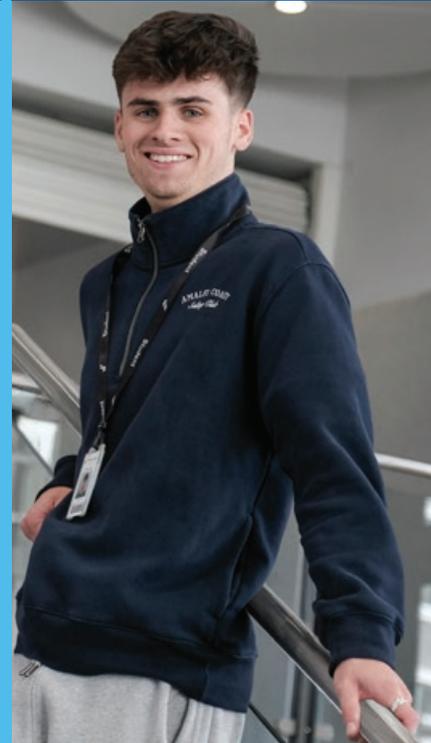


**16-18  
PROSPECTUS  
2026/27**



**GET  
FUTURE  
READY**

**WITH THE COLLEGE FOR  
TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE**

## WHY CHOOSE US?

WE GET YOU

WORK

READY

**100%**  
PASS RATE  
IN 52 SUBJECTS  
leading you  
to the job you want

Come to the  
**BEST TECH  
COLLEGE  
TEACHING  
FACILITIES**  
in the region

**GET  
INDUSTRY  
READY**

through industry and  
work experience for  
every student with  
companies including  
Matalan, NHS,  
Galliford Try and RSPCA

**98%**

**T LEVEL  
PASS RATE**

**26% Distinction  
10% above the  
National Average**

**OUR TUTORS  
ARE INDUSTRY  
EXPERTS**

They've worked in the  
industries you want to  
get into. They share  
their experience and  
teach up to university  
level

**AMAZING  
INTERNATIONAL  
TRIPS**

**+**

**SKILLS  
COMPETITIONS**

**NORTH WEST  
CONSTRUCTION  
TECHNICAL  
EXCELLENCE  
COLLEGE**

**100%**

**A LEVEL  
PASS RATE**

88% achieving  
high grades

# WELCOME

## Welcome to Wigan & Leigh College

Leaving school is the start of something exciting. It's the moment you begin shaping your future. At Wigan & Leigh College, we're here to make sure you're not only ready for that next step, but that you're Work Ready, Future Ready and Life Ready.

Our careers and work is a huge part of who we are. It's about more than just a job, it's about ambition, independence, and building a life you're proud of. That's why our courses are designed with industry experts, employers and universities to give you the technical skills, real experience and confidence you need to stand out.

From T Levels and A Levels to apprenticeships, vocational qualifications and beyond, you'll learn in cutting-edge facilities with the latest technology, guided by tutors who know what it takes to succeed in the workplace. You won't just study; you'll experience real projects, placements and challenges that prepare you for the world of work from day one.

Your journey will be unique and we'll support you every step of the way. Whether your ambition is to progress to university, gain a higher or degree apprenticeship, launch your own business or go straight into employment, we'll make sure you have the skills, knowledge and mindset to succeed.

At Wigan & Leigh College, we don't just get you ready for work. We get you ready for life.

**Anna Dawe**  
Principal,  
Wigan & Leigh College



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# ENHANCE

# YOUR LEARNING

## WITH THE BEST TECH FACILITIES

### LEIGH CAMPUS EXPANDS ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

This new centre includes a scenario-based learning environment with industry-standard equipment to develop the skills you need in animal care roles.

This includes: animal boarding, veterinary care, animal pet shop, and an aquatics centre.

The facility also includes multi-model spaces for practical and theory T Level course sessions.



### POWERHOUSE: NOVEMBER 2025

#### Future Energy Zone - Powering a Sustainable Tomorrow

We're proud to introduce our Future Energy Zone - Sustainable Technologies Space: a cutting-edge facility designed to lead the region in green skills development, innovation, and real-world application of low-carbon technologies.

As the construction and building services industries rapidly evolve in response to climate change and net zero targets, our new space puts us at the forefront of technical education and workforce development.

This facility ensures you're ready for the future. As more sustainable technologies are integrated into our Construction, Engineering, and Building Services programmes, learners will gain early exposure to the systems shaping the future of modern buildings. This unique added value ensures our students graduate with a technical edge, aligned to industry needs and environmental responsibility.

The Future Energy Zone is not just a space - it's a catalyst for change. By embedding sustainability across our curriculum and providing access to the latest technologies, we're equipping learners at all stages of their career with the skills and knowledge to meet the demands of future homes and workplaces.





## **VIRTUAL REALITY SPACE, THE CAVE (CAVE AUGMENTED VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT)**

This shared immersive space goes beyond a virtual reality headset, allowing groups of learners to be immersed in a scene, or view 360 degree content together, using wall and floor projection.

You can become immersed in authentic workplace environments, such as a busy hospital ward. In addition, Health & Social Care learners can explore immersive and interactive 3D models of human anatomy.

Using 3D and motion tracking technology, the CAVE allows learners to move around a 3D landscape or model. Computing or Engineering students can bring their own projects to life, experiencing their newly developed content, with wall and floor projection to fully immerse themselves in their own production.





## THE SKILLS ACADEMY

Our new Skills Academy, based at Prescott Street, Wigan, is meeting the demand for education and training in priority employment areas such as construction and engineering.

The Skills Academy is our latest additional space for you to learn subjects already at our Pagefield Campus. With many more of you choosing technical subjects in engineering and construction we now have more space and facilities.

If you're based here you'll be much closer to Parsons Walk Campus, with all it has to offer only a five minute walk away.

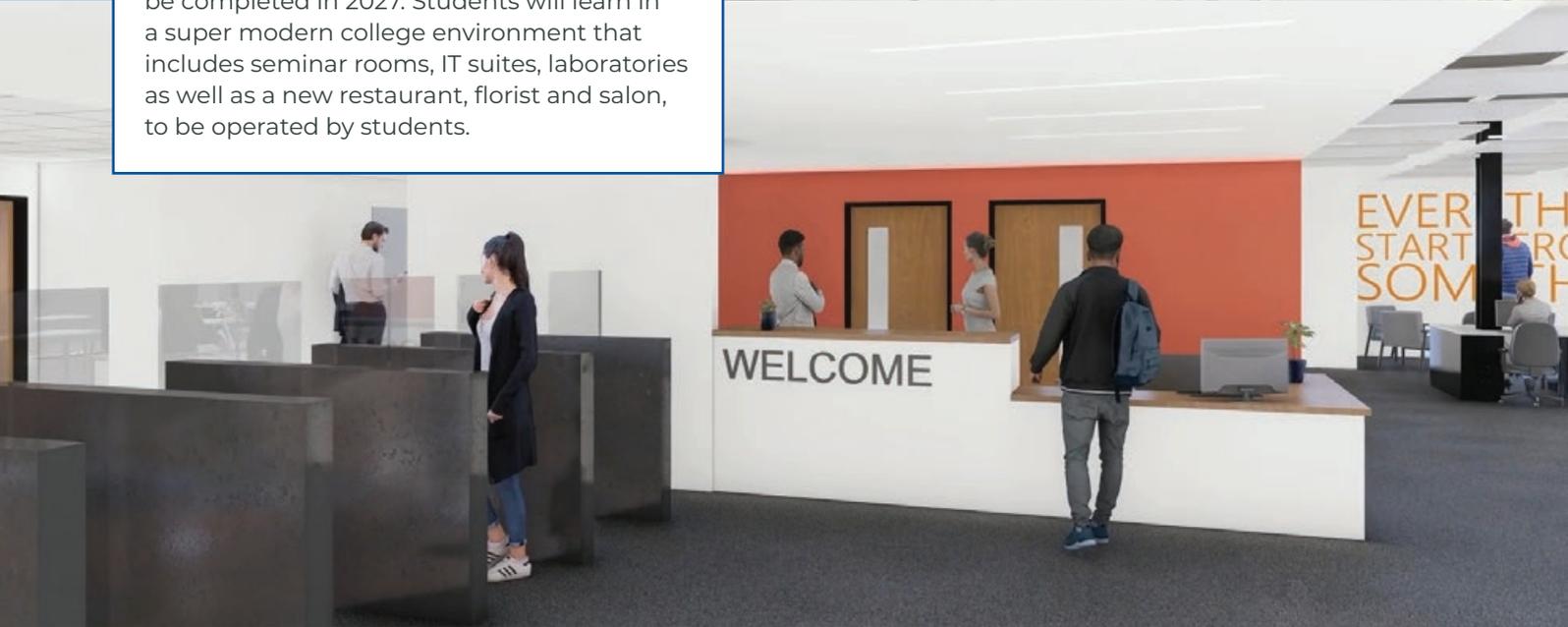
The Skills Academy will prepare you with the skills and expertise to thrive in an ever-evolving job market.





## COMING SOON

Our brand new Parsons Walk Campus will be completed in 2027. Students will learn in a super modern college environment that includes seminar rooms, IT suites, laboratories as well as a new restaurant, florist and salon, to be operated by students.



# SUPPORTING YOU



## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES

We offer a full range of services at all our campuses in new open plan Learning Resources Centres (LRC).

As well as a library service, you can access electronic resources, study facilities and IT work stations to support your learning.

Our centres have core textbooks, subject periodicals, fiction, wellbeing, and LGBT+ materials, as well as a range of electronic resources.

Our friendly staff can help you find the information you need and we also provide IT support, including access to Office 365, MS Teams, printing, and scanning.

We have various study spaces, including group work areas, and individual study rooms, as well as quiet and silent spaces. Each centre has laptops, computers, and iMacs, and you can also buy stationery and top up your printing account.

While you develop your independent study and IT skills, our LRC team will help you with borrowing and using our resources. We also provide study skills sessions, such as those on Harvard referencing, critical thinking, and searching academic databases.

## ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

We welcome those with learning difficulties and disabilities. The ALS team is based at Parsons Walk Campus and offers services for all campuses.

To find out more call 01942 761887.

## PERSONAL TUTOR

At the beginning of term you'll meet your personal tutor, who you'll get to know when you become a member of a regular tutor group. Your 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 campus has a dedicated Head of Studies who makes sure you receive as much pastoral support as you need.

They, along with a team of Student Liaison Officers, will help you reach your individual targets for improvement and overcome any difficulties.

They'll support you to make sure you have fun through enrichment and volunteering, but also succeed on your course. Their main focus is making sure you achieve the best that you can do, contributing to an overall outstanding student experience.



# SUPPORTING YOU PERSONALLY

## PASTORAL & CHAPLAINCY

Our door is always open. We offer support and guidance for students of all faiths and none.

Our Chaplain can help you throughout your time at college with a dedicated team on hand to support you too.

If you want to get involved in a group, community events and projects, working alongside other students throughout the year, we can point you in the right direction.

# SUPPORTING YOU FINANCIALLY

## COLLEGE BURSARY

You may be eligible for help if you meet certain criteria and you're on a full-time course.

**Scan here to find out more:**



# GETTING YOU TO YOUR NEXT DREAM CAREER

Our team offers impartial advice to help you make decisions about how to get work ready and plan further study options after your course.

## You can meet us to find out more about:

- How to change course or get an apprenticeship.
- UCAS applications.
- Student Finance applications.
- Applying for higher education at our University Centre.
- Job searches, CVs, letters and job applications.
- Co-ordinating work placements.
- Identifying and building the skills to get ahead.
- Researching and planning to support your career ambitions.
- Funding and welfare.
- Support agencies.

## MEET THE EMPLOYER EVENTS

You can meet local, regional and national employers who are recruiting for apprentices or jobs, at events held at our Centre for Advanced Technical Studies and Pagefield Campus.



## MILLIE SIMMS

**Former school:** Golborne High School

**Course:** T Level Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction



Millie gained a rich learning experience during her industry placement with Willmott Dixon, and has now secured a fantastic degree apprenticeship with the construction company as a result.

Working two days a week at their Oldham based office, she was involved in numerous projects such as site visits to Greenheys in Manchester, The Mosslands (school in the Wirral) and a plant nursery near Delamere forest.

*"I really enjoyed it - they gave me a lot of opportunities in the office and I met lots of different people and gained a lot of insight."*

*"Seeing what happens onsite along with what I learn in college, I can put into perspective. I've always had an interest in design and it's what I want to go into in the future."* said Millie



## CAREER PLANNING

We can help you secure your dream career.

We hold guest speaker sessions from industry experts, visits to workplaces and opportunities to work on employers' live briefs and projects.

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 skills you need to get work ready.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

As a full-time student, you'll do a placement or work experience to get work ready.

Work placements vary depending on your course. You'll find out more about your type of work experience during your induction period.

A work placement can help you decide on the careers or industries you want, or don't want to work in. It can also help to:

- Develop skills for careers.
- Develop professional behaviour.
- Discover new talents.
- Strengthen CVs.
- Improve industry knowledge.
- Put learning into practice.

**You can book an appointment through the reception team or call:**

Parsons Walk Campus: **01942 761 681**  
 Pagefield Campus: **01942 761 819**  
 Leigh Campus: **01942 761 487**

## ROUTES TO UNIVERSITY

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma and T Level courses provide the same number of UCAS points as A Levels and the skills you need to get work ready.

<b>UCAS POINTS:</b>	168	160	152	144	128	120
<b>BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA:</b>	<b>D* D* D*</b>	<b>D* D* D</b>	<b>D* D D</b>	<b>D D D</b>	<b>D D M</b>	<b>D D D</b>
<b>A LEVEL GRADES:</b>	<b>A* A* A*</b>	<b>A* A* A</b>	<b>A* A A</b>	<b>A A A</b>	<b>A B B</b>	<b>B B B</b>
<b>T LEVEL OVERALL GRADES:</b>	<b>Distinction†</b>			<b>Distinction</b>		<b>Merit</b>

*(†A\* on the core and Distinction in the occupational specialism)*

# WHICH STUDY LEVEL IS RIGHT FOR ME?

The level of your course depends on your GCSEs and the entry criteria of the course for which you're applying.

We'll make sure you're signed up for the appropriate level at enrolment.

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION PATHWAY		
7	MASTERS DEGREE (MA)		
6	BACHELORS DEGREE (BA OR BSc)		
5	FOUNDATION DEGREE (FdA OR FdSc)	HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND / HTQ)	DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP
4		HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC)	HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP
3	A LEVELS	T LEVELS	EXTENDED DIPLOMA
2	GCSE (GRADES 4 - 9 (C, B, A, or A*))	T LEVEL FOUNDATION	DIPLOMA / EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
1/2			FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP
1	GCSE (GRADES 1 - 3 (D, E, F, OR G))		DIPLOMA
ENTRY	MATHS & ENGLISH FUNCTIONAL SKILLS		ENTRY LEVEL QUALIFICATION
	ACADEMIC PATHWAY	VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL PATHWAY	APPRENTICESHIPS

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Check individual courses throughout this prospectus for specific course entry requirements.

### VOCATIONAL AND T LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

#### Vocational and T Level Entry Requirements

##### ENTRY LEVEL:

No formal entry requirements

**LEVEL 1:** A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2.

**LEVEL 2:** A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3, or equivalent, including English or Maths.

**LEVEL 3:** A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4, or equivalent, including English or Maths.

*Some Level 3 courses will require English and Maths at grade 4 or above.*

### A LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

### A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. If you want to study A Level English, Mathematics or Science you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

# YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

The elements that make up your weekly timetable are collectively called a study programme.



MyJourney is your Personal Development and Tutorial curriculum and an essential part of your study programme, taking place one hour each week, and attendance is mandatory.

Key themes and specialist workshops will be delivered by your Personal Tutors and external speakers, alongside opportunities and activities designed to challenge and support your wider development.



## ENGLISH & MATHS SUCCESS

### SECURE YOUR FUTURE, UNLOCK ENGLISH AND MATHS

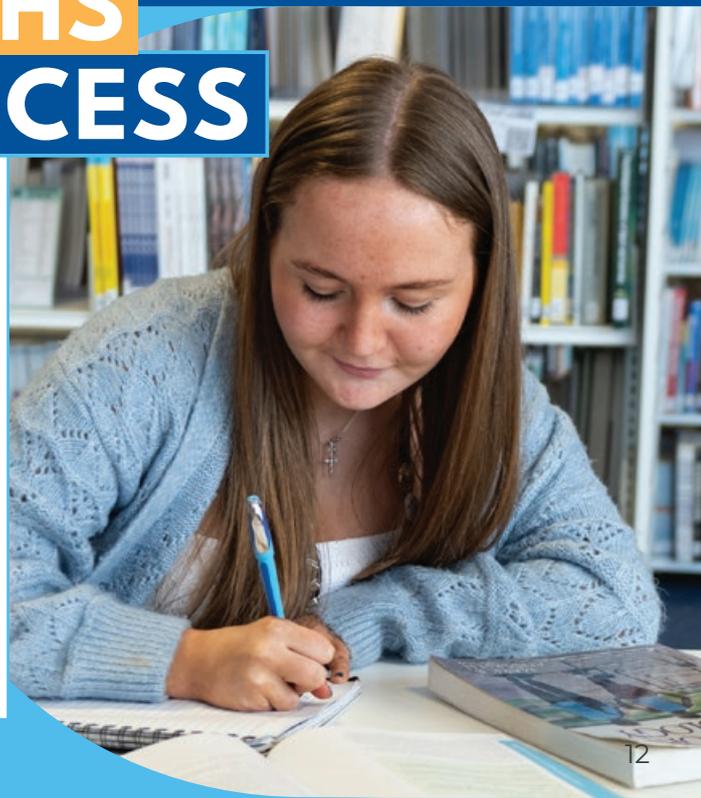
**Whether you want to be a bricklayer, business consultant or beauty therapist you'll need English and Maths.**

English and Maths are essential elements of all study programmes. If you haven't achieved grade 4 in English and Maths GCSE you'll need to re-sit.

English and Maths skills are used in everyday life. Whether you're sending texts, paying for the bus or reading a train timetable, you're using English and Maths. We'll help you achieve these essential qualifications, so you have the best possible chance in life and your future career.

#### **What if I have passed my GCSE English and/or Maths?**

If you've already achieved your GCSE English and/or Maths, we'll help you develop these skills further. Our tutors will point out which English and Maths topics you are practising in your sessions.



# START YOUR DREAM CAREER WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT'S AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a full-time job where you earn and study at the same time. You might be at college one or two days a week, or attend in week-long blocks of time. You can start at Level 2 and progress all the way to degree level on courses that last 1-4 years.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

**LEVEL 3** A minimum of 5 GCSEs, graded 9-4 or equivalent, including English and Maths

**LEVEL 2** A minimum of 5 GCSEs, graded 9-3 or equivalent, including English or Maths



## HOW MUCH WILL I GET PAID?

The government sets rates for apprenticeship minimum wages, you can find these at: [gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](https://gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)



Your employer might pay you more and you'll agree this in your employer contract.

## WE OFFER MORE THAN 80 APPRENTICESHIPS IN:

- Accounting
- Beauty Therapy
- Business Administration
- Catering & Hospitality
- Childcare & Early Years
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Crafts (Brickwork, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Plastering, Plumbing & Heating)
- Customer Service
- Digital Marketing
- Dog Groomer
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Facilities Services
- Floristry
- Food & Drink Manufacturing
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- Horticulture
- Human Resources
- Mechanical Engineering
- Metal Fabrication
- Motor Vehicle
- Teaching Assistant
- Team Leading & Management.

## WHY BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

An apprenticeship will help you build the skills, knowledge and confidence to start your career with:

**Hands-on experience rather than all classroom study.**

**A step ahead on your career path.**

**The chance to earn while you study.**

**Paid holidays.**

**Degree level apprenticeship with no debt.**

**Support and guidance from your employer and assessor.**

## YOUR APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY

1

Find out about apprenticeships from your school careers advisor or visit our website

2

Complete an application form at [wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply)

3

Send us your CV with your employability skills to: [apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk)

4

Apply for apprenticeship vacancies online and attend interviews

5

Once you've secured employment we'll sign you up for an apprenticeship

### APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY TEAM

We work with you to enhance your CV, improve interview techniques and boost your application. Our team is able to match you with the most appropriate vacancy relevant to your experience and dream career.

For more information, or if you've already found an employer who would like to sign you up as an apprentice, contact 01942 761851 or email [apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk)

### PRE-APPRENTICESHIP AND FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

Our Pre-Apprenticeship and Foundation Apprenticeships will help you develop the skills you need to build confidence for the workplace. If you're aged 16-24 but don't want to study full-time at college and are keen to start work, this programme could be right for you.

If you want to become an apprentice but don't feel ready for work, this free 12 week programme will help you develop your CV, improve your English and Maths, and get interview ready. If successful, you can progress to the Foundation programme.

You'll spend time in college, as well as in work experience, with support from us along the way. You'll become part of our talent pool, which means we will put you forward for interviews and support you with preparation.

### MEET THE EMPLOYER & APPRENTICESHIP TEAM

The college hosts events throughout the year where you can meet local and regional employers recruiting for apprenticeships.



### FESTIVAL OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

**Monday 9 February 2026**  
**4.30pm - 7.00pm**

Pagefield Campus, Walkden Avenue, Wigan WN1 2JH



# GET

# T-LEVELS

# INDUSTRY

# READY

Take T Levels after your GCSEs and you'll have a combination of classroom and work-based learning.

Take courses designed with top employers, and develop the skills that big organisations look for in employees.

T Levels are similar to apprenticeships but include more classroom study. They're equivalent to three A Levels.

You'll study over two years, spending 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% in work placement.

**80%**  
CLASSROOM

**20%**  
WORKPLACE

## WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER T-LEVELS

### APPRENTICESHIPS

You can go on to a higher or degree apprenticeship at Level 4 or above, developing the knowledge, skills and behaviours you've learned.

