations. The relationship we had with them was good and they were very knowledgeable. I also liked the small class sizes as we got extra learning and understanding as a result of this."

"I am relieved and happy. I got better grades than I expected and it's opened doors into higher education for me. My tutors were extremely supportive and would go the extra mile."



CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is the study of matter. Often referred to as the 'central science', it bridges the gap between the intricate biological processes we observe in living organisms, and the unique behaviour of molecules at the quantum level.

OCR A Level Chemistry is split into six modules: practical skills in chemistry, foundations in chemistry, periodic table and energy, core organic chemistry, physical chemistry and transition elements, and organic chemistry and analysis.

These modules give you a deeper understanding of concepts established at GCSE level, and help develop the reasoning skills needed to explain unfamiliar phenomena in chemistry. You will also master a range of practical skills, through a variety of experiments, including the chemical analysis of unknown compounds, building and testing cells, and synthesising the drug aspirin.

A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - GCSE TARIFF

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Chemistry

UNIVERSITY COURSES

A Level Chemistry is a gateway to a range of scientific disciplines, for example:

Biochemistry

Chemistry

Chemical Engineering

Forensic Science

Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Science

It is also a strict requirement for almost all courses in Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry.

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Dentistry

Drug Design

Forensics and Food Science

Materials Engineering

Medicine

Renewable Energy

Synthetic Chemical Industry

Veterinary

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

You will have the opportunity to broaden your understanding of HE pathways and employment prospects in STEM. Competitions such as the Cambridge Chemistry Olympiad will also be offered, to allow you to encounter fields of chemistry beyond the A Level specification, and to enhance your UCAS applications.

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Explore the fundamentals of programming, design, problem solving, and how the use of data structures and computer systems impact society.

Analyse the internal architecture of a computer, hardware, software, data representation and encryption techniques.



IGNAS SPUDULIS

ASPIRING SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Former school: Rivington & Blackrod High School

Results:

A Mathematics

B Physics

Distinction* BTEC Extended Certificate in Computing

Destination:

BSc (Hons) Computing - Lancaster University

"I had always heard good things about the college and especially the computing course which was great! I have enjoyed the relaxed environment and our tutors have all been very supportive."



A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Computer Science
Information Systems
Software Engineering
Artificial Intelligence
Health Informatics

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Data Analyst
Cyber Security
Games Developer
Software Engineer
Web Developer

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, trips to Arcade Museums and work experience with local business to promote computing outside the classroom.

Guest speakers and masterclasses led by industry experts give students an insight into the computer science industry after college.

A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY

If you choose to attend Parsons Walk, Wigan you may study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification to help you fulfil your career ambitions.

This provides an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships and may be suitable for those who prefer a combination of coursework and examinations.

A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Business Chemistry Mathematics Physics	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Computing Learn how a computer works and organises data, including introduction to programming constructs in different languages and object oriented and procedural programming. Explore data security and encryption techniques.	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you wish to study A Level Mathematics or Science you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.



ECONOMICS



Economics is the study of human behaviour, choices and decision making in a world with unlimited human wants and needs and limited resources.

You will study how markets work and fail.

Seeking to understand dynamics of change at a micro level (e.g. industry level) and at a macro level (e.g. within and between countries). Micro-economics is the study of firms, consumers, and various industries. Macro-economics is the study of the whole economy - inflation, employment and unemployment, trade and globalisation, income inequality, economic growth versus development, emerging economies such as MIST, fiscal, monetary and supply-side policies. You will look into retail and commercial banks. Economics helps us to understand how the world works and how to make it a better place. It is at the heart of understanding major social problems of our time including climate change, inequality, poverty, health care, an ageing population, obesity, globalisation and impact of AI.