### EMPLOYMENT

You'll be work ready, as T Levels are designed with employers, so when you apply for jobs you'll stand out with a combination of specialist skills and workplace experience.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

You can go to university. If you achieve a pass grade you'll get the UCAS points you need to apply for your dream course.

### WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

- You'll learn core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area.
- You'll develop specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career.
- You'll continue to develop English, maths and digital skills.
- You'll take up an industry placement with an employer.
- Assessment is a mix of exams, formal written assessments, core competency assessment and observations, in placement and at college.

### DO I ARRANGE MY OWN WORK PLACEMENT?

We work with employers in each of the T Level subject areas to organise placements. Or we're happy for you to arrange your own placement with an employer.

Your placement will either be in blocks or weekly, depending on your subject area.

We'll support you with the costs of travel to your placement through a range of bus pass schemes.





# GET

# WORK

# READY

Our vocational and technical pathways prioritise hands-on learning over traditional exams, providing you with the tools needed to step into your chosen career.

We provide a wide range of courses at different levels, with achievement rates significantly above the national average.

**WITH OUR VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL COURSES**

## **DEVELOP JOB-READY SKILLS THROUGH A MIX OF PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL LEARNING:**

- ▶ Study one vocational subject
- ▶ One or two-year course (depending on level and qualification)
- ▶ Available from Entry Level to Level 3
- ▶ Mainly assessed through practical work and coursework
- ▶ Includes work placements
- ▶ Group and one-to-one tutorials
- ▶ Enrichment activities included

## **IDEAL FOR STUDENTS WHO:**

- ▶ Want nationally recognised qualifications
- ▶ Are interested in a specific career path
- ▶ Enjoy learning hands-on skills
- ▶ Want to apply learning in real-world settings
- ▶ Are curious, adaptable, and eager to transfer skills across situations
- ▶ Want to build research, analytical, and report writing abilities



**GET**

**FUTURE**

**READY**

**STEP AHEAD  
WITH A LEVELS**

You'll stand out from other university applicants with the best academic qualifications, plus professional and work-related skills.

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Smaller class sizes and one-to-one support.

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Extra academic support tutorials individually or in small groups.

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Specific support for UKCAT and BMAT qualifications and mock interviews.

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Take part in enterprise projects and local and national competitions.

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Enrichment opportunities enhance your university applications, while work placements and guest speaker programmes make sure you stand out from the rest.

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# A LEVELS

## MORE THAN A QUALIFICATION

**100%**  
PASS RATE  
AND **88%**  
HIGH GRADES  
FOR CLASS  
OF 2025

Choose one of the following routes to get future ready. We deliver A Levels at our Parsons Walk and Leigh Campuses.

### **MIX AND MATCH**

You're in control of your subject choice, great if you're not sure about your future career.

**CHOOSE THREE OR FOUR FROM THE FOLLOWING**

**BIOLOGY**

**BUSINESS**

**CHEMISTRY**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**ECONOMICS**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

**FINE ART**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**HISTORY**

**MATHEMATICS**

**MEDIA STUDIES**

**PHYSICS**

**POLITICS**

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**SOCIOLOGY**



FIND OUT MORE



# A LEVEL EXTENDED CHOICES

If you prefer a combination of assignments and exams, Extended Choices are the best route for you.

If you attend Parsons Walk, you can study a mixed programme of A Levels and a BTEC Level 3 qualification, equivalent to one A Level.

This is an alternative route to university and degree apprenticeships.

Choose two A Levels and a Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate, (equivalent to one A Level) to prepare for health and science; business and law; criminology; film & digital media; and computing related careers.

The country's top universities accept this combination of A Levels with a practical, coursework focused qualification. However, if you'd like a career in medicine or veterinary science, you'll need to take the A Level Professional Pathway in Applied Medical and Health.

**Extended Choices are available at Parsons Walk Campus with the Criminology Extended Choices available at both Parsons Walk Campus and Leigh Campus.**



## BUSINESS & LAW RELATED CAREERS

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level English, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

### A LEVELS

(choose two from the following)

- Economics
- English Language & Literature\*  
OR  
English Literature
- History
- Politics

## BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS

### SKILLS FOR SUCCESS:

You'll develop skills critical to your success in business.

### BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND

**MARKETING:** Create and present your own marketing campaign, explore different types of businesses and calculate business finance.

## COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY RELATED CAREERS

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level Mathematics or Science, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

### A LEVELS

(choose two from the following)

- Business
- Chemistry
- English Language and Literature\*  
OR  
English Literature
- Mathematics
- Physics

## BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTING

**INSIDE THE MACHINE:** You'll learn how a computer works and organises data.

### PROGRAMMING & SECURITY

**SYSTEMS:** You'll be introduced to programming constructs in different languages, learning about object oriented and procedural programming. And you'll explore data security and encryption techniques.

## CRIMINOLOGY

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level English, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

*(Criminology Extended Choice available at both Parsons Walk Campus and Leigh Campus).*

### A LEVELS

(choose two from the following)

- English Language and Literature\*  
OR  
English Literature
- History or Media
- Politics or Business
- Sociology or Economics

## BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINOLOGY

### CHANGING AWARENESS OF CRIME:

Understand different types of crime, why some go unreported, and how campaigns can change public perception.

### CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORIES:

Explore why people commit crime through psychological, socio-logical, and biological explanations.

### CRIME SCENE TO COURTROOM:

Learn how crimes are investigated and processed through the legal system, from evidence collection to court proceedings.

### CRIME AND PUNISHMENT:

Examine how the criminal justice system operates and the effectiveness of different punishments.

## HEALTH RELATED CAREERS

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9 - 5 including English and Maths. If you study A Level Mathematics or Science, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

### Want to study medicine or veterinary science?

Choose our Career Pathways route.

### A LEVELS

(choose two from the following)

- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics

## BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED BIOLOGY

**THE HUMAN BODY:** You'll learn human anatomy and physiology, from the molecules we depend on, to the function of the human body.

**TREATING DISEASE:** You'll get the chance to develop practical skills in microbiology, including the identification of diseases and the selection of appropriate antibiotics.

**RESEARCH AND IMPACT:** You'll spend time analysing data and research for human health, and study issues surrounding fertility and reproductive technology.

## MEDIA & DIGITAL RELATED CAREERS

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level English, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

### A LEVELS

(choose two from the following)

- Business
- English Language and Literature\*  
OR  
English Literature
- Media Studies
- Sociology

## BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL FILM & VIDEO PRODUCTION

**INDUSTRY SKILLS:** You'll develop skills in technical roles such as single and multi camera productions, sound recording and editing.

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:** We'll prepare you for creative media roles such as postproduction runner, broadcast assistant, assistant to camera crew and many more.

# A LEVEL CAREER PATHWAYS

You can take three A Levels focused on a particular career field (four AS Levels in your first year).

You'll also study professional qualifications relating to your career and complete a sector relevant work placement, gain extra qualifications and have masterclasses from industry experts.

## A LEVEL CAREER PATHWAYS ARE:

### APPLIED MEDICAL & HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

- Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics +1 other
- Biology, English Language & Literature\* OR English Literature, Psychology OR Sociology +1 other

### CREATIVE STUDIES

- English Language & Literature\* OR English Literature, Fine Art†, Media Studies +1 other

### ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

- Business, Economics, Politics +1 other

### LAW & CRIMINOLOGY

- English Language & Literature\* OR English Literature, History, Politics +1 other
- Sociology, Psychology, History +1 other

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS (STEM)

- Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics +1 other
- Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics +1 other

### SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

- Psychology, Sociology, History +1 other
- English Language & Literature\* OR English Literature, History, Politics +1 other
- English Language & Literature\* OR English Literature, Psychology, Sociology +1 other



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A LEVELS AT  
OUR PARSONS  
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CAMPUSES

# BIOLOGY

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

## What you'll learn in your first year:

**PRACTICAL SKILLS:** Learn to plan experiments, record results, analyse data, and draw conclusions - skills assessed throughout the course.

**FOUNDATIONS OF BIOLOGY:** Understand cell structure, molecules, enzymes, and cell division.

**EXCHANGE AND TRANSPORT:** Study how animals and plants exchange gases and nutrients, focusing on circulatory and transport systems.

**BIODIVERSITY AND DISEASE:** Explore classification, evolution, natural selection, disease defence, and the importance of biodiversity and conservation.

## Advanced Topics in your second year include:

**COMMUNICATION AND ENERGY:** Learn how organisms respond to changes using nerves and hormones, how they maintain balance (homeostasis), and energy processes like photosynthesis and respiration.

**GENETICS AND ECOSYSTEMS:** Study inheritance, gene regulation, genetic engineering, and ecological concepts like nutrient cycles and biodiversity.



## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Ecology and Environmental
- Genetics
- Marine Biology
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Palaeontology
- Physiology

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- 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

## MICHAEL BENTHAM

**Former School:** Culcheth High School

**Grades:** A\* Biology, A\* Chemistry, A\* Psychology

**Progression:** MChem Chemistry - The University of Manchester

*"I am relieved and proud of myself and a lot of hard work has gone into this. College has been amazing, and all my tutors have been wonderful. Studying at the Leigh Campus has really benefitted me a lot as it's a close-knit campus."*

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Biology

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll connect with working scientists over a text-based chat in the nationwide event, *I'M A SCIENTIST: Get Me Out Of Here!* You'll learn about a range of careers and scientists' different academic journeys. It's an opportunity to meet in a neutral and friendly setting, to ask about research, studying, topics of interest, and current science news.

**FUTURE  
CHEMICAL  
RESEARCHER**



**100%  
HIGH  
GRADES**

# BUSINESS

You'll learn how businesses run, covering goals and strategy, external factors like the economy and tech, marketing, operations, HR, finance, global trade, digital tools, mergers, managing change, and types of business ownership.

**IN YEAR ONE:** You'll learn how businesses succeed, how entrepreneurs turn ideas into reality, and how companies set goals. You'll also study marketing, finance, operations, and HR through real examples, while understanding outside influences like competition and the economy.

**IN YOUR SECOND YEAR:** You'll delve deeper into Strategic Decision Making by exploring how big business decisions are made - like entering new markets or handling crises. Learn how managers create strategies, assess risks, and compare business success across industries.

**SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN:** Develop data analysis, decision-making, problem-solving, and commercial awareness - key skills for university or work. Whether you want to start or run a business, this course gives you a strong foundation

### WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Accounting
- Business and Marketing
- Business Management
- Events Management
- Finance
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Resources and Management
- International Business Management
- Retail and Merchandising

### WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Accountant
- Bank Manager
- Business Analyst
- Business Consultant
- Business Owner (Entrepreneur)
- Business Development Manager
- Cost Analyst
- Estate Agent
- Event Manager and Organiser
- Human Resources Manager
- Investor
- Marketing Executive
- Project Manager
- Recruitment Consultant

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths.

### A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day, you'll hear guest speakers from:

- Bank of England
- Santander
- HSBC
- Fedora Investment Company

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is the study of matter, it bridges the gap between the intricate biological processes we observe in living organisms, and the unique behaviour of molecules at the quantum level.

## What you'll study:

**FOUNDATIONS IN CHEMISTRY:** Learn the basics: atomic structure, bonding, equations, and key lab skills that support the rest of the course.

**PERIODIC TABLE & ENERGY:** Explore trends across the periodic table, group chemistry, and transition metals. Study energy changes, reaction rates, and equilibria.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Chemistry
  - Biochemistry
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Forensic Science
  - Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Science
- Chemistry is also a strict requirement for most courses in:
- Medicine
  - Veterinary Science
  - Dentistry.

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Synthetic Chemical Industry
- Medicine
- Veterinary
- Dentistry
- Drug Design
- Materials Engineering
- Renewable Energy
- Forensics and Food Science

**CORE ORGANIC CHEMISTRY:** Dive into carbon-based compounds like alcohols and alkenes and learn about reaction mechanisms and isomerism.

**PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY & TRANSITION ELEMENTS:** Go deeper into rates, pH, equilibria, and the colourful, reactive world of transition metals.

**ORGANIC CHEMISTRY & ANALYSIS:** Study aromatic compounds, acids, and amines, and use techniques like infrared spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance to identify unknowns.

**PRACTICAL SKILLS:** Complete at least 12 practical tasks to build strong lab skills for university or science careers.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Chemistry.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll broaden your understanding of higher education and employment prospects in STEM. We'll support you to enter competitions, such as the Cambridge Chemistry Olympiad, to become familiar with fields of chemistry beyond the A Level curriculum, and enhance your UCAS applications.

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES



# COMPUTER SCIENCE



## In your first year you'll delve into:

**PROGRAMMING FUNDAMENTALS:** Learn to write and understand code, including the use of variables, loops, functions, and data types.

**DATA STRUCTURES:** Develop systematic approaches to solving computing problems and designing software.

**THEORY OF COMPUTATION:** Explore how computers solve problems, including algorithms and logic.

**DATA REPRESENTATION:** Discover how numbers, text, images and sound are represented inside a computer.

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS:** Learn about hardware, software, operating systems, and how they interact.

**COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE:** Understand how CPUs work, including the fetch-execute cycle and memory.

**ETHICAL AND LEGAL IMPACTS:** Explore the social, ethical and legal implications of computing.

**NETWORKING BASICS:** Study how computers communicate via networks and the internet.

## In your second year you'll take a closer look at:

**ADVANCED PROGRAMMING:** Dive into object-oriented and functional programming techniques.

**ALGORITHMS:** Learn, trace, and evaluate complex algorithms like Dijkstra's and sorting/searching methods.

**BIG DATA AND DATABASES:** Understand database systems and how large data sets are processed.

**SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES:** Apply software lifecycle stages including design, testing and evaluation.

**COMPUTATIONAL THINKING:** Enhance skills in abstraction, decomposition, and automation.

**NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT (PROJECT):** Design and develop your own software solution to a real-world problem.

## WHAT UNICOURSES COULD I DO?

- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence
- Health Informatics
- Business Technology

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Data Analyst
- Cyber Security
- Games Developer
- Software Engineer
- Web Developer
- UX Designer

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you could help local businesses develop their online presence and take trips to places like arcades and museums, to find out more about computing outside the classroom environment.

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES



# ECONOMICS

Economics is all about understanding the choices people, businesses, and governments make - and how those choices affect everything from your daily life to global events. If you're interested in making a difference in the world - business, or politics, economics gives you the tools to do it.

## What You'll Learn:

**REAL-WORLD DATA SKILLS:** You'll develop analytical and quantitative skills working with actual data like inflation, unemployment, and GDP.

**MICROECONOMICS:** You'll look at how individuals and businesses make decisions. You'll explore markets like housing and commodities, learn how supply and demand work, and look at how businesses manage costs, set prices, and make a profit.

**MACROECONOMICS:** You'll look at big issues like high inflation, unemployment, and trade deficits, and learn how governments try to fix them using things like taxes, interest rates, and policies to boost the economy.

Take a deeper look into topics including inflation, employment, unemployment, economic growth, aggregate demand, aggregate supply, national income, volume of imports and exports, international trade, globalisation, commercial banks and investment banks, and financial markets.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Behavioural Economics
- Economics for Business
- Economics
- Economics with Politics
- Econometrics
- Politics and Philosophy
- Economics and Finance

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need 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).

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Accountant
- Business Consultant
- Charity & Development Advisor
- Corporate Lawyer
- Data Engineer
- Financial Bank Manager
- Government Policy Advisor
- Intelligence Analyst
- Marketing and Customer Insight Analyst
- Risk and Investment Analyst
- Stock Market Trader
- Teacher

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll hear from guest speakers from:

- Bank of England
- Santander
- HSBC
- Fedora Investment Company



If you love reading, writing, or both then this course is for you.

**What you'll learn:**

**TELLING STORIES:** Explore how stories are told - and why they matter - through fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. From the vibrancy and diversity to the lasting impact of *The Handmaid's Tale*, and the emotional power of poetry, you'll discover how writers connect with their audiences.

**EXPLORING CONFLICT:** Examine how people clash with each other and society. Step into 1920s New York in *The Great Gatsby* and write your own Jazz Age piece. Then explore relationships and identity in 1940s America with *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:** Choose your own area of interest for coursework (worth 20% of your grade). You'll compare fiction and non-fiction texts - including podcasts, dialogue, journalism, memoirs, or autobiographies - to explore themes that matter to you.

**ASSESSMENT:** You'll sit two open-book exams (texts provided to you in exams) at the end of the course, plus complete one independent coursework project worth 20% of your final grade.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Business
- Creative writing
- English
- History
- Journalism
- Languages
- Law
- Literature
- Marketing
- Social Sciences
- Teaching
- Theatre

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need 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.

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

You'll develop the critical, creative and analytical skills for careers in media, advertising, law, retail and leisure as well as others:

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

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll benefit from a range of extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses, delivered by industry experts. You'll visit the theatre, the Bronte Parsonage at Haworth, and libraries for poetry readings, guest talks and workshops from local and national authors. Plus you could become a blog writer and get published right from the start of your course.



## FUTURE SCREENWRITER

### MATTHEW THOMASON

**Former School:** The Prescott School

**Grades:** B Sociology, B English Combined, B BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Criminology

**Progression:**

BA (Hons) Creative and Professional Writing - University of Westminster

*"The tutors are absolutely lovely, there's a lot of support and you can always message them and get a response."*

*"We went on lots of interesting trips including museums and the Shakespeare Theatre in London. We also had some fascinating talks from crime investigators in my criminology A Level."*

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

If you love fiction, poetry, or both, then A Level English Literature is the subject for you.

**PROSE:** You'll explore stories that feel both imagined and real. If you've ever felt trapped, unheard, or wondered how power can corrupt society, you'll connect with our core texts: *Rebecca*, *Jane Eyre*, and *The Handmaid's Tale*. You'll also study a wide range of novel extracts from different genres and literary traditions.

**PLAYS:** Theatre, from its roots in storytelling and poetry, remains a powerful art form. We study *Othello* and *Translations*, focusing on themes like identity, politics, and relationships. You'll examine how these plays work on stage and why their cultural impact lasts.

**POETRY:** You'll explore poems about love from different styles since 1900, including modernist, traditional, post-modernist, and confessional works. You'll also study the contemporary collection *Skirrid Hill* by Owen Sheers. Using a historical approach, you'll deepen your understanding and develop your critical thinking skills.

**ASSESSMENT:** Most exams are 'open book', so you can use texts during tests. Your interpretation matters more than memorising quotes, and our classes help you develop your own ideas. Plus, you'll complete a 20% independent coursework project, choosing any two texts you want - no fixed list - so you can explore what interests you most.



100%  
HIGH  
GRADES

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

You'll leave with an understanding of essential critical, creative and analytical skills for progression to higher education.

- Business
- Creative writing
- English
- History
- Journalism
- Languages
- Law
- Literature
- Marketing
- Social Sciences
- Teaching
- Theatre

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

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

## GABRIELLE MCDERMOTT

**Former School:** St Joseph's RC High School

**Grades:** **A** English Literature, **B** Sociology, **C** Psychology

### Progression:

BSc (Hons) Criminal Justice - Edge Hill University

*"After coming to an open evening and speaking to the tutors, I decided that A Levels were right for me.*

*"I like how much we learn about the world in general as part of the sociology course, and in English Literature I love all the reading we get to do; and we also had a trip to see Othello at the Globe Theatre which was great."*

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need 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.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you can take up extra qualifications, work placements, voluntary work and masterclasses. You'll visit the theatre, the Bronte Parsonage at Haworth, and libraries for poetry readings, guest talks and workshops from local and national authors.

**FUTURE  
CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE WORKER**

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# FINE ART

A LEVEL FINE ART IS AT LEIGH CAMPUS

You'll develop artistic skills, creativity, critical thinking, and knowledge of the art world, producing your own creative work, while studying that of artists and art movements.

**PRACTICAL STUDIO WORK:** You'll spend time in the studio, exploring various media, techniques, and processes. You'll create artwork in response to a series of projects, developing skills and expressing your ideas visually.

**INVESTIGATING AND EXPERIMENTING:** You'll research, explore, and experiment with different materials, styles, and approaches. You'll 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'll do a personal investigation with in-depth research and exploration of a chosen topic or theme. You'll produce a body of artwork with a written component that explains your creative process and contextualises your work.

## WHAT UNICOURSES COULD I DO?

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

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Animator
- Art Critic/Journalist
- Art Conservation /Restoration
- Art Director
- Art Teacher/Art Educator
- Art Therapist
- Curator/Museum Professional
- Fine Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator

## WHAT ARE THE 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.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

You'll visit galleries in Manchester, Liverpool and London, as well as Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES

# HISTORY

You'll evaluate significant historic periods and develop an understanding of what has gone before to prepare for the future.

Plus, you'll develop academically and personally, becoming an analytical, evaluative and a well-rounded learner.

## BRITAIN - INDUSTRIALISATION AND THE PEOPLE 1783-1885:

Dive into the Industrial Revolution, a time when Britain changed forever. Explore the growth of industrial cities, the tough conditions workers and families faced, and the early fights for political rights and reforms. Discover the struggles of factory workers, the Chartist movement, and trade unions that helped shape today's society.

## GERMANY - DEMOCRACY AND NAZISM 1918-1945:

Learn about the chaos in Germany after WWI - economic problems, political unrest, and social conflict - that allowed Hitler's rise. Understand how propaganda, fear, and strict control shaped daily life under the Nazis. Study the impact of their policies, including the persecution of minorities and how totalitarian rule led to WWII.

**COURSEWORK:** In your second year, you'll complete an independent research project on a history topic that interests you. This is a chance to work with real sources which will help you build skills in critical thinking, analysis, and evidence evaluation, while creating your own historical argument.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need 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.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

You'll hear from an archives guest speaker, have visits from the Holocaust Educational Trust Lessons from Auschwitz Project with talks from a holocaust survivor, plus you'll go on UCAS and university trips.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Business
- History
- Humanities Subjects
- Journalism
- Law
- Politics

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

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

## LILLY DALE

**Former School:** Dean Trust Rose Bridge

### Grades:

**B** English Literature, **B** History, **C** Sociology

### Progression:

LLB (Hons) Law - Lancaster University

*"I chose my A Level subjects as they were a good fit towards a career in law. Getting the opportunity to do a Bar Mock Trial was very good. I found it really interesting, and it helped cement what I wanted to do at uni."*

FUTURE  
LAWYER

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# MATHEMATICS



A Level Maths builds strong problem-solving and analytical skills useful in many careers and subjects like engineering, physics, economics, and computer science.

## You'll learn:

**PURE MATHS:** which covers core topics like algebra, trigonometry, calculus, and geometry, helping you develop logical thinking and problem-solving.

**STATISTICS:** teaches you how to collect and analyse data, with topics like probability and hypothesis testing, so you can understand and predict real-world trends.

**MECHANICS:** uses maths to explain motion and forces, covering things like Newton's laws and kinematics - key for understanding how things move.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Accountancy
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Statistics

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

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

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

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

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll take masterclasses with industry experts, such as Ford France and BAE Systems. You can test yourself at UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge.

Plus you can benefit from the University of Manchester support sessions and the college's Mathematics lunchtime club.

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

## FUTURE ACCOUNTANT

### HARVEY CUNLIFFE-DAVIES

**Former School:** Atherton High School

#### Grades:

**B** Business, **A** Economics, **A** Mathematics

#### Progression:

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance - Edge Hill University

*"Hard work pays off, I am thrilled to receive my A,A,B and excited to go to university. I am happy with my decision to study at Wigan and Leigh because of the small class sizes, it has helped me thrive. I am ready to take on my next adventure."*

# MEDIA STUDIES

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES

If you love TV, magazines, and news, and want to understand how they impact society and culture, this subject is for you. You'll learn to think critically about all kinds of media, past and present.

**MEDIA LANGUAGE & REPRESENTATION:** Learn how media uses words, images, and techniques to shape meaning and portray people, events, and issues - challenging or reinforcing stereotypes and values.

**MEDIA INDUSTRIES & AUDIENCES:** Discover how films, ads, games, podcasts, and news are made and funded. Explore how audiences are targeted - and how they shape media in the digital age.

**TV IN THE GLOBAL AGE:** Study *Black Mirror* and *Les Revenants* to see how global TV uses media techniques and tackles representation. Understand how global industries and viewers interact.

**MAGAZINES & ALTERNATIVE MEDIA:** Compare *Vogue* and *The Big Issue* to explore mainstream vs. independent publishing and how they influence audiences and culture.

**MEDIA IN THE ONLINE AGE:** Explore how digital media changes content, identity, and audiences. Study online creators like *KSI* and platforms like *Attitude* magazine's website.

**COURSEWORK:** Bring your creative ideas to life by producing a media piece - like a magazine, short film, podcast, or website - using pro equipment and staff support.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

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

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

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

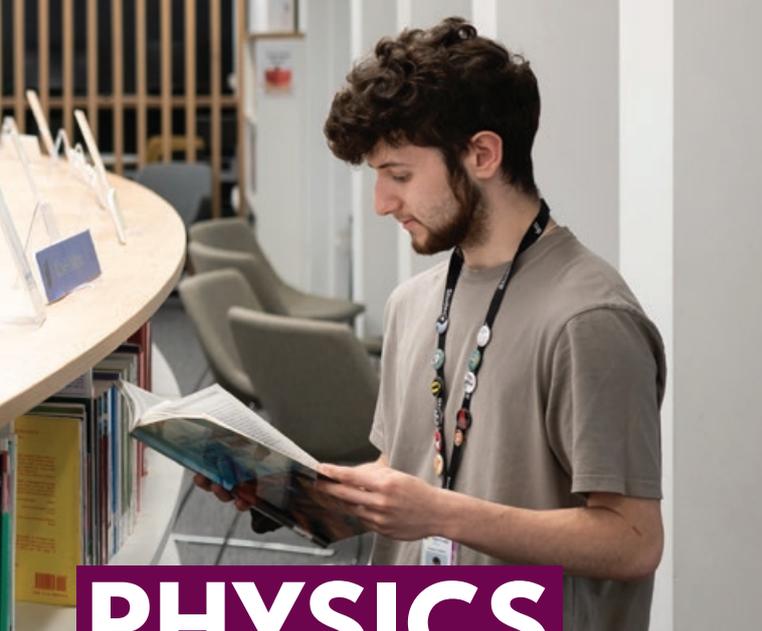
## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

You can take part in live studio recordings (including Question of Sport), plus Q&A sessions with writers and directors.





# PHYSICS

Physics delves into the fascinating and fundamental principles that govern our universe. This course is ideal for aspiring physicists, engineers, and scientists, providing a robust foundation for further academic pursuits and a deeper appreciation of the physical world around us.

## JOSHUA SLAMON

**Former School:** Harper Green School

**Grades:** A\* Chemistry, A Mathematics, A\* Physics

**Progression:**

BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics  
University of Manchester

*"I chose to come here as I could see how much the staff cared about the subject they teach - it made me want to come here and do as well as I can."*

*"I like that on each course the tutors go much deeper to further our knowledge and tailor it towards our interests - I really appreciate knowing how things work and how they apply to the world."*

### What you'll learn:

**MECHANICS:** Newton's laws strengthen your ability to model and predict real-world scenarios - skills valuable in engineering and even safe DIY tasks. You'll explore momentum and energy conservation, building strong mathematical skills.

### ELECTRICITY, CAPACITORS, AND ELECTRIC FIELDS

Reveal how controlling electron motion powers everyday devices. In your second year, *electromagnetic induction* explains how transformers and electricity generation work - another area rich in practical applications and mathematical exploration.

### ASTROPHYSICS, COSMOLOGY, QUANTUM, AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS:

Introduce fascinating concepts you've likely heard of but want to understand more deeply. You'll apply Einstein's famous equation  $E = mc^2$  to learn how mass and energy relate, especially in nuclear power.

### GRAVITATION, CIRCULAR MOTION, AND OSCILLATIONS:

Help model systems like fairground rides, planetary orbits, and skyscrapers - reducing resonance risks. You'll also study all three of *Kepler's laws*.

**MEDICAL IMAGING:** Ties together quantum topics across both years, focusing on technologies like *X-rays*, *PET scans*, and *CT scanners*.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

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

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

Most engineering careers require physics, such as Aerospace, Mechanical and Civil Engineering. You may also need physics for careers in medicine.

Other careers include:

- Data Scientist
- Environmental Careers
- Geophysicist
- Law
- Medical Physicist
- Radiologist
- Medicine
- Optometry
- Pharmacology
- Nuclear Physicist
- Research Physicist
- Teaching
- Academia

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Physics.

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

We'll support you if you want to enter the British Physics Olympiad competition, to challenge yourself and channel your enthusiasm for the subject.

# FUTURE ASTROPHYSICIST

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# POLITICS

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES



**BRITISH POLITICS & IDEOLOGIES:** You'll explore who truly holds power in the UK - Parliament, the people, or pressure groups. Examine what shapes voting behaviour, including class, media, and social movements. Study key political ideologies - Liberalism, Conservatism, and Socialism - and how they've evolved to influence modern Britain.

**UK GOVERNMENT & OPTIONAL IDEOLOGY:** Take a deeper look at how the UK is governed: the role of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the courts, and how rights and the constitution are changing. You'll also explore Anarchism - a radical ideology that challenges conventional views on power and society.

**US GOVERNMENT:** Compare UK and US politics by studying presidential power, unique aspects of US elections, and civil rights protections.

**SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN:** A Level Politics builds your critical thinking, debate, and analytical writing skills. You'll gain a strong grasp of current affairs and the confidence to present and challenge ideas - in class, at university, or even at the dinner table.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

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

## WHAT ARE THE 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).

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

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

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

You'll visit the Houses of Parliament, where you'll meet MPs in and around the different chambers at Westminster Palace.

## CAIDEN MACDONALD

**Former School:** The Westleigh School

**Grades:** C History, B Politics, C Sociology

### Progression:

BA (Hons) History and Politics  
Edge Hill University

*"The classes are quite small, so you get a good close relationship with the tutors - they always have time for us. I also really enjoy my history subject as it's really interesting and they put a lot of detail into the learning which is helpful."*



**FUTURE  
POLITICIAN**

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

# PSYCHOLOGY



The scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You'll gain an understanding of how psychologists conduct research, before examining a wide range of areas within psychology.

**COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY - MEMORY & EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY:** You'll learn how memory works and what affects the reliability of eyewitness accounts.

**MENTAL HEALTH - CAUSES & TREATMENTS:** Study disorders like depression and phobias, their causes, and treatment options.

**FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY - CRIME & REHABILITATION:** Examine why people commit crimes and explore methods for prevention and rehabilitation.

**RESEARCH METHODS:** Gain hands-on skills in designing, conducting, and analysing psychological studies, with a focus on ethics and data interpretation.

## WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

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

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths or Science.

## WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Human Resources
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Radiography
- Veterinary Surgeon

## A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll go on trips to a moot courtroom, participate in a mock trial, and hear from academics and those who work with domestic abuse survivors at guest talks in college.



## FUTURE FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

### LILY RUTHERFORD

**Former School:** St Joseph's RC High School

**Grades:** A History, A Sociology, C Psychology

**Progression:**  
BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology - Manchester Metropolitan University

*"It made the last two years worth it and I am very relieved with my results. All the teachers are very supportive, and overall I have enjoyed my time here.*

*"The guest speakers we had really helped me figure out what I want to do in the future."*

This course is available at both Wigan and Leigh Campuses.

The study of social life, human behaviour patterns and interactions provides us with a better understanding and reasoning for societal differences.

100%  
HIGH  
GRADES

**FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS:** You'll learn about the relationship of the family, as well as the changing roles of men, women and children in modern society. You'll also examine global changes.

**EDUCATION:** You'll study the role of the education system; academic achievement based on class; gender and ethnicity; relationships between students and teachers; labelling and the hidden curriculum.

**CRIME AND DEVIANCE:** You'll explore explanations of crime, deviance, social order and social control. Examine globalisation and crime, as well as the different impacts of age, gender, class and ethnicity.

**BELIEFS:** You'll investigate ideology, science, NRMS and NAM as well as relationships of different social groups.

**RESEARCH METHODS:** You'll examine a wide range of research methods and carry out practical research.



# SOCIOLOGY

## NIEVE SANKEY

**Former School:** Fred Longworth High School

**Grades:** A Criminology, C Psychology, A Sociology

**Progression:**

Primary Education with QTS – AT Edge Hill University

*"I'm very happy with my results – the hard work has paid off."*

*"As our classes are smaller at Leigh we have had lots of 1-1 support from our tutors, and without them I don't think I would have got the results I got. I'm very excited to start university as it's the next path to my career."*

### WHAT UNI COURSES COULD I DO?

- Criminology
- Philosophy
- Education
- Policy
- Health
- Sociology

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 (one in an essay-based subject).

### WHAT CAREERS COULD I GET INTO?

- Nurse
- Police
- Solicitor
- Paramedic
- Researcher
- Teacher

### A LEVEL EXTRAS

As part of your Academic Development Day you'll go on trips, including a moot courtroom where you'll take part in a mock trial, and hear guest talks from academics and those who work in Law and Sociology.



FUTURE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
TEACHER



# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

If you've a passion for working with animals, you'll get hands on with lots of species on one of our courses.

Your work experience or placement at our partner animal centres will get you work ready for vets practices, dog groomers, kennels, equestrian centres and other animal related businesses.

You'll care for lots of animals of varying sizes and species to develop your skills and our tutors have loads of experience to share with you.

## WHY LEARN WITH US?

Purpose-built dog kennels.

Lots of animal types and species.

Dog grooming suite.

New state-of-the-art scenario-based rooms at Leigh Campus

Learn in animal settings, including city farms and children's zoos, with domestic, farm and exotic animals.

## GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Much of your learning will take place outside the classroom with visits to:

- Stallion AI (Artificial Insemination)
- Blackpool Zoo
- Blue Cross animal charity
- Brockholes Nature Reserve
- Chester Zoo
- RSPCA
- Martin Mere
- Tremlovs stud farm Artificial Insemination Embryo Transfer (AIET)
- Crufts
- Dogs Trust
- Knowsley Safari Park
- Greenslate Community Farm



## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Land-based Studies (Animal Care)	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 including English or Maths and Science.
Level 2	Technical Certificate	Animal Care	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English or Maths and Science.
Level 3	Animal Management Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	Animal Management	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent, including English or Maths and Science.
Level 3	T Level	Animal Care & Management	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



### OUR EXOTICS

Snakes, lizards, tortoises, terrapins, spiders, frogs, salamanders, newts, African giant land snails, stick insects.

### OUR DOMESTICS

Rabbits, dumbo rats, gerbils, degus, chinchillas, guinea pigs, fancy mice.



Tell me more about these courses.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in Animal Management? Turn to page 13.

## MADISON GRUNDY

**Former school:** Westhoughton High School

**Course:** City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management

**Grades:** Distinction Distinction Distinction\*

**Progression:**

BSc (Hons) Marine Biology and Zoology - Bangor University

"I've enjoyed the course as I've got to work with a lot of the animals and the placement side has been great. I've also enjoyed the science part of the course, as I find biology interesting and it relates well to the career I want to go into." said the Student of the Year winner.



**FUTURE  
MARINE  
BIOLOGIST**

# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

## CREATIVE ARTS

### THE HEART OF CREATIVITY

If you're ready to immerse yourself into the world of artistic expression, you're in the right place.

We've developed the majority of our courses so that hands-on skills and practical experience take preference to traditional exams.

If you're keen to cultivate your creativity, you'll gain a taste of industry, working on live projects with leading companies, attending specialist masterclasses, and building links with employers.

As we're the largest provider of creative arts courses in the borough, you'll access top-notch facilities for learning. From dedicated production and studio-based classrooms, such as a photography studio, Mac suites, screen print studio, art, ceramic, fashion and graphics studios.

Our tutors have lots of industry experience, as well as employer networks to get you work ready for the creative arts sector.



FUTURE ARTIST

### CYD JACKSON

**Former school:** Maharishi School

**Course:**

BTEC Level 3 Art & Design Foundation Diploma

**Grade:** Distinction

**Progression:**

Visual Arts Fellowship Programme  
- Leigh Spinners Mill

*"My tutor saw my photography work and he put me in touch with Neil Harris from Wigan Council. Neil then saw my work at the exhibition last year and offered me the fellowship."*

*"The fellowship lasts for one year with a £500 budget for materials and a free studio. It will allow me to showcase more of my work and the council can choose some of my pieces for their personal collection. There'll be opportunities for me to sell my work at galleries and the programme comes with 1-1 support and tuition too."*

# JESS HILL

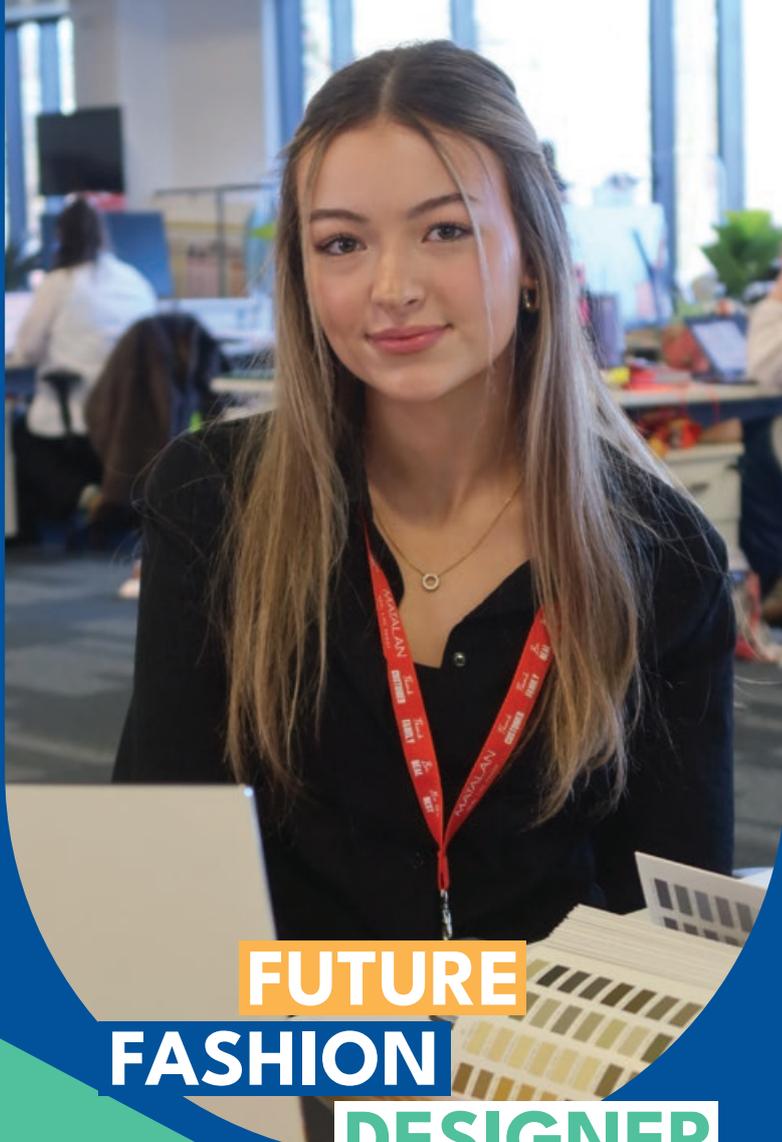
**Former school:** Shevington High School

**Course:** T Level Textile & Fashion Maker

With the help of the college, Jess secured a fantastic industry placement at the headquarters of Matalan in Knowsley.

*"I'm really enjoying it and it's nice to be gaining experience in the environment I want to work in the future," said Jess.*

*"You get to see every side of it from the business side to the design side too. It's helping me to prepare for university too as I'm getting more knowledge of every element of the fashion industry and it will be great to add to my personal statement."*



## MATALAN

### WHY GET ARTY WITH US?

Get to top universities, including London College of Fashion, Glasgow School of Art and the University of Arts London.

Take part in national student competitions.

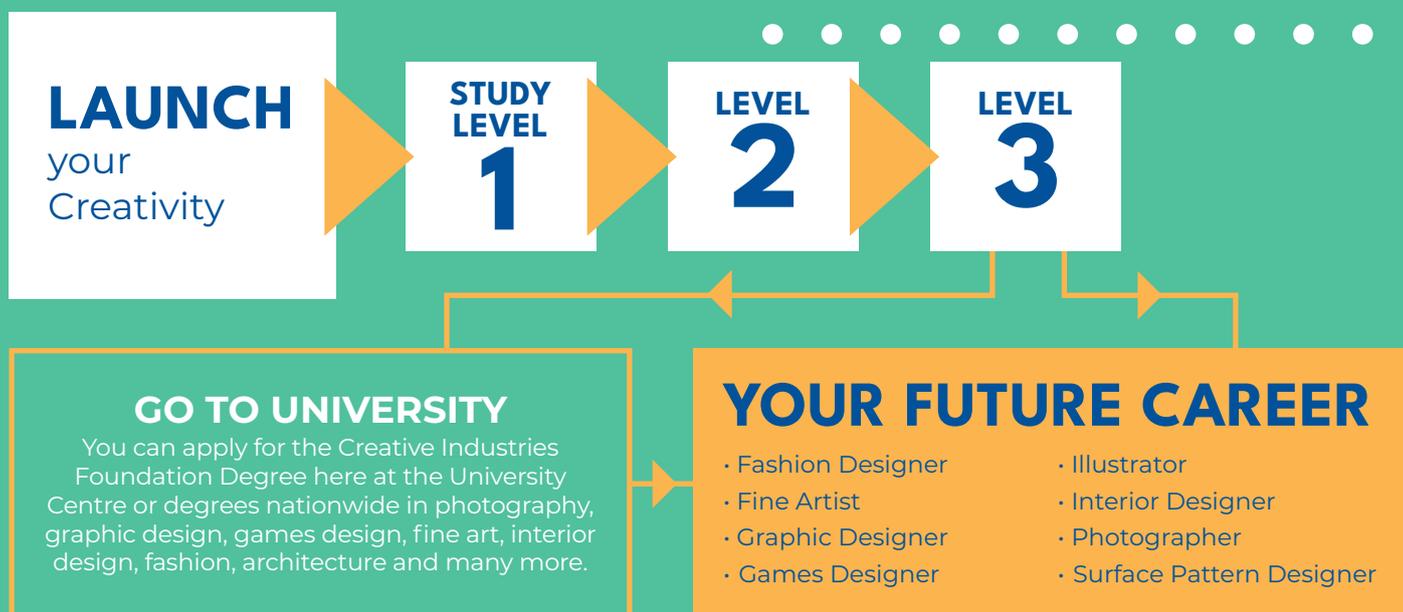
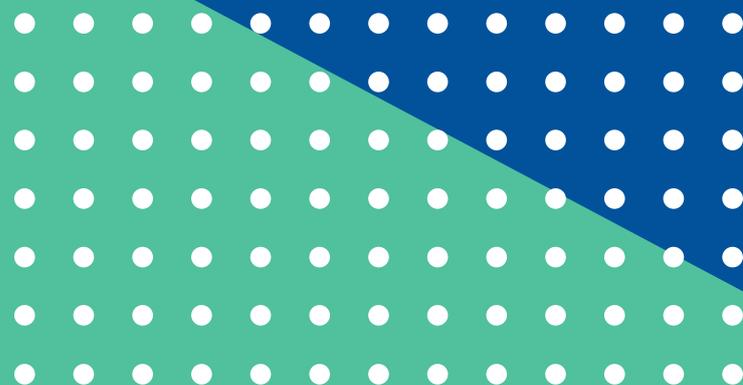
Learn in top of the range tech facilities.