A LEVEL ECONOMICS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths (one in an essay-based subject)

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Behavioural Economics

Economics

Econometrics

Economics and Finance

Economics for Business

Economics with Politics

Politics and Philosophy

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Studying economics has a vast and a diverse career path. Careers include:

Accountant

Business Consultant

Charity & Development Advisor

Corporate Lawyer

Data Engineer

Financial Bank Manager

Government Policy Advisor

Intelligent Analyst

Marketing & Customer Insight Analyst

Risk and Investment Analyst

Stock Market Trader

Teacher

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

Guest speakers from: Bank of England • Regional Director, Santander Bank • HSBC • Operations Director, Fedora Investment Company



ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

If you love reading, writing, or both then A Level English Language & Literature is the subject for you.

You will further your passion, challenge yourself, and develop subject expertise, by engaging creatively, critically and independently with a wide range of exciting texts such as: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, poems by Robert Browning and *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.

You will analyse this wide range of texts, gaining insights into the nature of different uses of language and ideas about creativity. You will develop skills as producers and interpreters of language, by creating your own texts and critically reflecting on your own processes of production. The texts you study focus on how writers use language to tell stories of different worlds and perspectives, ideas of conflict between people and societies, and making active connections between texts.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including English or an essay based subject such as History

UNIVERSITY COURSES

A Level English Language & Literature promotes understanding and application of essential critical, creative and analytical skills required for progression to higher education. It stands you in good stead if you are interested in degrees in:

Business	Journalism	Marketing
Creative Writing	Languages	Social Sciences
English	Language Interpreter	Teaching
History	Law	Theatre

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Studying A Level English Language & Literature encourages development of the key critical, creative and analytical skills required for enhanced employability, and you will find opportunities in media, advertising, law, retail and leisure as well as numerous other careers in fields where strong communication and written English skills are top priorities.

A Level English Language & Literature is a prized qualification if you want to be a:

Archivist	Journalist	PR Manager
Author	Lawyer	Publisher
Copywriter	Librarian	Social Media Manager
Editor	Marketing Executive	Teacher
Freelance Writer	Museum Curator	Web Editor

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

You will benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts.

Options include: A visit to Shakespeare Theatre North and Haworth Bronte Parsonage. Trips to libraries to hear poetry speakers. Guest talks and workshops from local and national authors. Opportunity to become a blog writer and get published right from the start of your course.

ENGLISH LITERATURE



A Level English Literature will ignite and engage your passion for fiction, challenging your critical and evaluative skills.

Expect to get to grips with all forms of poetry, plays and prose from the start. There are challenging and adult themes including politics, sex and death. You will develop your own personal opinions and be confident in challenging those of others.

At AS Level, we begin with Unseen Prose and Poetry. You will study a range of extracts from literary prose from early writing to the present day. You will also study poetry from the AQA Anthology Love Through the Ages alongside two amazing gothic novels: Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca* and Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*. We finish the first year with Shakespeare's tragedy *Othello*.

In the second year, you will study two texts of your own choice. We also practise for the Unseen Poetry unit and study two texts about identity: Friel's play *Translations* and Sheers' *Skirrid Hill*. We finish with Atwood's dystopian modern classic *The Handmaid's Tale*.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including English or an essay based subject such as History

UNIVERSITY COURSES

English Literature is a highly respected subject that will allow you access to many universities. It is a preferred subject of many Oxbridge colleges.

Business	Journalism	Psychology
Creative writing	Languages	Politics
English	Marketing	Social Sciences
History	Media and Film	Teaching

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Archivist	Journalist	PR Manager
Author	Lawyer	Publisher
Copywriter	Librarian	Social Media Manager
Editor	Marketing Executive	Teacher
Freelance Writer	Museum Curator	Web Editor

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

You will benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts.

Options include: A visit to Shakespeare Theatre North and Haworth Bronte Parsonage. Trips to libraries to hear poetry speakers and guest talks and workshops from local and national authors.

Opportunity to become a blog writer and get published right from the start of your course.



FINE ART

A Level Fine Art* encourages you to develop artistic skills, creativity, critical thinking, and knowledge of the art world. You will produce your own creative work, while studying the work of artists and art movements.

You will study the following areas:

Practical Studio Work: You will spend a significant amount of time working in the studio, exploring various media, techniques, and processes. You will create artwork in response to a series of projects, developing skills and expressing ideas visually.

Investigating and Experimenting: This involves research, exploration, and experimentation with different materials, styles, and approaches. You will investigate the work of artists and explore new artistic concepts and themes.

Critical and Contextual Studies: Study the work of different artists, art movements and historical and contemporary art contexts. Learn how to analyse and critically evaluate artworks, discussing their influences and significance.

Personal Investigation: In the second year you will undertake a personal investigation, which involves in-depth research and exploration of a chosen topic or theme. You will produce a body of artwork and a written component that explains their creative process and contextualizes your work.

A LEVEL FINE ART

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English, Maths and an Art based subject and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Animation	Art Therapy	Graphic Design
Architecture	Creative Writing	Interior Design
Art Education	Fashion Design	Illustration
Art History	Fine Arts	Photography

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

You will benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

Visits to galleries in Manchester, Liverpool and London as well as Yorkshire Sculpture park.

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Art can lead to various career paths that involve creativity, visual expression, and artistic skills. Here are some potential careers you can pursue via the study of Art:

FINE ARTIST: You can create and exhibit your own artwork, whether it be paintings, sculptures, installations, or mixed media pieces. You can sell your work through galleries, art fairs, or online platforms.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER: Creates visual designs for various media such as advertisements, websites, branding materials, packaging, or print publications. This field often requires proficiency in design software and a good understanding of visual communication.

ILLUSTRATOR: Produce visual representations and drawings for books, magazines, advertisements, websites, and other publications. You can work as a freelance illustrator or be employed by publishing houses, design agencies, or media companies.

ART TEACHER/ART EDUCATOR: If you have a passion for sharing your artistic knowledge and skills, you can become an art teacher at the elementary, secondary, or post-secondary level. Teaching in art schools, community centres, or offering private lessons are also options.

ART THERAPIST: Combines psychology and art to help individuals express themselves and promote emotional healing. With further training and certification in art therapy, you can work in hospitals, rehabilitation centres, mental health facilities, or private practice.

ART DIRECTOR: Oversees the visual style and creative elements of projects such as advertising campaigns, films, television shows, or game development. They collaborate with a team of artists, designers, and photographers to achieve the desired artistic vision.

CURATOR/MUSEUM PROFESSIONAL: Working in museums, galleries, or cultural institutions, organising and presenting exhibitions. They research and select artwork, manage collections, and provide interpretive materials for visitors. Other museum-related roles include museum educator, exhibition designer, or art gallery manager.

ANIMATOR: Art can lead to a career as an animator. You can work in film, television, advertising, or game development, creating animated characters, special effects, or visual storytelling.

ART CRITIC/JOURNALIST: You can pursue a career writing about art exhibitions, artists, and trends for newspapers, magazines, online publications, or art blogs. This role requires a strong understanding of art history, aesthetics, and critical analysis.

ART CONSERVATION/RESTORATION: Art conservators preserve and restore artwork, ensuring their long-term preservation and maintaining their original integrity. This field requires specialized training and knowledge of materials, techniques, and art history.





Develop your skills of analysis and critical thinking through the study of British Industrialisation 1783 - 1885 and Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 - 1945, along with your choice of coursework topic.

Evaluate these significant periods of the past and develop an understanding of what has gone before to prepare for the future.

You will also have the opportunity to complete coursework, with the chance to delve deeper into any historical topic in which you are interested. The skills gained within the history course will allow you to develop academically and personally. You will become analytical, evaluative and well-rounded learners.