Experience the arts abroad in Lisbon, New York, Barcelona, Venice or Berlin.

Showcase in end-of-year arts exhibitions and fashion show.

Exhibit work in galleries across the North West.

# FUTURE FASHION DESIGNER



# END OF YEAR SHOW

Students showcased the best of their work at the Edge conference and exhibition centre.



## AUXO: A Small Anchor for Heavy Moments

### WHY?

Everyone has a small compass, and everyone can learn what makes us, and choose to follow them. There are some moments when there are not set examples for a child to be inspired to such situations, like reading authors have you need to be inspired, and being inspired that. All things everyday know, right? Well, I made this book for my little sister so she can learn these important things through reading. It is entirely personalized just for her to help with the thought of being in the main character shoes.



### HOW?

With this project I wanted to introduce myself to the world of character design and design myself into figuring out what exactly makes a "good" character but I wanted to be inspired by people whose shapes they do when designing their characters, like choosing a round body for a healthy bear character, or a slim and long frame for a shady character. Challenging myself to draw expression sheets, character sheets, and concept sheets allowed me to loosely sketch out what I wanted instead of spending my time perfecting each sketch even though it's... well, just a sketch.

### WHAT?

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## The Blends: Emotional Support Through Scent



### PURPOSE?

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### THE LOGO?



## A Witch's Way

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Good vibes, a healthy dose of stress, late nights, and a can of naltrexone.



Tell me more about these courses.



## CREATIVE ARTS COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Introductory Diploma	Art & Design	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Art & Design	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Art & Design	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English or Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Creative Design for Gaming	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Graphic Design and Illustration	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Fashion and Clothing	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	T Level	Textile and Fashion Maker	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English and Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Photography	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths and an art related subject.
Level 3	A Level	Fine Art	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English, Maths and an art based subject and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6.
Level 3	A Level Career Pathway	Creative Studies	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 (including English and Maths and an Art based subject) and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



### GM SKILLS GOLD

Inspiring technical skills excellence in Greater Manchester



Our students won GOLD at two Greater Manchester Skills Competitions for Art & Design and Game Design.

The talented team impressed judges with their stunning piece, based on fine art: Expressing the emotional and cultural layers of rejuvenation and regeneration in GM.

## LEWIS GORMALLY

**Former school:** Hawkey Hall High School

**Course:** BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art & Design

**Grades:** Distinction\* Distinction\* Distinction

**Progression:** BA (Hons) Fine Art - Falmouth University

*"In the first year, I tried lots of different things like ceramics and textiles and I've learned more skills.*

*"I've learned about colour theory, an essential aspect in visual art. I've enjoyed doing my final major project most, as you have the freedom to really explore what you want to do. I can't wait to further my studies at one of the top universities for art in the country."*



**FUTURE  
UNIVERSITY  
LECTURER**



# BAKERY, CATERING & HOSPITALITY

Baker employment is set to grow **5 per cent** from 2022 to 2032, faster than the average for all occupations.

If your dream is to join the growing hospitality industry, we'll show you how. And with the sale of baked goods in the UK on the rise, it's never been a better time to develop your skills and get work ready for a job in the bakery industry.

- You'll learn using industry standard equipment, in professional kitchens, taught by some of the our industry savvy tutors who'll get you work ready sharing years of catering industry experience.
- You'll learn different methods and techniques in pâtisserie and confectionery crafts.
- You'll learn the principles and practice of knife skills, menu planning and food safety, preparing foods such as stocks, soups, sauces, meat, fish, shellfish and desserts. And some of you'll progress to advanced skills in sugar, chocolate and pastry.

### WHY LEARN WITH US?

- Benefit from strong employer networks.
- Learn more about international techniques / hospitality on trips abroad.
- State-of-the-art baking and professional cookery kitchens, with experienced tutors, who've worked in international hotels and restaurants.
- Regional, national and international competitions, including WorldSkills.
- Masterclasses with leading lights in baking, confectionery and enjoy exclusive culinary trips.
- Feel part of the team with your own Bakery School, chef or front-of-house uniform.



**ROUTE**  
to your dream job

**STUDY LEVEL**  
**1**

**LEVEL**  
**2**

**LEVEL**  
**3**

**DO AN APPRENTICESHIP**  
in hotels, on cruise liners, in restaurants or in bakeries

**GET A JOB**  
**OR**  
**GO TO UNIVERSITY**

- ### YOUR FUTURE CAREER
- Artisan Baker
  - Bakery Plant Producer
  - Cake Decorator
  - Chef
  - Commercial Baker
  - Conference and Banqueting Manager
  - Events Caterer/Planner
  - Hospitality Manager
  - Pâtisserie Chef
  - Restaurant Manager
  - Retail Baker
  - Sous Chef

Tell me more about these courses.



## BAKERY, CATERING & HOSPITALITY COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Entry Level	Diploma	Introduction to the Catering and Hospitality Industry	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	No formal entry requirements.
Level 1	Diploma	Professional Cookery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Professional Cookery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English or maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Food Production & Cookery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 2	Technical Diploma	Food Preparation & Cookery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 2	Certificate	Professional Pâtisserie and Confectionery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 3	Technical Diploma	Advanced Professional Cookery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in the subject plus English or Maths at grade 4.
Level 3	Diploma	Pâtisserie & Confectionery	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in the subject plus English or Maths at grade 4.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

### BRAGA, PORTUGAL

Students discovered new ways of working, a different culture and different cuisines. They also had a tour of the centre of Braga, visited Sameiro and Bom Jesus to soak up the culture.

All learners had the opportunity to work in real bakeries and restaurants making for a fantastic learning experience.



Want to know more about apprenticeships in catering and hospitality? Turn to page 13.

### JESS DANES

**Course:** Level 3 Pâtisserie & Confectionery

**Progression:**

BSc (Hons) Baking Science and Technology (with Foundation Year) - London South Bank University

*"This college had the best course for what I wanted locally. I've really enjoyed the practical side of the course, and I like the creative freedom we get too."*

*"We get to do loads of things such as making souffles and even doing more basic things like making cookies or millionaire shortbread has just been fun to do. It's enjoyable giving them out to the public too."*



**FUTURE PASTRY**

**CHEF**



# BEAUTY THERAPY

If you want to learn the skills to enter the growing beauty and wellness industry you're in the right place.

We'll get you work ready with the skills and experience to work in theatre or TV, cruise ships, or at top end spa resorts, as well as salons at home or abroad.

You'll get real work experience with paying clients in our Image Centre salons, using the latest industry specialist equipment.

Our tutors have a lifetime of experience working with clients in lots of different settings. You'll train using the latest techniques and products at the forefront of the wellness industry.

## WHY TRAIN WITH US?

Image Centres have nail, beauty and makeup studios and the latest high-end products.

International trips include European cities such as Budapest and Krakow.

Exclusive partnerships and training with Crystal Clear, NSI, Peaches & Cream and Tatti Lashes.

We'll support you to enter regional and national competitions such as National WorldSkills UK.

Feel part of our professional team wearing your beauty industry uniform.

Progression routes from Levels 1-3.

Trips to the Hair and Beauty Professional Trade Show and P.Louise Academy.

Visiting makeup artists include Holly Fitzmartin.



## BEAUTY THERAPY COURSES

Tell me more about these courses.



LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>HAIR &amp; BEAUTY</b>					
Entry Level	Diploma	Aspire to Hair and Beauty	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	No formal entry requirements.
Level 1	Diploma	Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
<b>BEAUTY THERAPY</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Introduction to the Beauty Sector	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or Entry Level 3 in Hair & Beauty.
Level 2	Diploma	Beauty Therapy Studies	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English or Maths.
Level 3	Diploma	Beauty Therapy Treatments	Leigh Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in Beauty Therapy qualification.
<b>MEDIA MAKEUP</b>					
Level 2	Diploma	Hair and Media Makeup Studies	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 3	Diploma	Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair & Media Makeup	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in Beauty Therapy or Media Makeup.
<b>NAILS</b>					
Level 2	Certificate	Nail Technology	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 3	Diploma	Nail Services	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A level 2 qualification in either Nail Technology or Beauty Therapy.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in beauty therapy? Turn to page 13.

### MOLLIE DWYER

**Former school:** Deanery High School

**Course:** Level 2 Media Makeup and Hair

**Progression:**

Level 3 Apprenticeship

- The Hair Company in Standish

Mollie was crowned winner of the Denman Brush's Big Blowout Competition 2025.

She beat over 650 entries from across the UK after impressing judges with images of her stunning curly blow-dry.

She won a £1000 cash prize and a bundle of Denman tools worth £200 for her college department, and a Denman College Styling Kit.

*"I think the competition is a good way for young students to show their skills and ability. I was very shocked to win the title but at the same time very proud of myself."* said Molly



**FUTURE  
STYLIST**



# BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING

Develop your business acumen with us and open up a range of careers.

You'll explore the diverse departments that combine to form a successful business, with tutors who have a wealth of industry experience.

We'll help you get to grips with the principles of marketing, accounting, human resources, the business environment and branding to prepare for university, or to launch a career in the commercial world.

## WHY DO BUSINESS WITH US?

Guest speakers from national and international brands.

Work placements develop skills in practice.

Industry trips at home and abroad.

Support to enter national student competitions.

Managing charity events.

Networking with employers.



**WINNERS**  
Our Business students won the overall title at the Greater Manchester Colleges Skills Competition.

**ROUTE**  
to your dream job

**STUDY LEVEL 1**

**LEVEL 2**

**LEVEL 3**

Want to know more about apprenticeships in accounting, business administration, customer services and digital marketing? Turn to page 13.

**DO A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY**

Progress to the HND in Business with us at the University Centre, or apply for degrees elsewhere, from law, accounting and economics to marketing or human resources.

**YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

- Accounts
- Communications
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Social Media Marketing/ Advertising

# BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING COURSES

Tell me more about these courses.



LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Introductory Diploma	Vocational Studies (Business & Computing)	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 subjects or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Skills for Business	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 2	T Level Foundation	Business Skills	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 2	T Level Foundation	Legal, Finance & Accountancy	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Business	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Accountancy	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects, graded 9-4 including English and Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Business Support	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects, graded 9-4 including English and Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Marketing	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects, graded 9-4 including English and Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Law & Criminal Justice	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects, graded 9-4 including English and Maths.
Level 3	A Level	Business	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6.
Level 3	A Level	Economics	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need 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).
Level 3	A Level Career Pathway	Economics and Business	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9 - 5 (including English) and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9 - 6 (including Maths).
Level 3	A Level Extended Choices	Business & Law Related Careers	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level English, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

## KELSIE LOWE

**Former school:** Cansfield High School

**Course:** BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

**Grades:** Distinction Distinction Distinction

**Progression:**

BA (Hons) Law and Business- Edge Hill University

*"I find learning about law interesting. I like hearing about different case studies and being able to find solutions. We did employment law as a unit on my course which got me interested in pursuing this as a career.*

*"My confidence and communication skills have improved through presenting in front of the class too."*





# CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS

Working with children is a big deal. If you've a passion for making a difference, helping give children the best start in life, we can get you on track for one of the most rewarding careers ever.

Our qualifications will prepare you for working with children from birth to five-years-old and you'll also learn more about children up to seven years.

You'll develop practical care skills, learn about legislation as well as professional practice, alongside finding out how play impacts on children's development.

## WHY LEARN WITH US?

We'll get you work ready on placements in nurseries and primary schools.

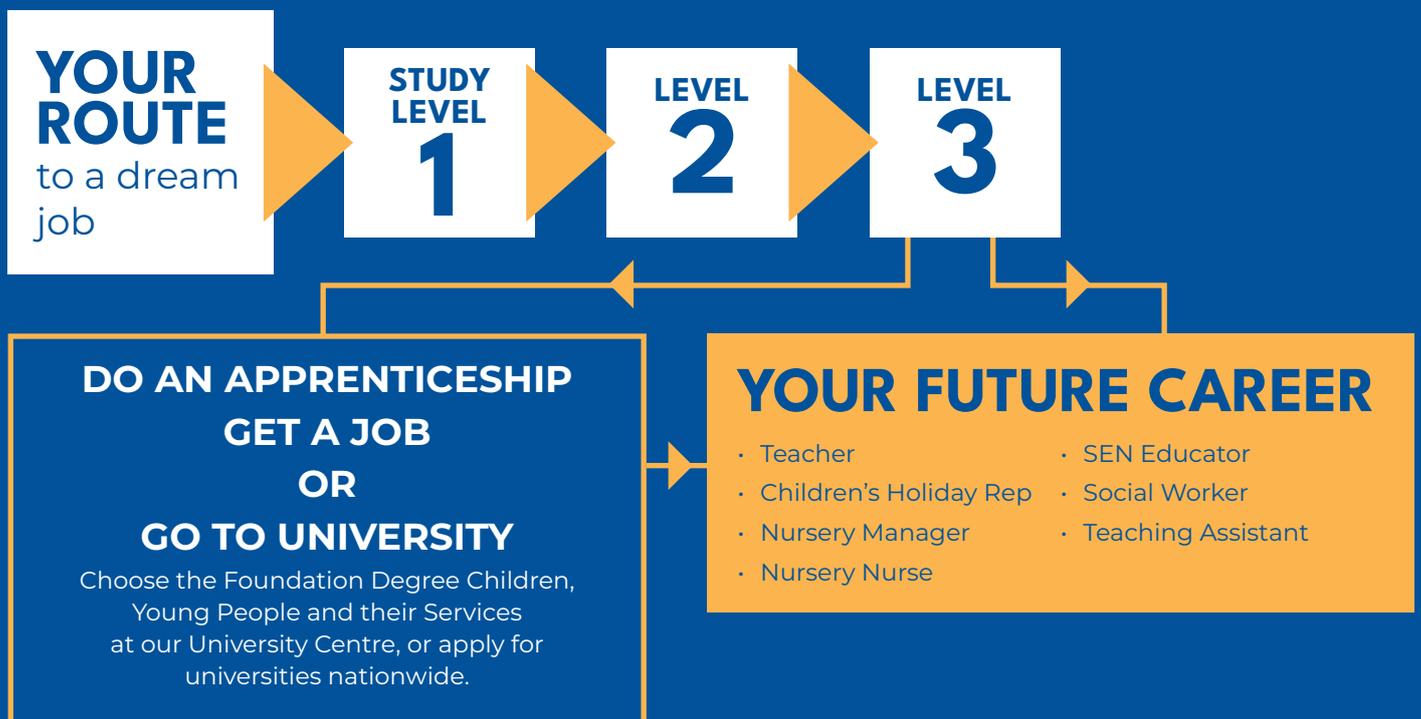
We've strong links with local childcare providers.

You'll hear from guest speaker experts working in the childcare sector.

Enjoy a balance of study and fun with enrichment activities.

Our tutors are experienced childcare professionals with loads of sector knowledge.

You'll get involved in charity events to raise cash for causes.



## CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS COURSES

Tell me more about these courses.



LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Early Years	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Early Years Practitioner	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Education - Teaching and Education	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English or Maths and a successful Enhanced DBS certificate.
Level 3	T Level	Education - Early Years Education and Childcare	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English or Maths and a successful Enhanced DBS certificate.
Level 3	A Level	Psychology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths or Science.
Level 3	A Level	Sociology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 (one in an essay-based subject).

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in childcare and early years? Turn to page 13.

### PHOEBE KELLY

**Former school:**

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

**Course:** T Level Teaching and Education

**Grades:** Distinction

**Progression:**

BA (Hons) Education - University of York

*"I've really enjoyed the practical tasks which simulate activities we'd do with children that help develop fine motor skills."*

Phoebe undertook her placement at St. Thomas the Martyr C.E Primary School (Up Holland) where she gained invaluable work experience.

*"It's been really fun and the staff have been really welcoming. It's been great seeing the day to day. I had responsibilities including running intervention groups for English and maths."*

*"It will benefit me in the future as when I get to university, I will already know a lot through the experience I have gained."*



**FUTURE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
TEACHER**



# COMPUTER SCIENCE & DIGITAL SKILLS

Working in the tech industry is big business, especially in our region. As the UK's biggest tech hub outside London, Manchester has lots to offer those seeking a digital career.

Learning with us means you'll have access to the latest industry hardware and software, as well as the CAVE, our brand new virtual environment at the Centre for Advanced Technical Studies.

Whether you're into esports or app design, programming or robotics, you've come to the right place at the right time to start your tech training.

## WHY LEARN WITH US?

As the college for technical excellence, you'll access the best tech in the region.

Bespoke esports facilities.

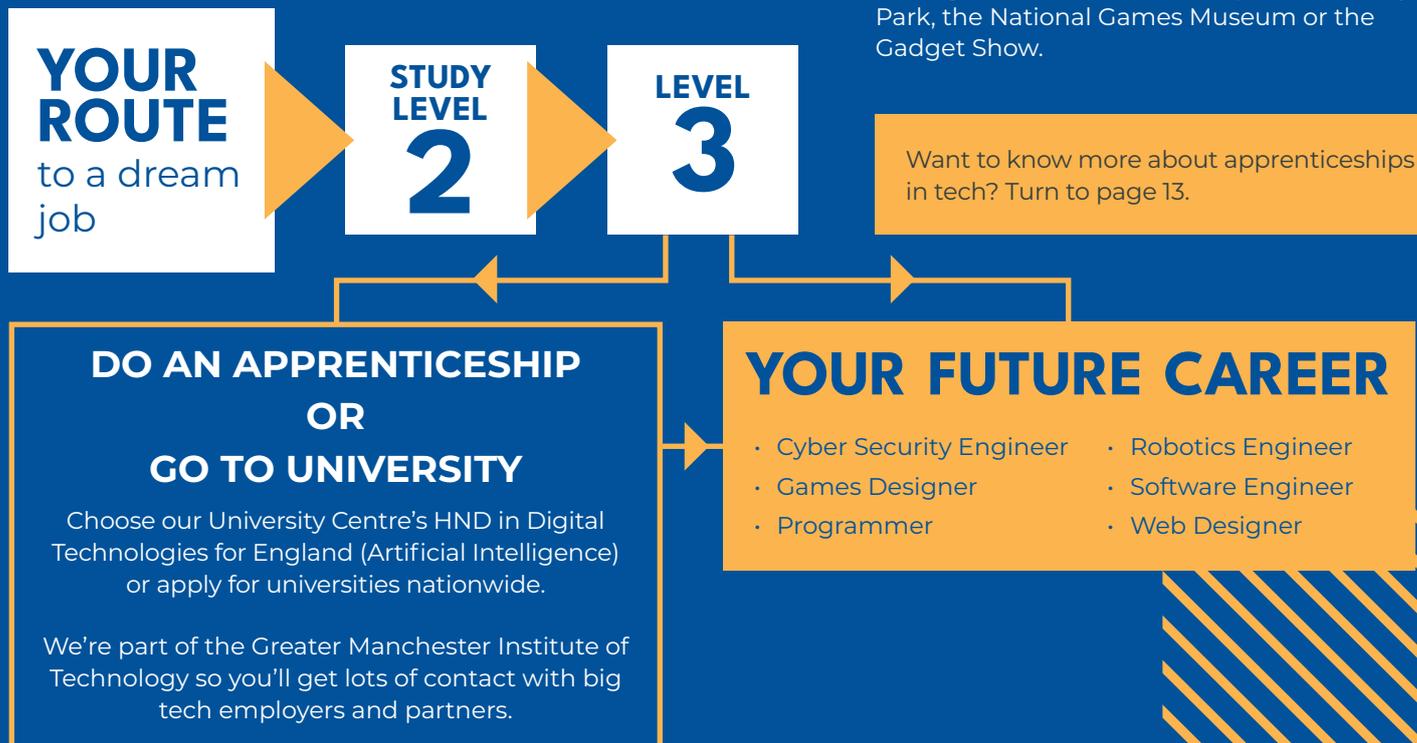
You'll learn from tutors with international industry experience.

Benefit from masterclasses with guest speakers from top tech companies.

We'll get you work ready at some of the best companies in the region through industry placements.

You'll get out and about on trips to Bletchley Park, the National Games Museum or the Gadget Show.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in tech? Turn to page 13.



**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

**STUDY LEVEL**  
**2**

**LEVEL**  
**3**

**DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY**

Choose our University Centre's HND in Digital Technologies for England (Artificial Intelligence) or apply for universities nationwide.

We're part of the Greater Manchester Institute of Technology so you'll get lots of contact with big tech employers and partners.

**YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

- Cyber Security Engineer
- Games Designer
- Programmer
- Robotics Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Web Designer

Tell me more about these courses.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE & DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Introductory Diploma	Vocational Studies (Business & Computing)	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 subjects or equivalent.
Level 2	Extended Certificate	Computer Science and Digital Skills	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	IT: Development, Security and Analytics	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Esports	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English and Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Digital Production, Design & Development	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English and Maths and a Level 2/GCSE in Computer Science or IT.
Level 3	A Level	Computer Science	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths
Level 3	A Level Extended Choices	Computing & Technology Related Careers	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5. If you wish to study A Level English, Mathematics or Science you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



### LEARNERS VISIT NATIONAL HOME OF ESPORTS

Our esports students had an amazing overnight trip to the National Esports Performance Centre in Sunderland, where they got to look at how an esports team is built and what it takes to successfully develop a cohesive unit.

The group also had a photoshoot to create poses for esports profile shots, and stayed in dedicated gaming houses, which consisted of gaming spaces on each floor, including gaming PC's in the loft.

They also had the opportunity to speak with the manager of the England Rocket League Esports team, which was a great session where they worked in groups and looked at the key attributes needed for such a role.