A LEVEL HISTORY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including an essay based subject such as History

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Business	Journalism
History	Law
Humanities Subjects	Politics

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Academia / Education	Local / National Government
Finance	Museum / Gallery Officer
Journalism	Publishing
Law	Research

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

Archives guest speaker, HET Auschwitz, talks from holocaust survivor, UCAS and university trips.



MATHEMATICS $\sqrt{2}$

Studying AS/A Level Mathematics will help you to develop a logical approach to problem-solving, as well as your mathematical knowledge and skills. You will study three areas: Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics.

Understanding Mathematics and its processes will help to increase confidence, foster enjoyment and provide a strong foundation for further study. You will learn how to apply mathematics in other fields of study and be aware of the relevance of it to the world of work and in society.



A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths



TIMOTHY GRABER

ASPIRING ACCOUNTANT

Results:

A Mathematics

C Physics

A* Psychology

Destination: BSc (Hons) Mathematics - Lancaster University

"I'm very happy with my results and I have enjoyed my time at college. My tutors 1-1 support really helped improve my revision skills and this helped me get the grades I wanted."

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

You will benefit from masterclasses with industry experts such as Ford France and BAE Systems. You can challenge yourself at UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge. You will be supported through the University of Manchester support sessions and the college's Mathematics lunchtime club.

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Accountancy	Engineering
Computer Science	Mathematics
Economics	Statistics

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Astronomer	Investment Analyst
Accountant	Research Scientist
Data Analyst	Statistician
Financial Analyst	Teacher



Media Studies is an exciting and challenging subject, which encourages students to critically engage with a broad range of historical and contemporary media products.

Students who are best suited to the Media Studies A Level will not only be avid TV, magazine and news consumers, but will also want to analyse those products and their effects on society and culture.

A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Cinematics & Photography	Marketing
Design	Media Studies
Film Studies	Production Management
International Media	Sociology
Journalism	TV Studies

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Media Studies can be used to gain access to a variety of humanities-based university courses, or more specifically to study theoretical or practical media at degree level. The course can lead you to careers in:

Audio-Visual Production	Media Producing & Directing
Journalism	Photography
Marketing Profession	Public Relations

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

Live studio recordings (including Question of Sport), Q&A sessions with writers and directors.

A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES MEDIA & DIGITAL

If you choose to attend Parsons Walk, Wigan you may study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification to help you fulfil your career ambitions.

This provides an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships and may be suitable for those who prefer a combination of coursework and examinations.

A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Business English Language and Literature* or English Literature Media Studies Sociology	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate Digital Film & Video Production Provides the appropriate skills in technical roles such as single & multi camera productions, sound recording and editing. The course will prepare you for entry into creative media roles such as post-production runner, broadcast assistant, assistant to camera crew and many more.	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you wish to study A Level English you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.

*AS is no longer a stand alone option.





The Laws of Physics control everything in our Universe from the smallest particles to the largest galaxies.

You will learn about the overarching theories of gravity, electromagnetic fields and nuclear forces, and how they govern our world and all worlds. You will also discover the mind-blowing subject of quantum Physics.

In year two, there is an emphasis on astrophysics and medical physics, as examples of applications in the real world. You will be assessed on a range of scientific and mathematical skills, as well as building competency of practical abilities.

You will also be encouraged to take part in the British Physics Olympiad competition, to showcase your enthusiasm for the subject.

You will understand and be able to explain why natural processes occur, such as why the sun shines, why astronauts appear 'weightless' in space and more.

A LEVEL PHYSICS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Physics

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Accountancy	Natural Sciences
Aerospace Engineering	Particle Physics
Geology	Physics with Astrophysics
Law	Physics with Medical Physics
Materials Science	Pure Physics
Medical Biophysics	Radiography
Medicine	Software Engineering

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

The vast majority of engineering careers will require Physics, such as: Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering

Data Scientist	Medical Physicist	Nuclear Physicist
Environmental Careers	Medicine	Research Physicist
Geophysicist	Pharmacology	Teaching
Law	Optometry	Theoretical Physicist

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

Guest speakers include a Nuclear Astrophysicist based at Vancouver University, giving their insight on the everyday use of a particle accelerator.

STEM ambassadors are involved in supporting you through the Gold CREST Award. You can choose a STEM project of your choice to work on in your second year of study; this project is graded by experts in industry.

You are encouraged to participate in the British Physics Olympiad to prepare for university.

POLITICS



Gain through knowledge of the political systems of the UK and the USA through comparison and debate, to fully understand how we are governed and what we can do to influence the process.

You will have the opportunity to study a variety of political systems, starting with the UK, examining the way in which our country is governed. You will develop your understanding as you progress and examine the US political system examining the similarities and differences. This will develop your understanding of the society in which you live.



A LEVEL POLITICS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 (one in an essay-based subject)

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Politics
Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)
Law
Journalism
History
International Relations
Finance

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Academia / Education
Finance
Journalism
Law
Local / National Government
Publishing
Research

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

You will visit the Houses of Parliament as part of our London trip, where you will meet MPs in and around the different chambers at Westminster Palace.





PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You will gain an understanding of how psychologists conduct their research, before examining a wide range of areas within psychology.

You will seek to answer questions such as, why do people obey authority? How do children learn aggressive behaviours? How reliable are eyewitnesses memories? In the second year we take a deep dive into mental health, studying the causes of mental health disorders and various ways in which they can be treated.

Forensic psychology, examines the causes of criminal behaviour, how can we reduce this, and what effect prison has on people. Other topics include Sports Psychology and how we perform in front of an audience. How do we work effectively as part of a team, and how can we manage anxiety?

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths or Science

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Child Psychology	Psychology
Forensic Science	Sociology
Linguistics	Social Work
Neuroscience	Speech and Language Therapy
Primary Teaching	Youth Work

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Career paths that involve working and communicating with other people include:

Human Resources	Radiography
Medicine	Social Work
Nursing	Teaching
Psychologist	Veterinary Surgeon

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

You will benefit from a range of trips, and guest speakers including a moot courtroom, participating in a mock trial, guest talks from academics within the field, and those who work with domestic abuse survivors.

SOCIOLOGY



Sociology is the study of social life, human behaviour patterns and interactions. It provides us with better understanding and reasoning for societal differences.

Families and households: The relationship of the family is explored in detail, as well as looking at changing roles of men, women and children in modern society. Global changes are also examined.

Education: The role of the education system, differential achievement based on class, gender and ethnicity. Relationships between students and teachers, labelling and the hidden curriculum.

Crime and deviance: You will explore explanations of crime, deviance, social order and social control. Examine globalisation and crime as well as different impacts of age, gender, class and ethnicity.

Beliefs: Examine ideology, science, NRMS and NAM as well as relationships of different social groups.

Research methods: You will examine a wide range of research methods and carry out practical research.



A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 (one in an essay-based subject)

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Criminology

Education

Health

Policy

Sociology

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Nurse

Paramedics

Police

Solicitors

Teachers

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Students benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. Options include:

You will benefit from a range of trips, and guest speakers, including a moot courtroom, participating in a mock trial, guest talks from academics within the field, and those who work in the Law and Sociology industries.

A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES CRIMINOLOGY

If you choose to attend Parsons Walk, Wigan you may study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification to help you fulfil your career ambitions.

This provides an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships and may be suitable for those who prefer a combination of coursework and examinations.

A LEVELS (choose two from the following)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (equivalent to one A Level)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
English Language and Literature* or English Literature History or Media Politics or Business Sociology or Economics	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Criminology Criminology includes aspects of Law, Psychology, and Sociology. It examines theories on the causes of different types of crime and what makes some people more 'criminal' than others. You will discover why certain crimes are under-reported and will be given the opportunity to create a campaign for change that increases awareness. Year 2 will focus on crime and punishment, exploring the purpose of the criminal justice system and how and why we punish crimes. You will learn about procedures, from the crime scene to the courtroom, and gain an understanding of how the criminal justice system works. You will also be asked to review a criminal case, to ensure that it has been tried fairly.	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you wish to study A Level English you will need a grade 6 at GCSE.