**SIEMENS**  
ENERGY

### MICHAEL TABBINOR

**Former school:** St John Fisher Catholic High School

**Course:**

T Level Digital Production, Design & Development

**Progression:** Level 6 Digital and Cybersecurity Degree Apprenticeship - Siemens Energy

Michael benefitted from his industry placement at Cisco saying it was definitely worthwhile. "My placement was 100% beneficial to do, as it helped with my interview skills which helped me when I went for my degree apprenticeship.

"I had lots of networking and coding projects to work on. I developed my teamwork and communication skills while there. Each week, I had to present my project work so my presentation skills have also improved a lot."

Michael also built a website for local hair company, MK Hair & Beauty as part of his work related learning project.



**FUTURE**  
**CYBERSECURITY**  
**PROFESSIONAL**

# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

## CONSTRUCTION TRADES

If you're thinking about building a future in the construction industry you're in the right place. Our **Centre of Excellence in Engineering & Construction** has some of the best technical facilities in the region.

Whether you've set your sights on a career in plastering, plumbing or painting, bricklaying, joinery or electrical installation, we've workshops that simulate these industries.

Our students have represented Squad UK at WorldSkills UK, with a former plastering student who went on to win gold.

We've invested millions for future builders to develop their skills and get work ready. So whether you're based at Pagefield, or at our brand new campus, The Skills Academy, you'll have everything you need to build a successful career in construction.

### WHY BUILD YOUR FUTURE WITH US?

Our tools and technology will get you work ready.

You'll go beyond the classroom entering major competitions such as WorldSkills.

Your work experience will develop your skills on the job.

Our employer networks mean you may be first in line for a job when you achieve your qualification.

Future Energy Zone complete with energy saving technologies at the forefront of the building industry.

### YOUR ROUTE

to a dream job

STUDY LEVEL

1

LEVEL

2

LEVEL

3

DO AN APPRENTICESHIP  
GET A JOB  
OR  
GO TO UNIVERSITY

### YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Bricklayer
- Electrician
- Joiner
- Painter and Decorator
- Plasterer
- Plumber
- Site Manager



Wigan Council

## CAMERON AKET

**Former school:** Atherton High School

**Course:** Level 2 Plastering Apprenticeship

**Progression:**

Apprentice at Wigan Council

*"I thought doing the apprenticeship was the best option for me. I'm really enjoying it. Being on-site and learning from all sorts of people and putting what I have learnt at college into practise is the best bit."*

Cameron is one of the college's Apprentice Innovation Ambassadors after completing the Innovation Literacy Programme (first cohort). The programme aims to provide apprentices with innovative ideas in which they can in turn give real impact for their employers.



**FUTURE  
PLASTERER**

Want to know more about apprenticeships in construction trades? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.



**FUTURE  
CONSTRUCTION  
COMPANY OWNER**

## JOSH WHITTAKER

**Former school:**

Parklands High School

**Course:**

Level 2 Brickwork Apprenticeship

**Progression:**

J Sidlow Brickwork Ltd

*"I'm so glad I came here. I've been able to learn different parts of my trade. It was incredible to win Apprentice of the Year. I can see how far I have come since starting my apprenticeship."*

# CONSTRUCTION TRADE COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Entry Level	Certificate	Aspire to Construction Skills	The Skills Academy	1 Year	No formal entry requirements.
Level 1	Certificate	Construction Multi-Skills	The Skills Academy	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-1 including English and Maths.
<b>BRICKLAYING</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Bricklaying	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 including English and Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Bricklaying	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English and Maths.
<b>CARPENTRY &amp; JOINERY</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Joinery	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 including English and Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Joinery	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English and Maths.
Level 3	Diploma	Joinery	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English and Maths and completion of Level 2 Diploma
<b>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Electrical Installation	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Electrical Installation	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including Maths, Science and/or the Electrical Installation Level 1 qualification.
Level 3	T Level	Electrical Installation - Building Services Engineering for Construction	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.
<b>PAINTING &amp; DECORATING</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Painting & Decorating	The Skills Academy	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 including English and Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Painting & Decorating	The Skills Academy	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English and Maths.
<b>PLASTERING</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Plastering	The Skills Academy	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Plastering	The Skills Academy	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
<b>PLUMBING</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Plumbing	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 including English and Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Plumbing	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English and Maths.

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# CTEC

## NORTH WEST TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE COLLEGE

We have secured Technical Excellence College status for Construction, one of only 10 across the country.

Named as the Construction Technical Education College (CTEC) for the north-west by the Department for Education, this status builds on the work of our Construction Centre of Excellence, our specialised curriculum offer and our extensive work with employers.



## FRENCH EXPERIENCE

Construction students joined engineering learners in Saint-Cyprien, France where they enjoyed some fantastic team-building activities including mountain biking through stunning landscapes, paintballing, volleyball, and mountain walks.

## DEWALT - OFFICIAL INDUSTRY PARTNER

We're delighted to be one of ten colleges in the UK to partner with the newly formed DEWALT Academy.

Assistant Principal, Neil Campbell said: *"We're proud to be partnering with DeWalt Tools to inspire and equip the future workforce. This collaboration allows our students to access industry-leading equipment and hands-on experiences that truly reflect modern industry standards. It's about more than tools - it's about confidence, capability, and preparing our learners to thrive in the real world."*





# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

# ENGINEERING

## ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE

Our **Engineering & Construction Centre of Excellence** has some of the best technical teaching facilities in the region.

Become a future innovator with us through deep technical study, exceptional industry placements, skills competitions, work experience and sector specific trips.

Our links with top employers in the North-West mean you're more likely to make connections when you become work ready. From Sellafeld Ltd to Nuvia, KraftHeinz and Electricity North West, together with many small and medium sized employers, we can boost your job prospects.

Our students have represented Squad UK at WorldSkills, and we played host to WorldSkills UK National Finals. Students and apprentices from all over the UK competed here in a celebration of world-class skills - with everyone out to impress the judges.

We'll encourage you to push boundaries, think critically, and innovate solutions to complex problems.

## WHY GET HI-TECH WITH US?

Tutors direct from industry share the skills you need to become work ready.

Multi million pound facilities with the tools and technology from industry.

The best technical college in the region with a history of training future engineers.

The CAVE - virtual reality space to bring your engineering projects to life with wall and floor projection.

Future Energy Zone complete with energy saving technologies at the forefront of the building industry.

Lead college of the Greater Manchester Institute of Technology.

Go beyond the classroom with trips and employer visits.



## JOSEPH MOORE

**Former school:** Rainford High School

**Course:** Level 3 Electrical & Electronic Engineering

**Progression**

Degree Apprenticeship - Level 6 Electrical and Electronic Engineering at UTAC

Joseph has been on work placement with the company alongside his studies and impressed staff with his competency, resulting in the offer.

*"I have been able to improve my skills in the workplace over the two years carrying out different tasks, which showed a level of competency that I didn't need to interview for the position, he said.*

*"The practical elements at college has allowed me to showcase my skills and the work experience has allowed me to improve at college too due to the embedding of knowledge."*



**FUTURE  
CHARTERED  
ENGINEER**

### EMPOWERING INNOVATION

We've invested millions to make sure you're work ready with the technical skills employers are looking for.

Equipment includes:

- CNC milling machine
- CNC plasma cutter
- Festo equipment
- Automotive and mechanical engineering workshops
- Inspection and testing facilities
- Additive Manufacturing Lab
- Robotics Lab
- Thermo Dynamics facilities



**WILLMOTT DIXON**

SINCE 1852

## MILLIE SIMMS

**Former school:** Golborne High School

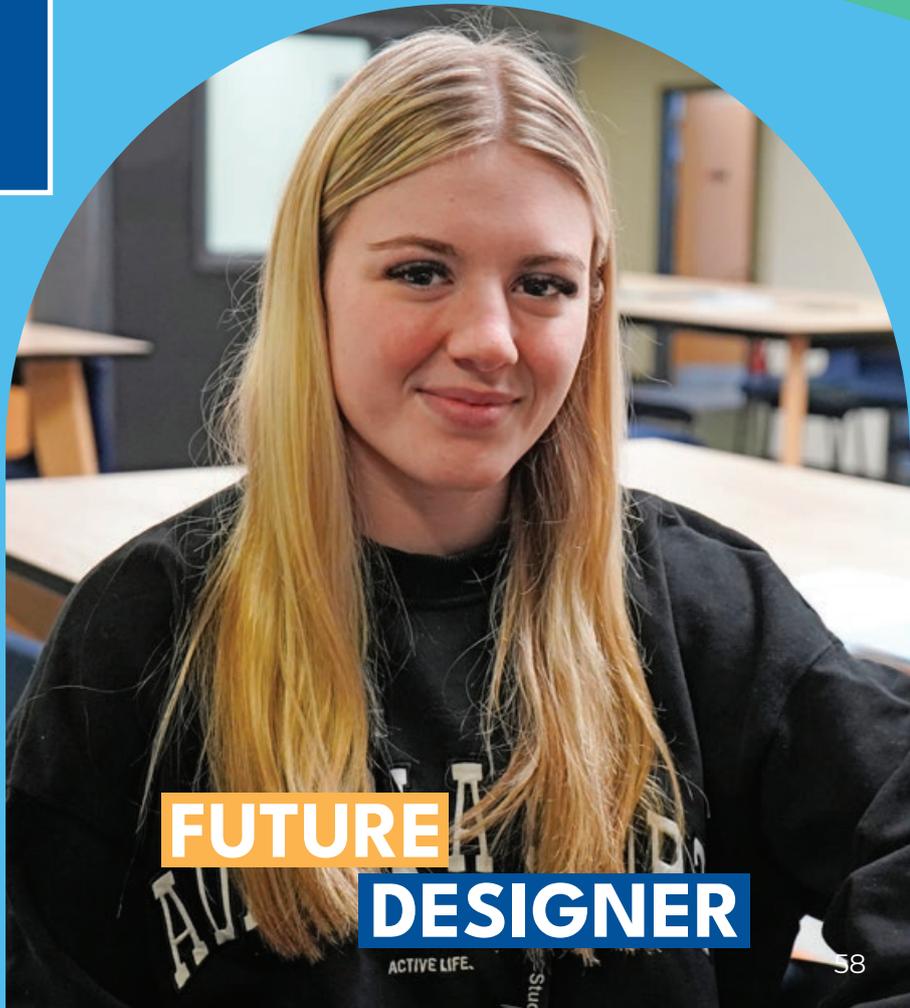
**Course:** T Level Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

**Progressing to:**

Degree Apprenticeship - Willmott Dixon

*"I really enjoyed it - they gave me a lot of opportunities in the office and I met lots of different people and gained a lot of insight.*

*"Seeing what happens onsite along with what I learn in college, I can put into perspective. I've always had an interest in design and it's what I want to go into in the future."*



**FUTURE  
DESIGNER**



# CIVIL ENGINEERING

If you want to be at the forefront of an industry responsible for designing the structures that form the built environment, we'll show you how.

You'll get an insider view of the work that goes into developing our railways, schools, offices, hospitals, water, power supply and much more. And we'll prepare you with the skills to become work ready for this very lucrative industry.



**DO A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY**

Progress to our University Centre with the HND in Civil Engineering, Construction Management or Quantity Surveying, or apply for other institutions nationwide.

**ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

- Architect
- Geospatial Manager
- Civil Engineer
- Surveyor
- Construction Manager
- Structural Engineer

## CIVIL ENGINEERING COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	T Level Foundation	Construction and the Built Environment	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or above including English including English, Maths or Science.
Level 3	T Level	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction - Construction and the Built Environment	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.
Level 3	T Level	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction - Civil Engineering	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



Want to know more about apprenticeships in civil engineering? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.



### ETHAN RHEAD

**Former school:**

St John Fisher Catholic High School

**Course:** T Level Civil Engineering

**Progressing to:**

Degree Apprenticeship Level 4 Construction Quantity Surveying Technician at Sonae UK

*"I put the effort in and I got what I deserved. I am chuffed with my result and my plan is to become a quantity surveyor."*



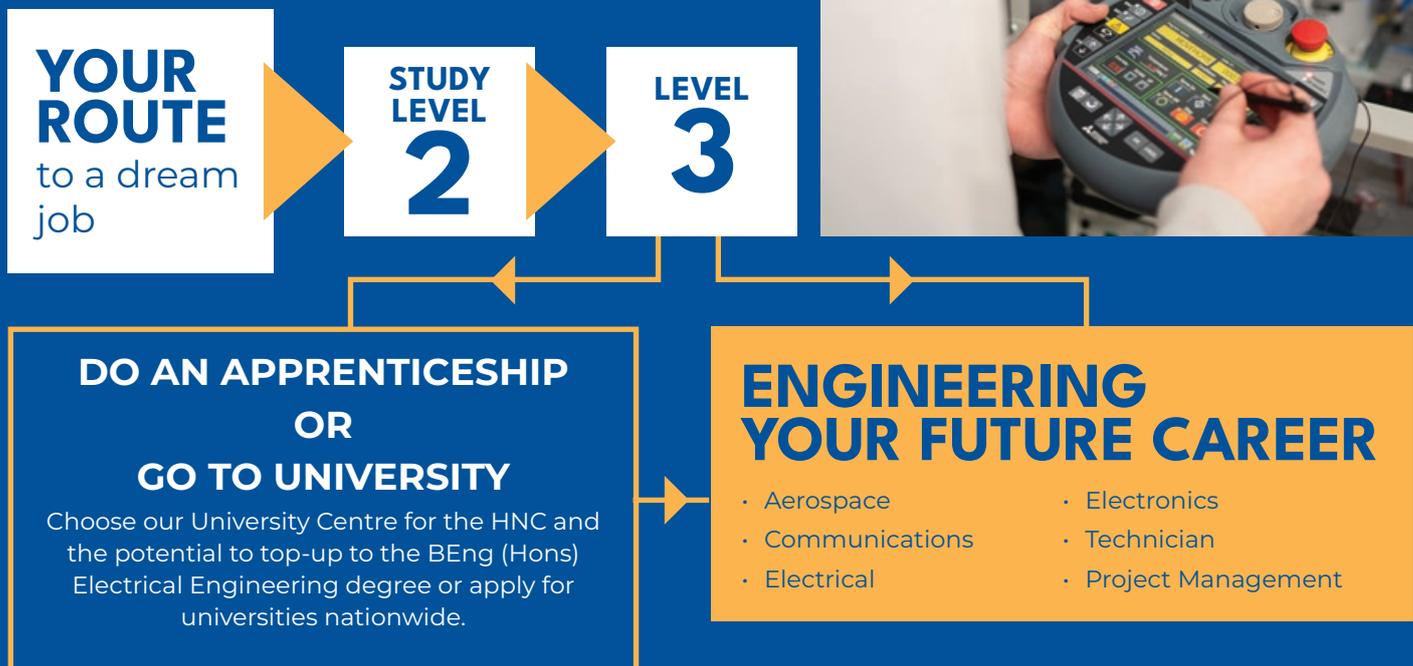


# ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

Our employer links with the electronic and power engineering sectors will help you get work ready with the skills the industry needs.

Scottish Power and Electricity Northwest work with us to develop courses relevant to industry and your work experience will put your learning into practice.

Your future may be in developing computers, satellites, or mobile phones, or components, from microchips to power station generators.



## ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	T Level Foundation	Engineering (Electrical Pathway)	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English, Maths and Science.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including Science and Maths. A minimum grade 3 in English.
Level 3	T Level	Electrical & Electronic Engineering: Design & Development	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including Science, English and Maths.

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Want to know more about apprenticeships in electrical & electronic engineering? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.



### GRACE BANKS

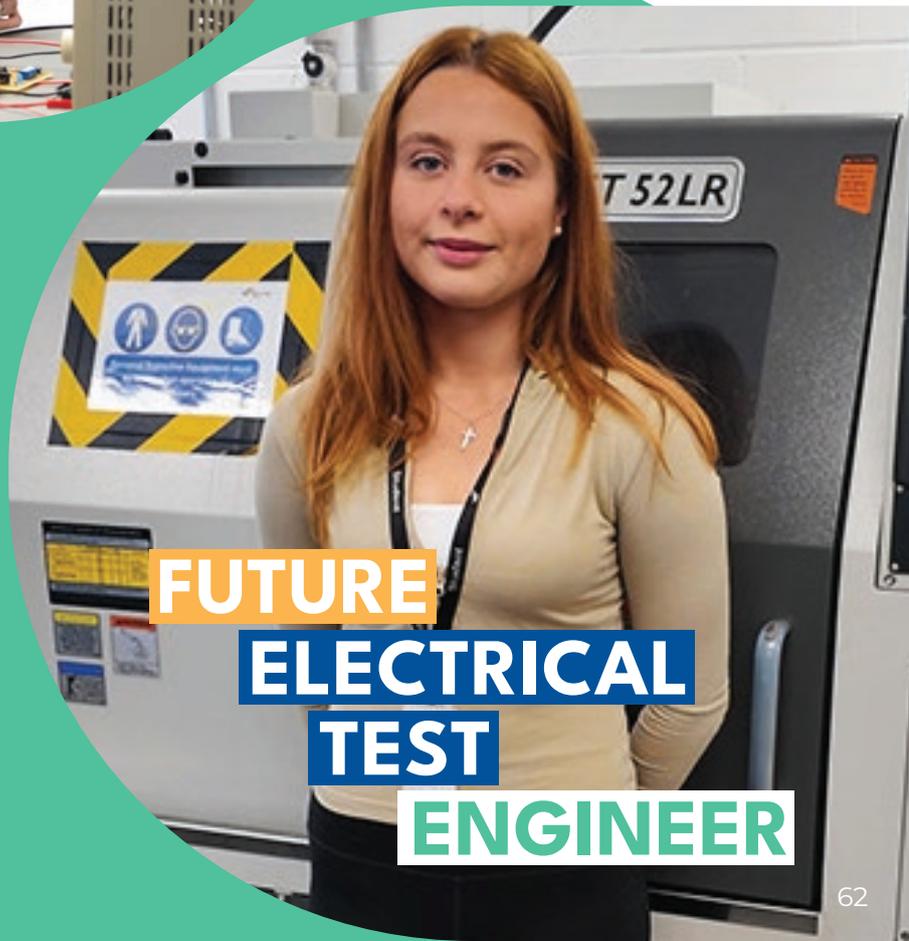
**Former school:**

St Peter's Catholic High School

**Course:** Level 3 apprenticeship in Electrical Engineering at C-TEC

*"The tutors at college help us to achieve good grades and produce work to a high standard, this year I have achieved all distinctions."*

*"I'm incredibly proud to represent women in engineering with the industry traditionally being male dominated, being part of that change and showing what's possible is something I carry with pride."*



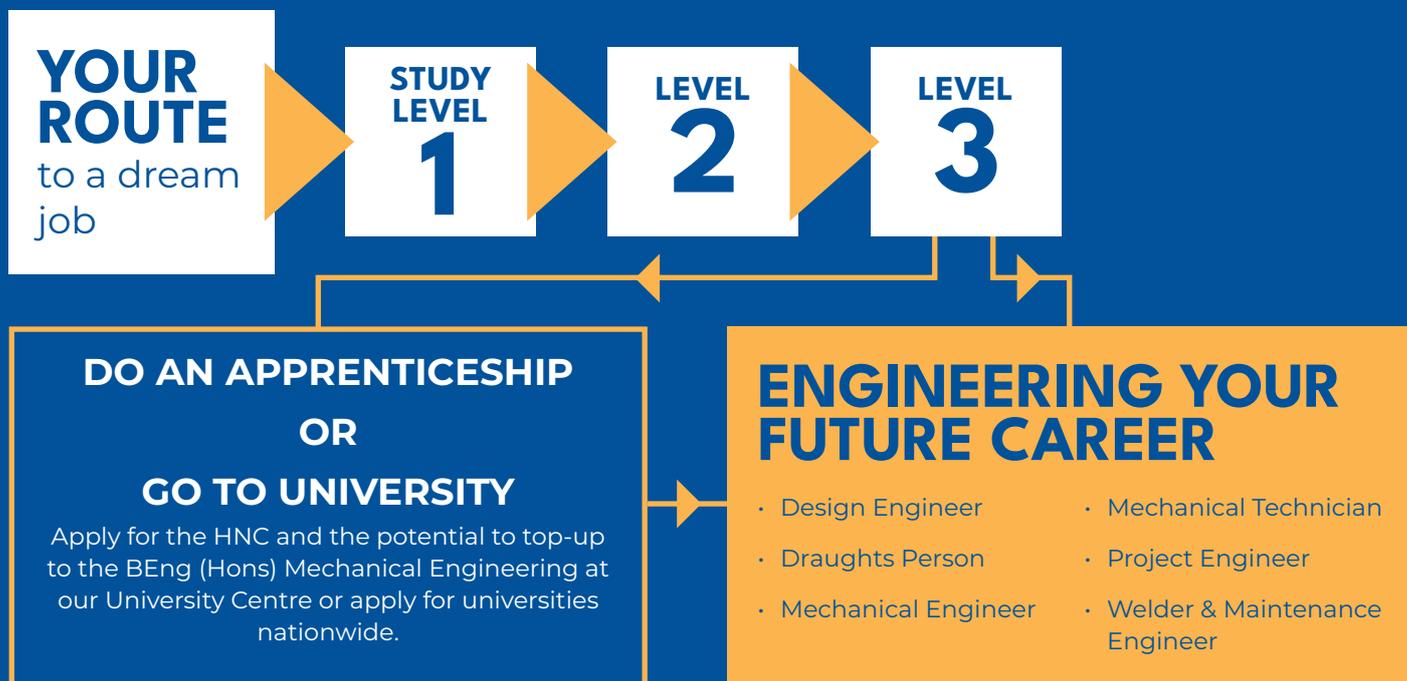
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ELECTRICAL  
TEST  
ENGINEER**



# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

If you've a passion for working in one of the largest employment sectors in Wigan we can help you get there.

You'll develop the practical and technical skills local employers are looking for, working in industry standard workshops and labs.



## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	EMTA Diploma	Engineering Technology	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	NVQ Diploma	Engineering (Performing Engineering Operations)	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	EMTA Diploma	Engineering Technology	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths and a Level 2 PEO qualification.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Mechanical Engineering	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including Maths.
Level 3	T Level	Mechanical Engineering: Design & Development	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.
Level 3	T Level	Mechanical: Maintenance Engineering Technologies	Pagefield Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



### ADVENTURES IN FRANCE

Learners completed an employer set sustainability themed project, where they explored creative solutions to current environmental challenges. They also got to go on mountain walks, snorkel at Argelès-sur-Mer, and soak in the atmosphere in Perpignan ahead of a Super League match between Catalans Dragons and Leigh Leopards.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in mechanical engineering? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.

**amazon**

### ELLIOT SHARPE

**Former school:** Outwood Academy Hindley

**Course:** Level 3 Mechanical Engineering

**Grades:** Distinction Distinction Merit

**Progression:** Degree Apprenticeship - Amazon

Elliot is one of only 15 in the UK to have been offered this apprenticeship.

*"The course has been really enjoyable, I've learned a lot. When I went for my interviews at companies which also included Sellafield Ltd and Mott MacDonald, they were impressed with the knowledge I knew from the course. I'm excited to start the degree apprenticeship and I will get a good wage to start off too."*



**FUTURE  
ENGINEERING  
MANAGER**

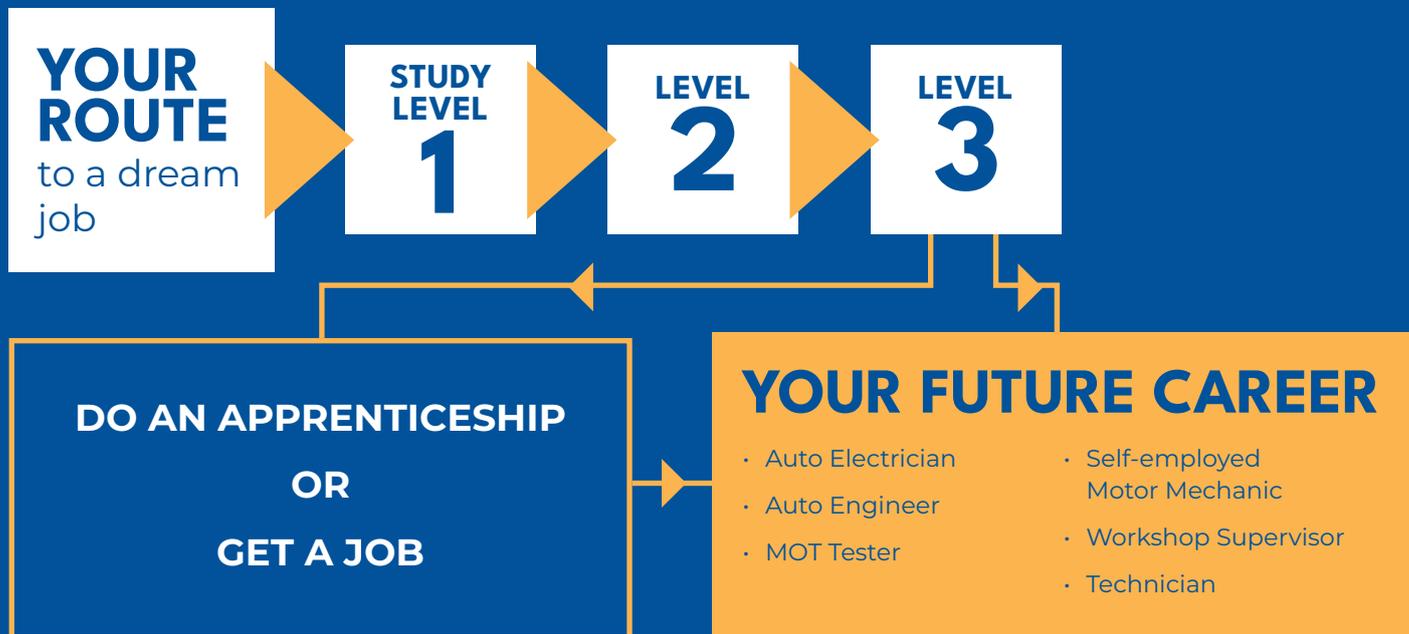


# MOTOR VEHICLE

If engines are your thing, get into the driving seat with us and steer your way towards a lucrative career in the motor vehicle industry.

This expanding sector is always seeking highly qualified vehicle technicians. Learning in our recently upgraded purpose built workshops will give you the edge over others, as you develop the skills to find faults and problem solve with confidence.

And you'll find out more about emerging technologies in our brand new Automotive Engineering and Future Energy Lab.



## MOTOR VEHICLE COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Motor Vehicle	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Diploma	Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles	Pagefield Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in the subject plus GCSE English or Maths at grade 4.

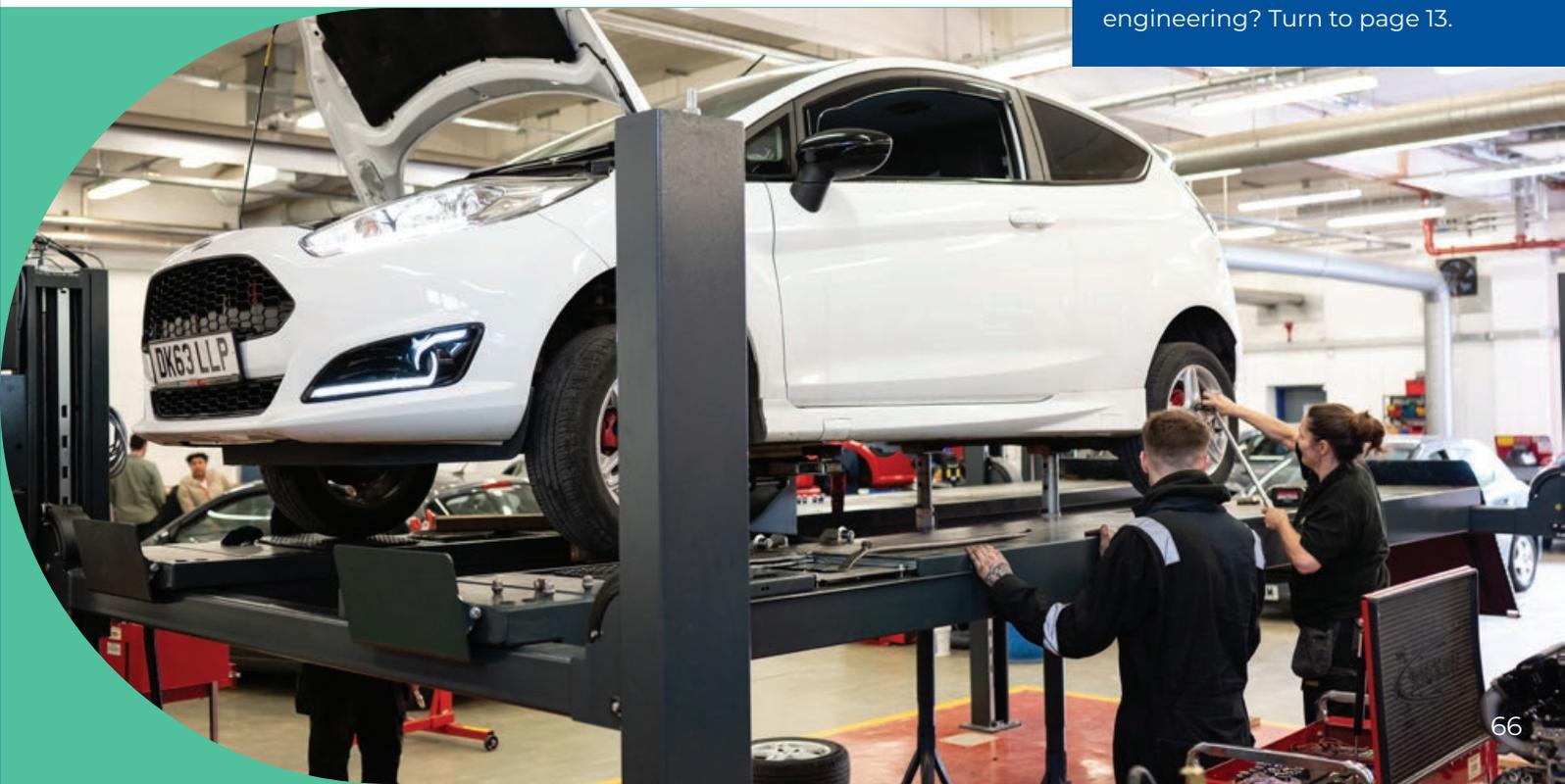
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Tell me more about these courses.



Want to know more about apprenticeships in motor vehicle engineering? Turn to page 13.





# FLORISTRY, HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING

If you're a lover of flora and fauna we'll get you work ready for your dream career.

Future florists will learn in new workshops with floristry industry chillers, developing your creative skills.

You'll get hands-on experience putting theory into practice creating artistic displays for customers and events.

And if horticulture and the great outdoors is your thing you'll get your hands dirty finding out more about plants, soil science and practical landscaping.

## WHY LEARN WITH US?

Support to enter top competitions - we're winners at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show.

Masterclasses from the best in industry.

Tutors share tonnes of industry experience.

You'll do placements to get you work ready.

Get creative at events such as Arley Hall Christmas Extravaganza and Britain in Bloom.

Trips to top RHS events including Harrogate, Harlow Carr Gardens and Chatsworth.



**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

**STUDY LEVEL 1**

**LEVEL 2**

**LEVEL 3**

**DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR GET A JOB**

**YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

- Events Organiser
- Florist
- Gardener
- Landscape Designer
- Plant Producer
- Wedding Planner

# FLORISTRY, HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>FLORISTRY</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Occupational Studies for the Workplace (Landbased)	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	No formal entry requirements.
Level 2	Certificate	Creative Craft Floristry	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-1.
Level 2	Technical Certificate	Floristry	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Technical Diploma	Floristry	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 (at distinction) in the subject plus GCSE English grade 4.
Level 3	Certificate	Creative Craft Floristry	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft Floristry.
<b>HORTICULTURE &amp; LANDSCAPING</b>					
Level 1	Diploma	Practical Horticulture	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Practical Horticulture	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent or Level 1 Diploma in Practical Horticulture

*Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.*



Want to know more about apprenticeships in floristry and horticulture? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.

## UNLEASHING THEIR MAGIC

Our floristry team won Gold and Best College in Show at the Harrogate Flower Show. The theme of 'Swords and Sorcery' was complimented by our student groups' theme 'Merlin's Magical Realm.'





# FOUNDATION STUDIES

Progress from entry level courses with lots of support along the way. We'll treat you as an individual, assessing you on your own particular needs. You'll develop personal and vocational skills to succeed as we gradually get you work ready.

You'll develop lots of transferable skills such as working with others, communication, time management and problem solving. We'll help you build a portfolio to show how you've progressed and you'll learn more about lots of careers.

**We'll find the right course and level for you.**

## STEPS TO STUDY

If you've struggled at school we've got your back.

You'll get a slower and more supportive progression to college life with us, with smaller class sizes and a relaxed, quiet environment. You'll build self-esteem and confidence, improve your maths and English as we gently prepare you for work or further study.

These classes to introduce you to college life are at Parsons Walk Campus.



## LEWIS ALTY

**Former school:**  
Standish Community High School

**Course:** Supported Internship

**Progression:**  
Estates Apprentice with the college

Lewis has settled into his new apprenticeship and is enjoying his job.

*"The internship helped me to learn about employment and get a job.*

*I developed my confidence on this course. I was happy when I found out I got the apprenticeship because I earned it.*

*I'm enjoying the job as I like being able to help out and we all get along."*



# SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP?

This is a one year, full-time education programme run by the college in partnership with Wigan Council's Supporting Skills and Futures Team.

During their college day, Interns will develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to transition successfully into the workplace, whilst also gaining a recognised qualification.

Interns will spend a significant amount of time on the programme in an agreed workplace, (up to 70%). They will be supported 1:1 by a qualified Employment Coach.

The primary goal of the programme is to support Interns to secure paid employment.

## WHY A SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP?

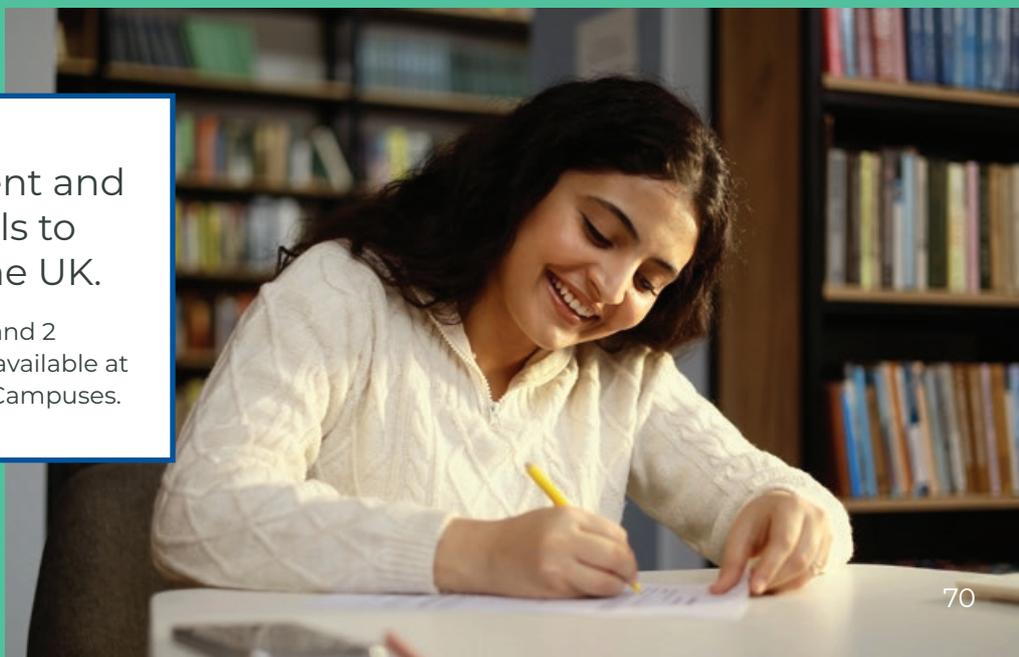
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# ESOL

Become more confident and use your language skills to transition into life in the UK.

Our ESOL courses at Entry Level 1 and 2 Living and Working in the UK are available at both our Parsons Walk and Leigh Campuses.





# HAIRDRESSING

We'll get you work ready, learning your craft in professional salon environments, the Image Centres, with paying clients.

Our tutors have lots of industry experience and links with salons. You'll learn the very latest cutting, colouring and creative styling techniques from those at the top of their game, using the best products on the market.

The Image Centre is a Neal & Wolf partner, committed to using cruelty-free, sustainable products.

## WHY WE'RE A CUT ABOVE THE REST

Work experience in some of the best salons around.

We'll support you to enter top skills competitions including WorldSkills.

Visiting guest speakers, so you'll learn from industry leaders in creative hair design including curly hair specialists.

Feel part of the team wearing your own salon uniform.

Top of the range extended salons and facilities.

You'll be work ready for salons, hotels or cruise ships or for your own business start-ups.



**DO AN APPRENTICESHIP  
GET A JOB  
OR  
GO TO UNIVERSITY**

**YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

- Cut and/or Colour Specialist
- Industry Rep
- Salon Owner
- Stylist
- Teacher/Trainer
- TV, Film, Theatre Stylist

# HAIRDRESSING COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Entry Level	Diploma	Aspire to Hair & Beauty	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	No formal entry requirements.
Level 1	Diploma	Introduction to Hair & Beauty Sector	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 1	Diploma	Hair Sector	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Women's Hairdressing	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 3	Diploma	Women's Hairdressing	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	Successful completion of Level 2 in the subject plus GCSE English or Maths.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

## HAIR & BEAUTY STARS DEFEND CROWN

Inspiring technical skills excellence in Greater Manchester

Our Hair & Beauty team defended their crown to become overall winners at the Greater Manchester Colleges Skills Competition.



Want to know more about apprenticeships in hairdressing? Turn to page 13.

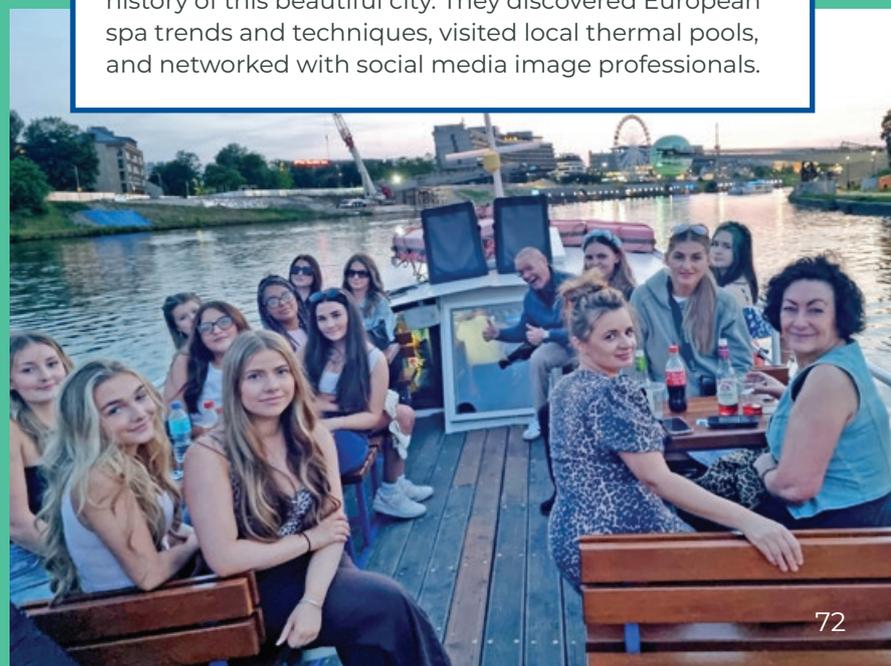


Tell me more about these courses.



## UNFORGETTABLE KRAKOW

Our students had an unforgettable trip to Krakow, Poland, where they explored the rich culture and history of this beautiful city. They discovered European spa trends and techniques, visited local thermal pools, and networked with social media image professionals.



## NATIONAL QUALIFIERS



Scarlett Finney is set to compete in the National Finals of WorldSkills UK in the Foundation Skills: Hairdressing competition.

The former Dean Trust Wigan pupil (seen here at the regional heats) will head to the final in South Wales in November.





# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

If you care about helping others we've everything you need to get started with a career which will open up loads of job opportunities at our **Centre of Excellence in Health & Social Care.**

We'll prepare you with the skills the industry is crying out for, but more than that we'll nurture you so you understand what a career in health and social care really looks like.

You'll learn through specialist nursing and care pathways, competitions, industry masterclasses or work placements in some of the best healthcare teaching facilities in the region.

## MAKE HEALTH YOUR FUTURE

Clinical Skills Wards and access to simulated supported living facilities.

Learn in an immersive teaching environment - the CAVE - with wall, floor and ceiling projections.

Assisted Technologies and Manual Handling Suite.

Anatomage Table - 3D anatomy system.

Expert tutors with experience in hospitals and the care sector and specialists in safeguarding, domestic violence advocacy and much more.

Collaborate with Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WWL), Edge Hill University and Wigan Council.

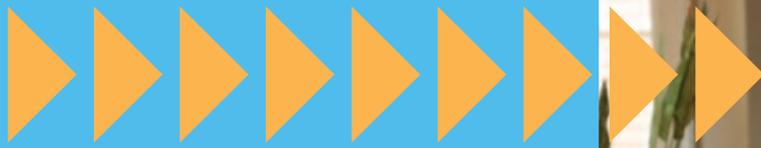
Guest speaker programme with visiting professionals.

We'll support you to enter skills competitions - former student Millie Gallagher reached the WorldSkills UK final.

Work experience will put theory into practice and can lead to a job after studies.

Trips and visits to hospitals and care centres at home and abroad.





## ELLISSIA JACKSON

**Former School:** Albany Academy

**Course:** T Level Nursing

**Progression:**

BSc (Hons) Nursing (Child) - Edge Hill University

*"I thought this course was a lot better than other college options. I got to do patient care and observations during my work on various wards while on placement with Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.*

*"In college, I enjoyed the science side too where we got to dissect a lamb heart while working in the labs."*



**FUTURE  
PAEDIATRIC  
NURSE**

## HANNAH HOEY

**Former school:**

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

**Course:** T Level Nursing

**Progressing to:**

Hannah will progress into her second year of her T Level.

Hannah won the North West Regional Cadet of the Year at the annual National Cadet of the Year competition.

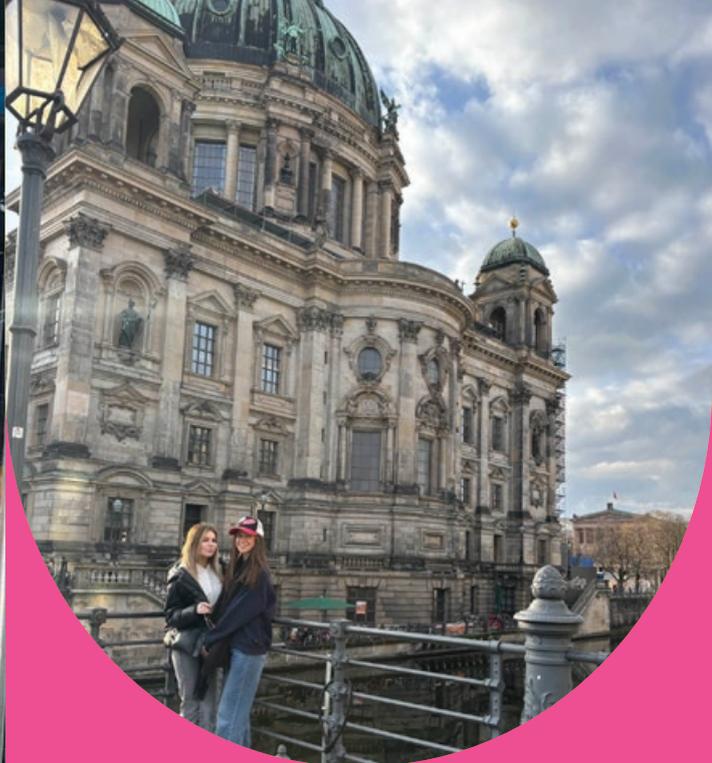
*"It was an incredible weekend of making friends, assessments and most importantly having an unforgettable experience."*

The St John Ambulance competition selects a young person to represent the charity and promote its work. Hannah will now go on to represent Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire over the next 12 months.

*"I want to be a paramedic in the future so St John has definitely helped me as I have learned many transferable skills and worked with healthcare professionals (nurses, doctors, paramedics) at large events such as Manchester Pride and the Grand National and learned a lot from them. I've found that St John has helped me with my studies and vice versa because a lot of it is similar, and it has improved my confidence massively."* added Hannah



**FUTURE  
PARAMEDIC**



## BODYWORKS IN BERLIN

Lots of sightseeing, a trip to the Bodyworks Museum and time to explore the culture made for a brilliant experience in the German capital.

## YOUR ROUTE

to a dream job

STUDY LEVEL

1

LEVEL

2

LEVEL

3

DO AN APPRENTICESHIP  
GET A JOB  
OR  
GO TO UNIVERSITY

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Adult Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Midwife
- Occupational Therapist
- Paramedic
- Psychologist
- Radiographer
- Social Worker

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Introduction to Health & Social Care	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	T Level Foundation	Health & Social Care Professionals	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 including English or Maths. GCSE Science is desirable.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Health & Social Care	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including Maths or Science and English.
Level 3	T Level	Health - Mental Health Nursing	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.
Level 3	T Level	Health - Nursing & Health Professional Careers	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English, Maths and Science.
Level 3	A Levels	Biology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Biology.
Level 3	A Levels	Chemistry	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Chemistry.
Level 3	A Levels	Physics	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Physics.
Level 3	A Levels	Psychology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths or Science.
Level 3	A Levels	Sociology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 (one in an essay-based subject).
Level 3	A Level Extended Choices	Health Related Careers	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9 - 5 including English and Maths. If you study A Level Mathematics or Science, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in health and social care? Turn to page 13.



Tell me more about these courses.



# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

## CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

# MEDIA

If you fancy a future in the media industry, we'll get you job ready working on live projects with leading companies, attending specialist masterclasses, and building links with employers.

At our **Centre of Excellence in Creative & Performing Arts** we've developed our courses so that hands-on skills and practical experience take preference to traditional exams.

We're the largest provider of creative courses in the borough, so you'll access top-notch facilities for learning.

On our Media courses, you'll explore the practical elements of camera, TV studio, direction, editing, content creation, podcasting, marketing and creating short films for TikTok.

Our tutors have lots of industry experience, as well as employer networks to get you work ready for the creative media sector.

### WHY GET MEDIA SAVVY WITH US?

Dedicated production and studio-based classrooms.

Mac suites with Adobe Creative Cloud.

Green screen studio.

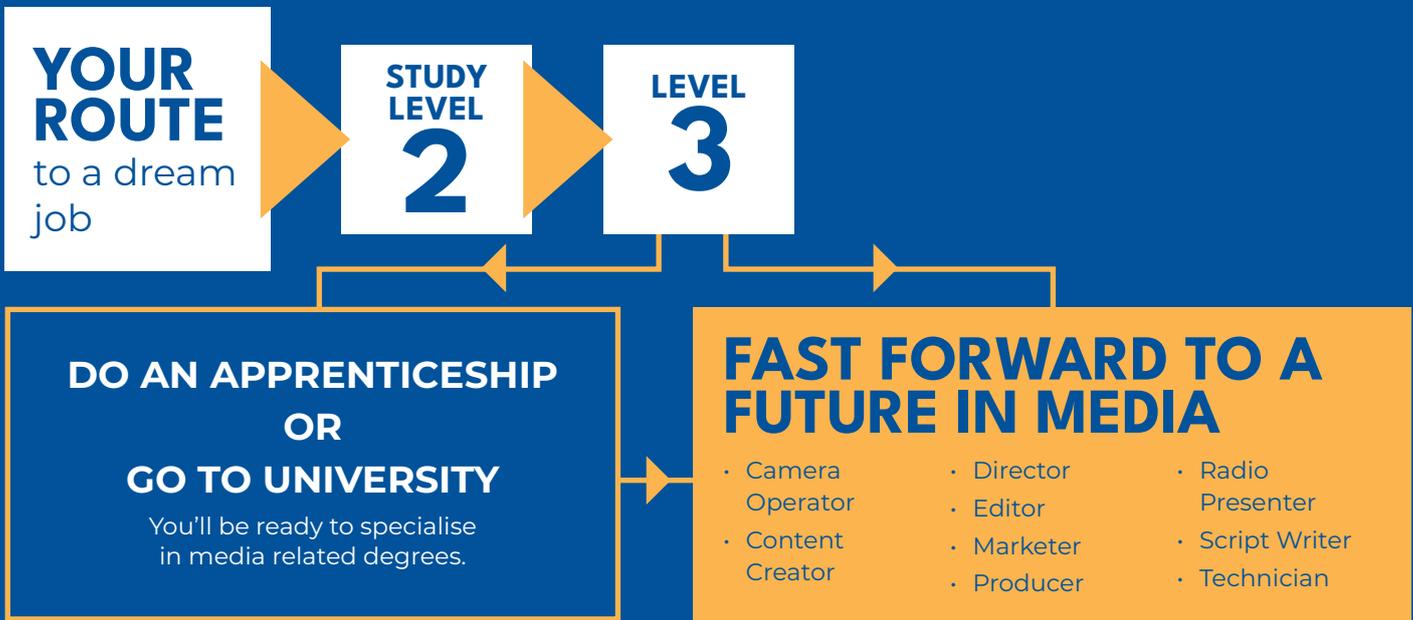
New radio / podcast studio.

Access Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro and After Effects.

Produce independent podcast content

Trips and industry visits at home and abroad.

Tutors share experience in script writing, moving image and podcast production.



## DIGITAL & CREATIVE MEDIA COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	First Diploma	Creative Media Skills	Centre for Performing Arts	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Creative Media Practice	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English Language.
Level 3	T Level	Media, Broadcast & Production	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English and Maths.
Level 3	A Levels	English Language & Literature	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need 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.
Level 3	A Levels	Media Studies	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6.
Level 3	A Level Extended Choices	Media & Digital Related Careers	Parsons Walk Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and Maths. To study A Level English, you'll need a grade 6 at GCSE.

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Tell me more about these courses.



### READY AND WILLING

Media students filmed and recorded a series of podcasts for Councillor Chris Ready using our state-of-the-art green screen studio.

The podcast series called 'Ready and Willing', which is available on YouTube and Spotify, saw some incredible guests including, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. He gave a fascinating interview on where he came from and his current priorities for GM.

Other guests included; Elizabeth Costello - Founder, Leigh Film Society, Dorothy Bowker - Trustee, The Bridge at Leigh, Brenda Spencer - Non-Executive Chair, Wigan Athletic and Sarah Guilfoyle - Managing Director, Wigan Athletic as well as Phil Fletcher, puppeteer of Hacker T. Dog.

Each guest shared incredible insights and stories about the work they've done and continue to do in our local community. Our students got stuck in too by asking some great questions, filming, and gaining real podcast production experience.





# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

## CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

# MUSIC

Whether you are a musician who wants to improve live performance, a budding recording artist, or an aspiring song-writer, you're in the right place at our **Centre of Excellence in Creative & Performing Arts**.

You'll learn more about rehearsal techniques, music production and recording, songwriting, composing, digital music, as well as an insight into the industry, promoting your own live events.

Performing in public, is an essential part of our Music (Practice) course. You'll learn how to become professional and fully confident in a live performance environment, exploring a range of musical styles.

On our Audio & Music Production course, you'll record and produce for artists, creating music and sound for film, game and TV, producing electronic music, acoustics and synthesis and live sound engineering. You'll learn how to use industry standard software like Logic Pro and Native Instruments Komplete.

### WHY MUSIC MATTERS MOST WITH US

Hands-on skills and practical experience take preference to traditional exams.

We're the largest provider of creative courses in the borough, so you'll access top-notch facilities.

Collaborate with like-minded musicians, DJs and producers.

Opportunities to collaborate with other courses, such as video work.

Learn from tutors who currently work in the music industry.

New acoustically-treated practice rooms and recording studios.

Perform at live music events in Wigan, Manchester, Liverpool and beyond.



**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

STUDY LEVEL  
**2**

LEVEL  
**3**

### GO TO UNIVERSITY

You'll be ready to specialise in music related degrees.

### YOUR FUTURE IN MUSIC

- Music Journalist
- Music Producer
- Music Therapist
- Recording Artist
- Session Musician
- Songwriter
- Sound Engineer
- Tutor

Tell me more about these courses.



## MUSIC COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	Diploma	Music Industry Skills	Centre for Performing Arts	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent. You'll need to successfully pass an audition.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Music (Practice)	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths. You'll need to successfully pass an audition.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Audio & Music Production	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths. You'll need to present a portfolio of work.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

### LIVE AT THE CAVERN

Our Music students put on an amazing show at The Cavern Club in Liverpool for their End of Year performance.

The iconic venue was the backdrop for an unforgettable experience as they delivered some brilliant performances.

Tutor, David McNamara said: "They brought a real buzz - they were a mix of excited and nervous, but absolutely rose to the occasion. Working with an external sound engineer gave them a proper taste of the professional world, and it was brilliant to see how well they adapted to that environment.

*"Each performance was well put together and confidently delivered. You could see them grow into it, really owning the stage and showing what they're capable of. The energy, effort and passion they brought was something else - they gave it everything.*

*"It was a real proud moment seeing just how far the students have come. It's definitely a venue we'll be returning to - an amazing opportunity that really inspires and challenges our performers."*



### BARCELONA TRIP

Music, Drama, Media & Travel & Tourism learners enjoyed a two-week work experience trip to Barcelona.

Music students visited the Harlem Jazz Club where they got to participate in a live jam session in front of a full audience. The group also had the chance to take in all the culture and see some famous sights including the Sagrada Familia, and Parc de la Ciutadella.

### GOLD AWARD FOR STUDENT BAND



Inspiring technical skills excellence in Greater Manchester

Our Level 3 Music Practice students won gold at the Greater Manchester Skills Competition.

The student band Mr Nobody took part in a battle-of-the-bands-style contest, impressing the judges with their technical skill and outstanding performance.



# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

# PERFORMING ARTS



FIND OUT MORE

If your **heart** is in performance we'll help you realise your dream at our **Centre for Excellence in Creative & Performing Arts**.

As the largest learning hub in the region for creative arts and performance, we'll give you a head start in honing your skills to get work ready in the subject you love.

We've everything you need here. From purpose built sprung floor dance studios to a brand new theatre.

You'll be taught by the best in the business. Our artistic directors boast credits with Sky TV and West End theatre, having performed in *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Grease*, and lead roles in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

## WHY GET CENTRE STAGE WITH US

We put hands-on experience ahead of exams to cultivate your creativity.

You'll work on live industry projects with leading companies.

Join specialist masterclasses from the best in the business.

Perform in three major productions a year - your chance to shine.

Follow in the footsteps of those who've secured places at some of the top conservatoires and dance schools, including Shockout, Addict Academy and Italia Conti.

We'll support you in competitions where you'll put your skills to the test. Students have taken first and second place at Greater Manchester College's Skills competitions.

Enjoy trips at home and abroad.

**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

STUDY LEVEL  
**2**

LEVEL  
**3**

## GO TO UNIVERSITY

You'll be ready to specialise with performance specific degrees

## YOUR NEXT PERFORMANCE

- Actor
- Choreographer
- Creative Director
- Dancer
- Teacher
- TV Presenter

## AMY COLLINS

**Former school:** Southlands High School

**Course:** BTEC Level 3 Acting

**Grades:** Distinction\* Distinction\* Distinction

**Progression:**

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

Amy will follow in some famous footsteps at the school, whose alumni include Dame Judy Dench, Kit Harrington and Martin Freeman.

*"I like the amount of opportunity we get to perform. It's prepared me for the industry and knowing what to expect as well as the audition process."*



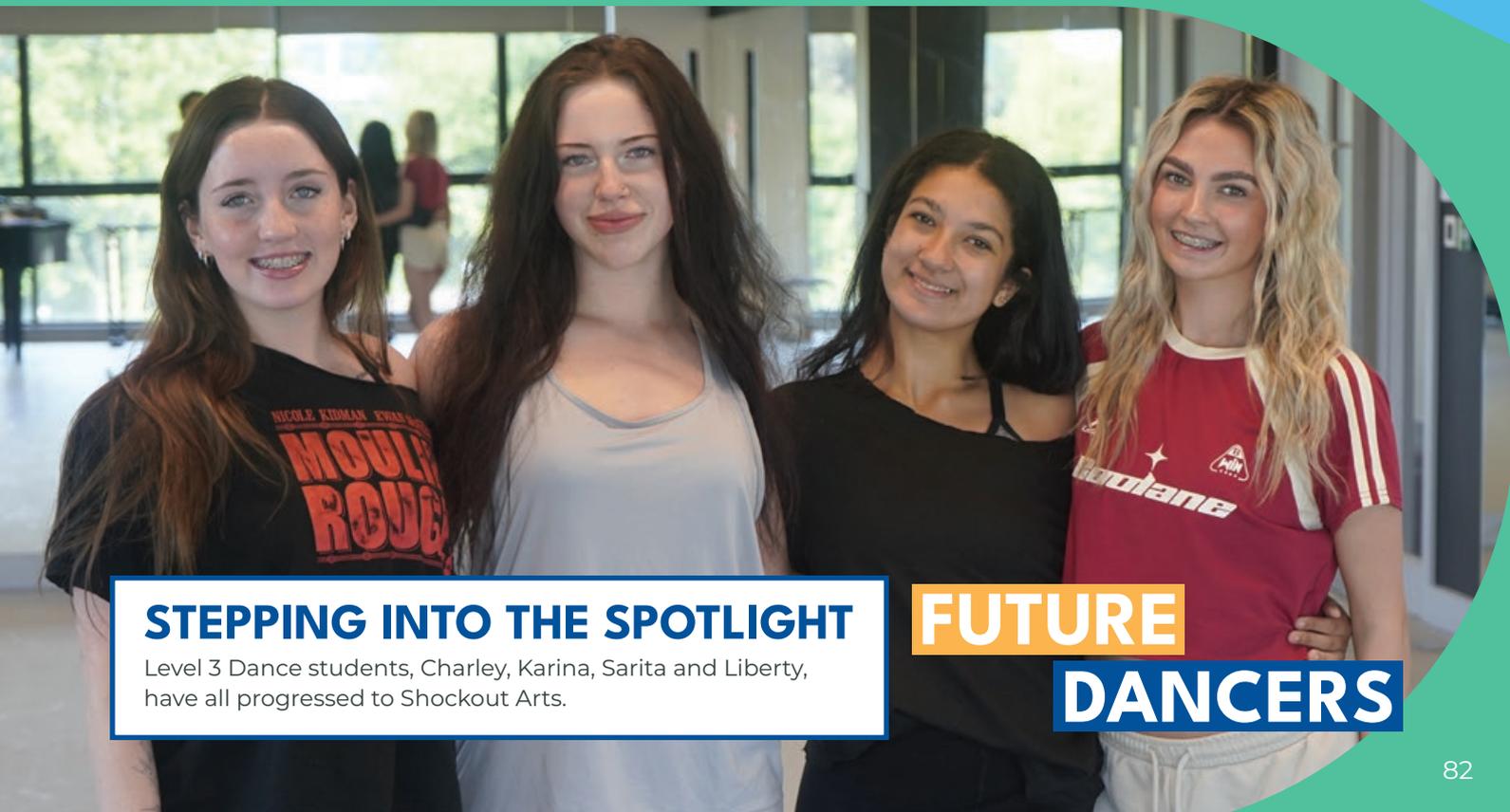
**FUTURE  
ACTOR**



### CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Through our creative partnership with Shakespeare North Playhouse, you'll have access to masterclasses with theatre professionals, guest talks, trips to shows, and the opportunity to perform your own work at their Cockpit Theatre.

**SHAKESPEARE  
NORTH  
PLAYHOUSE**



### STEPPING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

Level 3 Dance students, Charley, Karina, Sarita and Liberty, have all progressed to Shockout Arts.

**FUTURE  
DANCERS**



## FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL

A packed out audience were blown away by our Performing Arts students as they took centre stage at The Edge, Wigan for their take on Footloose the musical.

It was a highly energetic performance, brimming with talent and determination. What a brilliant way to end the year with such an amazing spectacle.



## PERFORMING ARTS COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	Diploma	Performing Arts	Centre for Performing Arts	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent. You'll need to successfully pass an audition.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Performing Arts (Dance)	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths. You'll need to successfully pass an audition.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Performing Arts (Acting)	Centre for Performing Arts	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths. You'll need to successfully pass an audition.

*Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.*



Tell me more about these courses.

### BILLY BARLOW

**Former school:**

Westhoughton High School

**Course:** BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Acting

**Grades:**

Distinction\* Distinction\* Distinction\*

**Progression:**

Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts



**FUTURE  
ACTOR**



# PUBLIC SERVICES

If you enjoy physical challenges and you're interested in an active career where you can make a real difference, public services could be the one for you.

Courses are specially designed with input from the professionals, which makes them perfect for preparing you for the police, fire and rescue, prison or armed services.

You'll develop the essential skills that public service employers are looking for, learning more about teamwork, citizenship, major incidents, health and fitness and outdoor experiences.

## WHY LEARN WITH US

Our tutors have a wealth of experience in industry.

Guest speakers open up the real world of work lifting the lid on what it takes to get work ready for the services.

Learn about leading a healthy lifestyle to get to the peak of fitness and develop resilience.

State-of-the-art fitness facilities will help you get there.

Police and Armed Forces Enrichment Programme are additional programmes developed by professionals.

Outdoor expeditions at home and abroad.

Join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

**STUDY LEVEL 1**

**LEVEL 2**

**LEVEL 3**

**DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY**  
Apply for the HND Public Services with us at the University Centre or other relevant courses at universities nationwide.

- YOUR FUTURE CAREER**
- Armed Forces
  - Criminologist
  - Fire and Rescue Services
  - HM Revenue and Customs
  - Police
  - Prison Service

## PUBLIC SERVICES COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Public Services	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	First Extended Certificate	Public Services	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Uniformed Protective Services	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.

### DEFENDING CHAMPIONS



Inspiring technical skills excellence in Greater Manchester

Our Sport and Public Services team defended their crown to win gold at the Greater Manchester Colleges Skills Competition.



### ADVENTURES IN THE PYRENEES

Sightseeing in Barcelona preceded a seven-day hike in the Pyrenees, followed by white water rafting down the Noguera Pallaresa River in the Catalan region of the Pyrenees.



Tell me more about these courses.

### ALEX COSSEY

**Former school:**

Lowton Church of England High School

**Course:** Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services

**Grades:** Distinction\* Distinction\* Distinction\*

**Progressed to:**

Currently on a degree apprenticeship with Greater Manchester Police

Alex returned to college to talk to current learners about what his training is like and the good and bad things about his job.

He also credited how the Police Enrichment Programme at college benefitted him and helped to prepare him, including having an appreciation of standards, legislation and knowledge of stop and searches for example - directly linked to when he needed it in his job.



**FUTURE**

**POLICE**

**OFFICER**



# SCIENCE

If you enjoy the life scientific we'll get you work ready for a lucrative and stimulating career. You'll learn to work safely and effectively with top notch equipment in specialist university standard laboratories.

You'll combine scientific theory with practice and develop the skills employers are looking for.

## WHY LEARN WITH US

Tutors are research scientists and expert examiners.

Secure a place at a top university.

We'll prepare you for lots of scientific careers.

Trips at home and abroad.

Meet some of the country's top science experts as part of the Guest Speaker programme.



**YOUR ROUTE**  
to a dream job

STUDY LEVEL  
**2**

LEVEL  
**3**

**DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY**  
Apply for related degrees at universities nationwide.

**YOUR LIFE SCIENTIFIC**

- Biochemist
- Clinical Scientist
- Environmental Scientist
- Forensic Scientist
- Microbiologist
- Pharmacist
- Research Technician

## SCIENCE COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	Extended Certificate	Applied Science	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Applied Science	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 including English or Maths and Science.
Level 3	A Levels	Biology	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Biology.
Level 3	A Levels	Chemistry	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Chemistry.
Level 3	A Levels	Physics	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	You'll need a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-5 including English and 2 GCSE subjects graded 9-6 including Maths and Combined Science / Physics.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



Tell me more about these courses.

## HOLLY LEECE

### Former school:

Bolton St Catherine's Academy

**Course:** Level 3 Applied Science

**Grades:** Distinction Distinction Distinction

### Progression:

BSc (Hons) Biology - University of York

*"I've enjoyed the practical sessions and the small class sizes mean we get more 1-1 support from our tutors."*



**FUTURE**

**FORENSIC**

**SCIENTIST**



# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

## SPORT

# SPORT

We're one of only a few Sport & Leadership Academies in the North West and your happiness and success is our priority from day one.

At our Centre of Excellence in Sport you can get specialised coaching, leadership and officiating qualifications, and we've sporting academies in Football, Rugby and Sports Leadership.

Beyond the classroom, you'll get involved in competitive events and networking opportunities that will take your CV to the next level.