*AS is no longer a stand alone option.



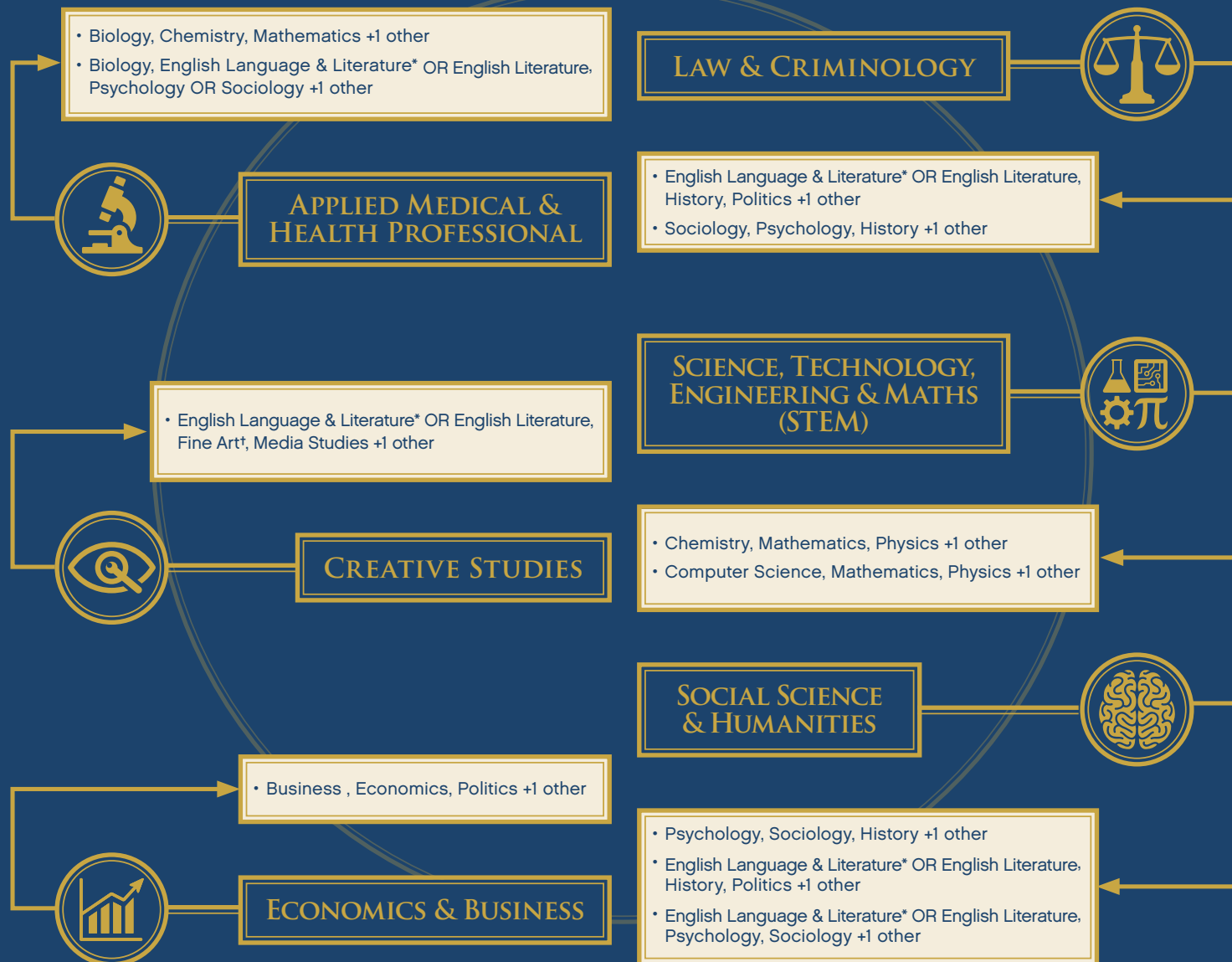
A LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

You may choose one of the pathways as our recommended route to your chosen career.

Each pathway includes three complementary A Level subjects. However, in the first year you may take four AS Levels. In addition, you will also study professional qualifications relevant to your chosen pathway. You may also take up valuable, relevant work placement or internships, as part of a weekly dedicated Academic Development Day.

Our A Level Professional Pathways are delivered at our Parsons Walk Centre and at Leigh College.

YOU CAN CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING A LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS



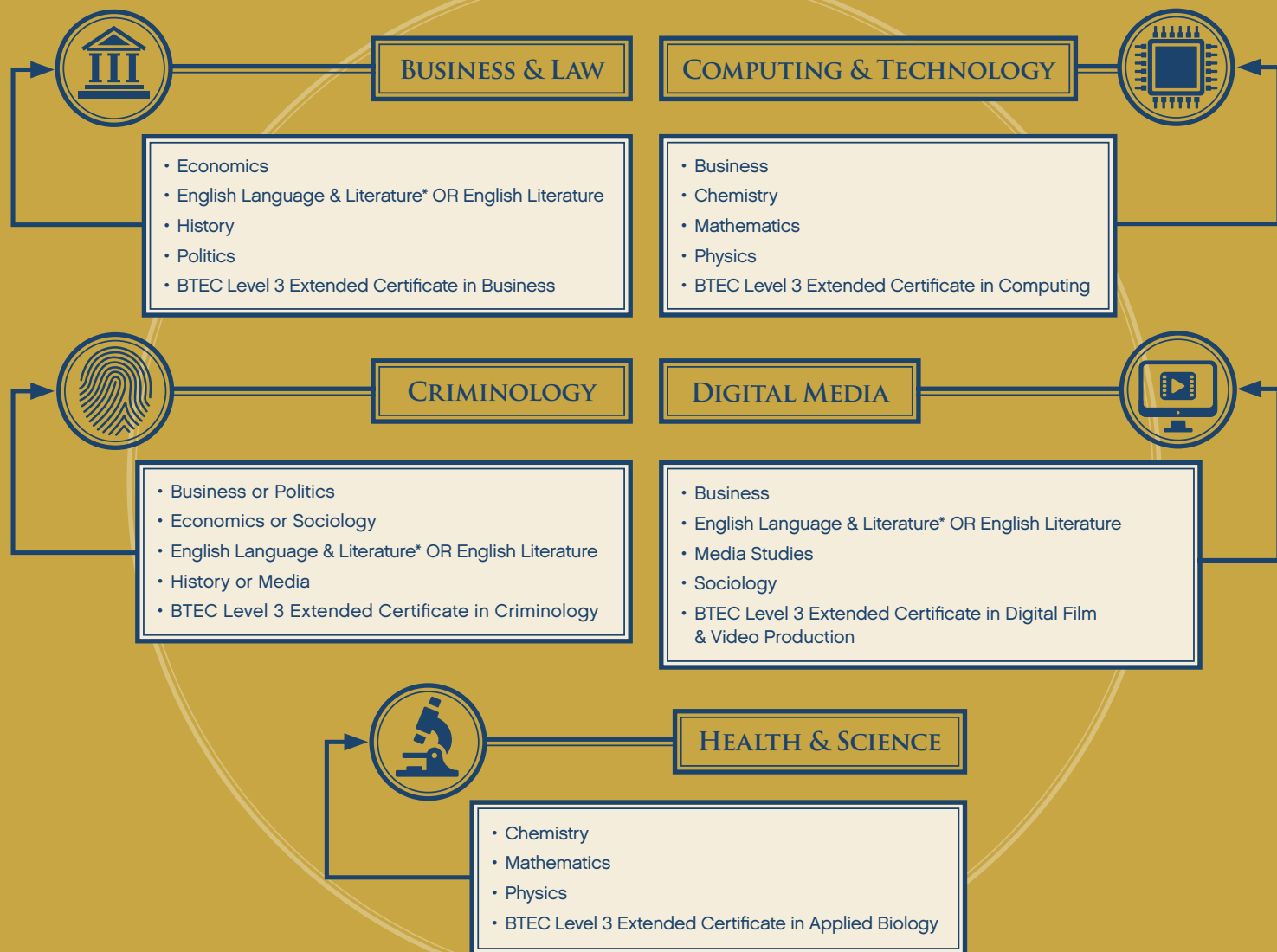
A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES

Extended Choices was developed for those who prefer a combination of assignments and exams. You may choose two A Levels and a Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate to prepare for health and science, business and law, film and digital media and computing related careers.

The combination of a practical and coursework focused qualification with A Levels is accepted by the country's top universities. However if you wish to follow a career in medicine or veterinary science we advise the A Level Professional Pathway in Applied Medical and Health.

Our Extended Choices programme is delivered at the Parsons Walk Centre in Wigan town centre.

YOU CAN CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES



THE PROFESSIONAL HONOURS PROGRAMME

GETTING TO COLLEGE

All centres are within easy reach of public transport links.

WIGAN CENTRES

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

Centre of Excellence in Engineering & Construction (Pagefield Centre)
Walkden Avenue, Wigan WN1 2JH



LEIGH COLLEGE

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



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

This guide was printed in August 2023 for the 24/25 intake. Wigan & Leigh College (the 'college') endeavours to ensure that the information in this publication is accurate at the time of going to publication, but because this prospectus has been printed in advance of courses starting dates, all courses are offered subject to student numbers and the college reserves the right to amend, withdraw or amalgamate any of the courses, fees, services, locations or facilities described at any time before you apply for a place on a course of study.

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 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 at: wigan-leigh.ac.uk
Prospective students should therefore fully familiarise themselves with these documents prior to applying on a course at the college.

A Level Application Form

For use by applicants under the age of 19 on 31 August 2024

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 Levels starting in September 2024.



Section 1 - Tell us about yourself			
Birth Sex Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		Pronouns	
Last Name		Ref (office use)	
First Names			
Home Address		Date of Birth	
		Age on 31/08/24	
		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			
A Levels (a Pathway or specific A Levels)		A Level Extended Choices (Only available at Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan)	
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: Grade 6)	Estimated grade (Example: Grade 6)
Section 4 - Tell us about any additional support you may need			
Do you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A disability (eg visual impairment, hard of hearing, mental health difficulties, epilepsy)• A learning difficulty (eg 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			
The information you provide in this application form will be used to process your application to college and communicate with you for admission to Wigan & Leigh College. Under the General Data Protection Regulations, we will store this information for a period of 12 months after the start date of the course which you are applying for, after which it will be destroyed securely. We will only share this information with your current school and Wigan Council for monitoring and tracking purposes. The information will not be shared with any other third party unless required to do so for legal reasons. By signing this form, you agree to the above.			
Applicant signature		Date	
If you would like to receive information about the college, future events and courses please tick the appropriate box for how you would like us to keep you informed: phone / text <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> post <input type="checkbox"/>			

Supporting Statement

What are your career aspirations? What have you done to support your application (eg voluntary work, sports achievements, work experience).

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

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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 wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete an Application Form

You can fill in the form at the back of this prospectus or visit wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply

2. The Interview

Once we receive your application form, we will send you 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

In September start the **A Level Programme**.

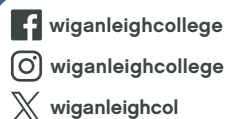


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4.30PM - 7.30PM

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- Monday 29 January 2024 • Monday 22 April 2024

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