## WE MAKE SURE YOU'RE CONNECTED

We've links with higher education institutions such as Edge Hill University, the University of Lancashire and the University of Salford. Our connections with companies locally, nationally and internationally make sure you're work ready. From Leigh Leopards to Manchester United Women's Academy and Premier Education, you'll benefit from liaising with the best of the best.

## A WINNING FORMULA

We're located at Leigh Sports Village, where you'll access top of the range facilities. And you might rub shoulders with elite athletes who play for Manchester United Women's team and the Men's U21s, as well as the Leigh Leopards Rugby League Team there.

Our Sports Leadership Academy is the driving force behind student work with local schools and we've achieved the School Mark Games Gold Award three years running.

## WHY GET ON A WINNING STREAK WITH US

You'll have access to:

- Swimming Pool
- Gym
- Athletics Stadium
- 4G AstroTurf Pitches
- Indoor Sports Hall

Take trips at home and abroad with former students taking trips to Portugal, Lanzarote and even Jamaica.

Follow in the footsteps of sporting heroes such as World Cup finalist Ella Toone.

Tutors are former sports professionals.



## SPORT COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1	Diploma	Sport	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-2 or equivalent.
Level 2	Diploma	Sport and Physical Activity	Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	National Extended Diploma	Sport	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Sport Science	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English and Maths.
Level 3	National Extended Diploma	Sport - Football Development Pathway	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	National Extended Diploma	Performance & Excellence - Rugby League Pathway in Partnership with Leigh Leopards	Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English and Maths.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



Tell me more about these courses.

### BENFICA FOOTBALL TRIP

This annual trip included a training session at the Estádio de Luz, and a zip line over the pitch. The group played friendlies against local college teams and developed their skills under the guidance of Benfica's professional coaches.



### YOUR ROUTE

to a winning career

STUDY LEVEL

1

LEVEL

2

LEVEL

3

### GO TO UNIVERSITY

Apply for the HND Sport and Exercise Science with us at the University Centre or for related degrees nationwide.

### A WINNING FUTURE

- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Personal Trainer
- Physiotherapist
- Professional Sportsperson
- Sport Psychologist
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Teacher

# ACHIEVE

# IN SPORT

## What is TASS?

As a Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) accredited college, we support our athletes with a dual career, offering a flexible approach to studies alongside their professional sports commitments.

## ELITE STUDENTS IN PROFILE

### Ella Toone

**Former school:** Fred Longworth High School

Ella is a former Level 3 Sports Science student and World Cup finalist. She was an integral part of the England Lionesses team who won the UEFA Women's Euro final in 2022 and 2025.

Ella played for Manchester United as a student at Leigh College, where she benefitted from a flexible approach to studies alongside her sporting commitments.

*She said: "I learned a lot about the body on the sport science course, which helped me with my football career. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at college and had loads of support, so that I could keep up with my football commitments as well as my studies."*



### Thomas Morrissey

**Former school:** Co-op Academy Walkden

Level 3 Sport Science student Tom is a former Team GB cyclist, who is now pursuing a career in physiotherapy.

Our Student of the Year winner will progress to study BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at the University of Salford after gaining Distinction\*, Distinction\*, Distinction\* he also achieved an A\* in his EPQ (extended project qualification).

While at college, he achieved a VTCT Level 3 in Sports Massage and gained valuable work experience at Leigh Leopards, where he supported their strength and conditioning team.

While still competing for Team GB during his first year, Tom balanced his studies with 15 hours of training saying:

*"I couldn't have asked for a better college experience. I was lucky enough to have been a part of TASS, so I had access to really good resources."*





## Emily Coop

**Former School:** Bedford High School

**Course:** Level 3 Sport

Emily signed for Wigan Warriors Women's Academy at the end of 2024.

*"I'm really excited about signing with Wigan Warriors and seeing where this new journey takes me."* said Emily

Emily joined from Leigh Miners Rangers Community Rugby League Club where she played from U12s all the way through to U16s.

## Will Lacey

**Former school:** Harper Green School

**Grades:** Distinction Distinction Merit

Level 3 Sports student Will represents athletics club Leigh Harriers. His speciality is discus and he is the current Under 20s Northern Champion, as well as being a former Greater Manchester County Champion.

The 2028 Olympics hopeful, will progress to study sports science at a university in North America on a scholarship programme.





# TRAVEL & TOURISM

If you've a passion for travel we'll take you on a journey towards great careers.

You'll need a knack for customer service and good people skills, so we'll help you develop both attributes and much more.

Of course you'll experience travel abroad to learn more about the European tourist industry, where you'll be able to put theory into practice.

## WHY YOU'LL GO FAR WITH US

Tutors with lots of professional experience in aviation, tourism and hospitality.

Feel part of the team wearing a professional uniform as in industry.

Fantastic work experience to get you work ready.

Strong links with employers including Ryanair and Easyjet.

Guest speakers who are at the peak of their careers.



## TRAVEL & TOURISM COURSES

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	COURSE TITLE	LOCATIONS	COURSE LENGTH	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 2	Certificate	Cabin Crew	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Aviation	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 2	Diploma	Travel & Tourism	Parsons Walk Campus	1 Year	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-3 or equivalent including English or Maths.
Level 3	Extended Diploma	Travel & Tourism	Parsons Walk Campus or Leigh Campus	2 Years	A minimum of 5 GCSE subjects graded 9-4 or equivalent including English or Maths.

Curriculum reform is ongoing and qualification types may change.



Tell me more about these courses.

Want to know more about apprenticeships in travel and tourism? Turn to page 13.

### DECLAN CHILTON

**Former school:** The Westleigh School

**Course:** Level 3 Travel & Tourism

**Grades:** Distinction\* Distinction\* Distinction\*

**Progression:**

Aviation Management & Operations (with Pilot Studies) FdSc - Craven College



**FUTURE**

**PILOT**



**FUTURE AVIATION PROFESSIONAL**

### MILLIE WATSON

**Former school:** Up Holland High School

**Course:** Level 2 Aviation

**Progression:** Apprenticeship with Hays Travel

*"I've always been passionate about anything to do with travel. The course has helped my confidence grow and now I'm a lot more motivated. There are so many different doors open to me after doing this course."*

# UNIVERSITY CENTRE

## WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE



**University Centre**  
Wigan & Leigh College

### Many of our students progress to higher education at our University Centre.

You can progress from a Level 3 qualification to HNC, HND, HTQ, Foundation Degree or a Top-up degree studied over a year, stepping on and off study routes depending on individual circumstances.

Many prefer the smaller class sizes, local access and the community feel of studying at the University Centre, alongside the benefits of cheaper tuition fees than most larger universities.



### WE OFFER A RANGE OF COURSES, INCLUDING:

- Higher National Certificates (HNC)
- Higher National Diplomas (HND)
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ)
- Certificates in Education (Cert Ed)
- Foundation Degrees (FdA)
- Top-up Degrees BA (Hons), BSc (Hons)
- Post Graduate Certificates in Education (PGCE)
- Higher Level and Degree Apprenticeships.

### GREATER MANCHESTER

**I N S T I T U T E O F  
T E C H N O L O G Y**

As the lead partner in the Greater Manchester Institute of Technology (GMIoT), we're proud to be working with prominent national and global employers, alongside the University of Salford, to bring you the very best Level 4 and 5 technical qualifications.

The GMIoT is for school and college leavers who might be considering a career in STEM. It specialises in construction, engineering, health and digital skills and offers a range of courses, designed to fast track learners into jobs in growth sectors for Greater Manchester.

### SUBJECT AREAS INCLUDE:

- Animal Management
- Business and Computing
- Childcare and Teacher Education
- Graphic Design
- Counselling
- Engineering and Construction
- Esports
- Public Services
- Science
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism



# HIGHER EDUCATION THAT WORKS



## TOKYO TAKEOFF: DESIGN STUDENTS GO EAST

Our Graphic Design students embarked on an unforgettable, weeklong residential trip to Tokyo, Japan. As part of their visit, they toured the renowned digital design agency Whatever Co., where they explored the studio's diverse portfolio of work created for both major international brands and Japanese clients.

In addition to gaining industry insight, the students found inspiration through a range of cultural excursions, including visits to the Ginza Graphic Gallery, the Tokyo Advertising Museum, the Fuji Photography Museum, and the Imperial Palace.



## LAS VEGAS

Our HND Sport & Exercise Science students experienced the trip of a lifetime when they flew to Las Vegas to watch Wigan Warriors triumph over Warrington Wolves in the first ever Super League match in America.

It wasn't just a week of Rugby League; the students expanded their industry knowledge by experiencing some live American sports. They enjoyed cheering on the Las Vegas Aviators at the Las Vegas Ballpark and took in the electric atmosphere of the T-Mobile Arena at a Golden Knights ice hockey match.



## BUSINESS ALUMNI BOOSTS SERVICE AT MALAYSIAN RESORT

BA (Hons) Business and Administration graduate Ryan Murphy found career success as an English teacher at Sand & Sandals Desaru Beach Resort and Spa.

The former Level 3 Business student with us, is now teaching ESOL at a further education college.

TO EXPLORE OUR  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
COURSES FURTHER,  
VISIT:



## DEVELOPING DESIGNER GETS WORK-READY

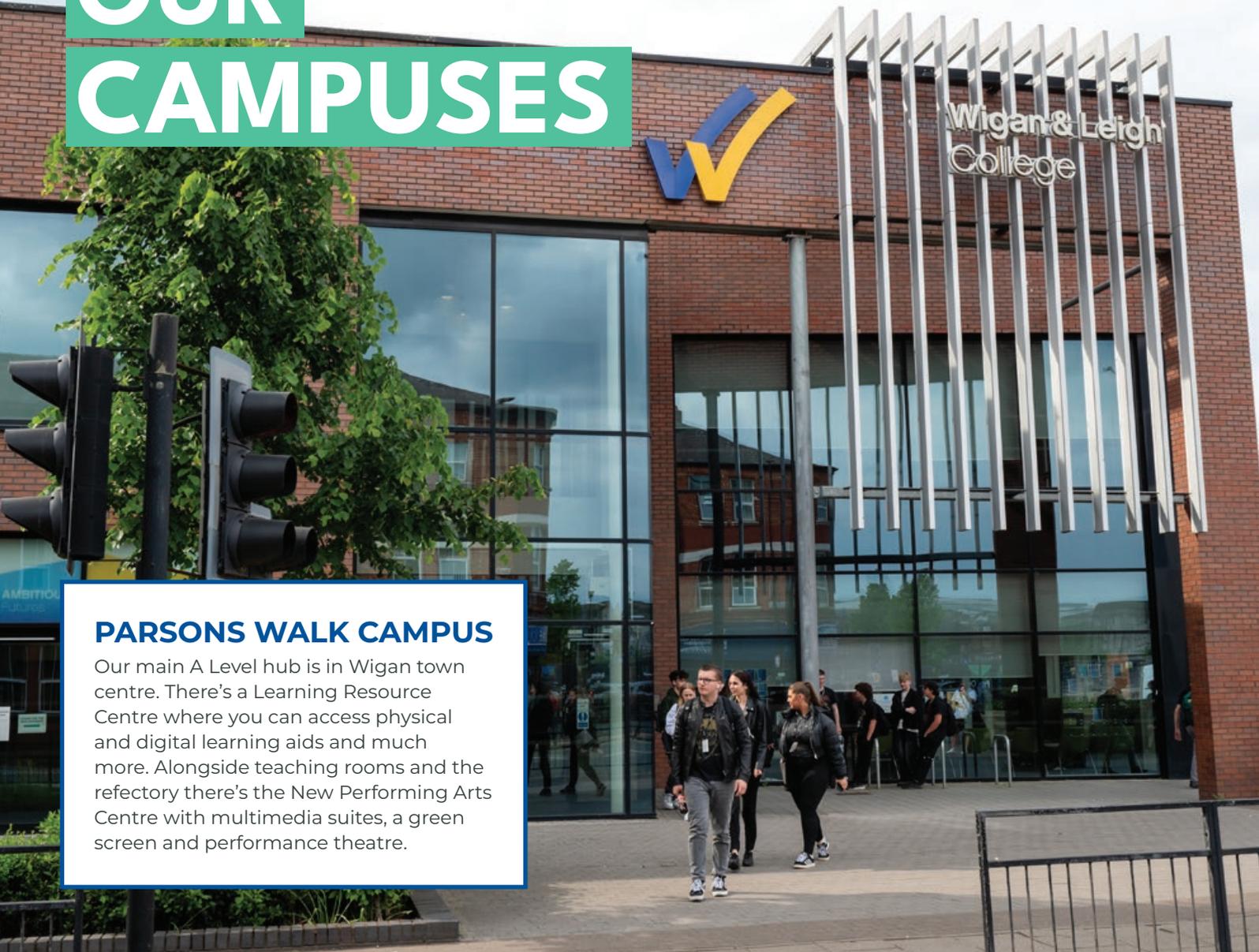
BA (Hons) Creative Practitioner (Graphic Design) student Lewis Pickersgill is gaining hands-on industry experience whilst building a strong portfolio for a future creative career.

*"The whole course helps me to think more laterally. My technical skills in using software such as illustrator and research skills have improved a lot and I'm more creative."*

During his course, Lewis found a part-time role as an Innovation Hub Marketing Officer with the GM Innovation team, giving him valuable real-world graphic design experience.

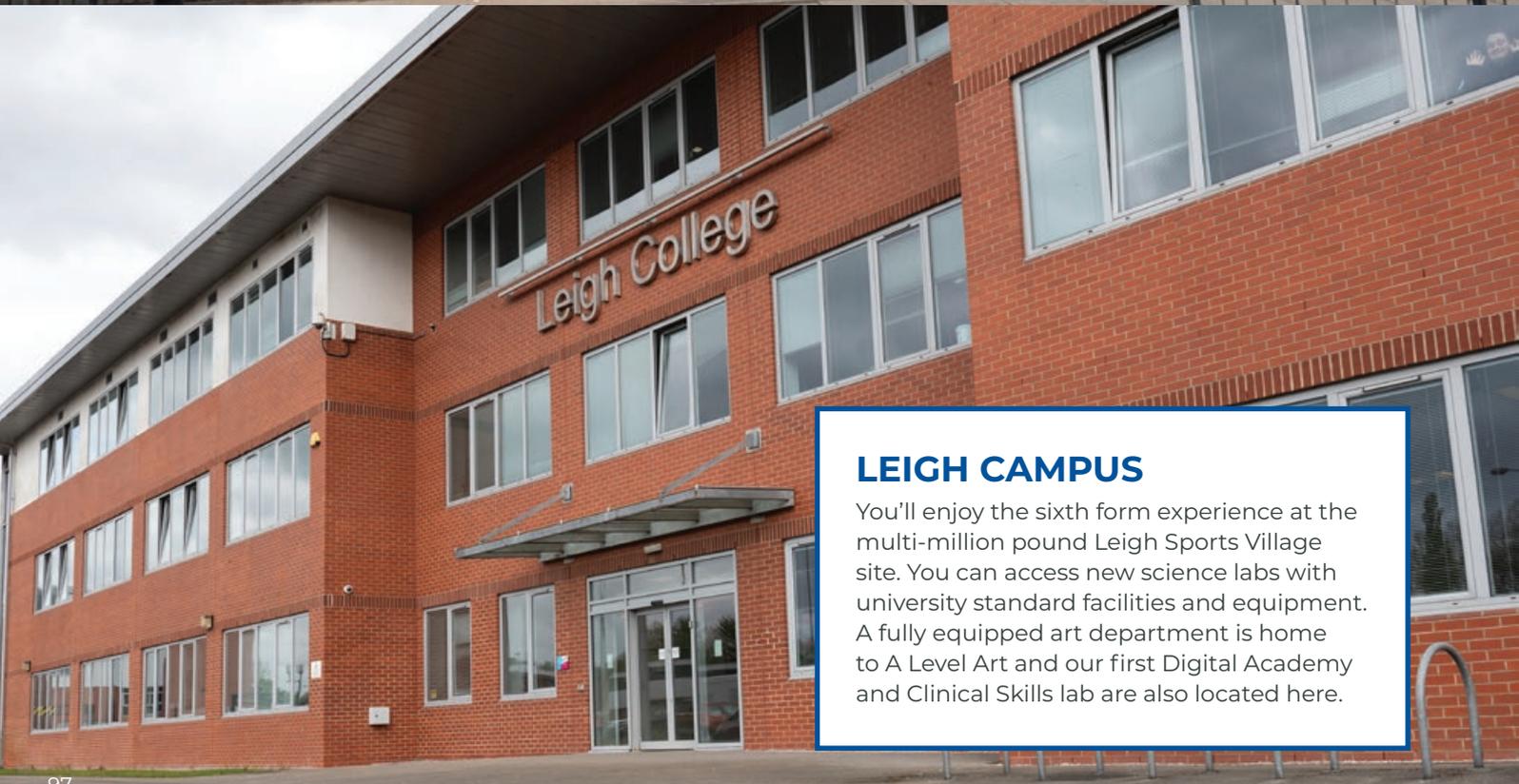


# OUR CAMPUSES



## PARSONS WALK CAMPUS

Our main A Level hub is in Wigan town centre. There's a Learning Resource Centre where you can access physical and digital learning aids and much more. Alongside teaching rooms and the refectory there's the New Performing Arts Centre with multimedia suites, a green screen and performance theatre.



## LEIGH CAMPUS

You'll enjoy the sixth form experience at the multi-million pound Leigh Sports Village site. You can access new science labs with 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 are also located here.



## CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNICAL STUDIES

Facilities include a clinical ward, manual handling suite, specialist science laboratories and a health and social care careers hub.

The Centre is also home to our virtual reality space the CAVE, where you can become immersed in a scene, or view 360 degree content with other students using wall or floor projections.



## THE SKILLS ACADEMY

Our Skills Academy, based on Prescott Street, Wigan, is meeting the demand for education and training in priority employment areas such as construction and engineering.



## PAGEFIELD CAMPUS

Home to the Centre of Excellence in Engineering and Construction you'll have access to top tech facilities and industry standard workshops and laboratories to prepare for work in these lucrative businesses.



# FREE BUS PASS

FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS

## IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE GREATER MANCHESTER

You can get a free student bus pass if you're enrolled on a full-time course up to Level 3.

You must live outside of Greater Manchester and be aged 16-18 before the 31 August. You'll need 90% attendance to get your spring and summer passes.

**You'll get your pass at the start of term in September.** If you lose it you'll have to pay for a replacement.

## IF YOU LIVE WITHIN GREATER MANCHESTER

You can get a free OURPASS if you live in Greater Manchester and you're aged 16-18.

You'll pay a £10 admin fee to Transport for Greater Manchester.

If you're eligible for our college bursary we'll give you back that money in your first term.

Apply for Our Pass: [www.ourpass.co.uk](http://www.ourpass.co.uk)



FIND OUT  
MORE

[wigan-leigh.ac.uk/free-bus-pass](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/free-bus-pass)

This guide was printed in September 2025 for the 26/27 intake. Wigan & Leigh College (the 'college') endeavours to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of going to print, but because this prospectus has been produced in advance of courses starting dates, all courses are offered subject to student numbers. 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 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, that they review up-to-date course information, which is available by visiting [wigan-leigh.ac.uk](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk) or by contacting us at 01942 761111.

In addition, the college may withdraw courses due to cohort numbers not being sufficient - please contact us if you require information in relation to cohort requirements on 01942 761111.

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](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk)

Documents contain important contractual information. Prospective students should therefore fully familiarise themselves with these documents prior to applying on a course to study at the college.

# APPLICATION



# FORM

For use by applicants under the age of 19 on 31 August 2026

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 full-time course starting in September 2026.

## SECTION 1 - Tell us about yourself

Birth Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Pronouns	
Last Name		Ref (office use)		
First Names		Date of Birth	Age on 31/08/2026	
Home Address		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

Course type:	A Levels <input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational / Technical <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprenticeship <input type="checkbox"/>	
Level of course:	Foundation <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

## Which course/subject would you like to study?

Where would you like to study? Wigan <input type="checkbox"/> Leigh <input type="checkbox"/>
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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)	Achieved grade (Example: Grade 6)

## SECTION 4 - Tell us about any additional support you may need

Do you have:

- 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  We will contact you to discuss your support requirements.

Do you have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)? Yes  No  If yes, which local authority is your EHCP from (eg Wigan, Bolton)

## 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.

If I attend a Wigan borough school, I consent to you accessing my school education record from Wigan Council

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  email  post

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Please tell us about yourself to support your college 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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wigan & Leigh College  
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WN1 1RS

# HOW TO APPLY

## COURSE INFORMATION AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Open Evenings are a good way to meet tutors to find out more about courses, talk to current students and see the facilities.
- Tear out and complete the application form on the right and return it FREEPOST or drop it into one of our receptions.
- Apply online today at [wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply)

### 1. FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM

You can fill in the form at the back of this prospectus or visit [wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/apply)

### 2. SET A DATE

Once we receive your application form, we'll send you an appointment for your admissions interview. At your interview we'll make sure 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 we decide that this is the right course for you, we'll offer you a place at college. Your offer will be conditional on achieving certain grades in your GCSEs. You may also need to attend college for an audition, portfolio event or skills testing.

### 4. NEW STUDENT DAY

We'll invite you to a day in July where you'll sample your subjects, and meet tutors and other students to prepare you for the start of the term.

### 5. ENROLMENT

Once you've received your GCSEs, in August, we will invite you into college to complete your enrolment.

### 6. THE EXPERIENCE

In September your new course and life at college begins.

# OPEN

# EVENTS



AT THE  
COLLEGE FOR  
TECHNICAL  
EXCELLENCE

## PARSONS WALK CAMPUS (WN1 1RR)

**4.30pm - 7.00pm**

Monday 6 October 2025  
Monday 3 November 2025  
Monday 26 January 2026  
Monday 27 April 2026

## LEIGH CAMPUS (WN7 4JY)

**4.30pm - 7.00pm**

Monday 13 October 2025  
Monday 10 November 2025  
Monday 2 February 2026

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