

ADULT COURSES JANUARY 2026

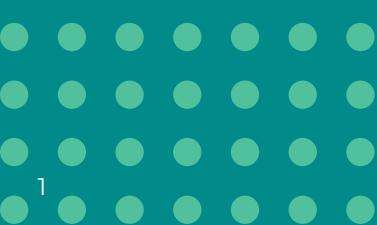
A photograph of a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a patterned, long-sleeved dress and a blue lanyard with the word 'Student' and the college's logo. She is working on a garment, specifically cutting a piece of purple fabric with large scissors. The background shows a studio environment with a chalkboard, framed certificates, and other equipment.

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**Many adults
study for FREE***

*dependent on
individual circumstances

“College has changed my life. Having young children can be very isolating but I have made friends for life as a student.”

Nicoleta Radu, Levels 2 and 3
Teaching Assistant

**Boost
your job
prospects**

**Wide choice
of courses
at a time to
suit you**

“I like that my age hasn’t been a barrier. Don’t think the boat has passed, it’s never too late.”

Vee Brookes,
Level 2 Teaching Assistant

“When I was last studying, it wasn’t for me, but now I’ve come back and it’s a bit more vocational, I’m achieving great results. I got 100% in my last exam.”

Jon O'Neill,
Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Principles Level 3 Diploma

WHY CHOOSE US



Our tutors are industry experts sharing their experience, networking opportunities and advice on how to succeed.

COURSES INCLUDE

Essential skills - maths, English and IT.

Qualifications to help you improve your job prospects or boost your career.

Taster courses to get you back into learning.

"Coming back to study can feel challenging but the fact you've picked up this guide means you're ready.

You'll have your own reasons for getting back in the classroom, maybe you want a career change or to retrain for something completely different. Do you want that promotion at work or need higher level study to progress your career?

Perhaps your kids are at school and you want to do something for yourself or you're ready for a new hobby.

Whatever your motivation, we can help you develop the skills to become more successful in life and work. More than 3,500 adults join us each year to change their lives through our courses and many of them study for free.

We know your experience will be very different from school leavers and you have extra considerations around study, that's why we have a range of support and advice services plus adapted learning set ups so you get the most from college."

Anna Dawe, Principal

You can access courses at community venues, or at college campuses and some are offered online.

Flexible learning to fit around busy lifestyle commitments

MORE THAN JUST A COURSE

Learn for FREE*
Bursaries & finance*
Childcare funding*
Learner support fund*
FREE college meals*

*if you're eligible

We have the best tech teaching facilities in the region

FEES & FINANCE

Many of our adult courses are fully funded so you pay nothing. If there are fees then you have options including fee waivers, Advanced Learner Loans and Higher Education Student Loans.

You can find all the fees on the course tables of this guide, this is the cost for the whole course. If your course lasts more than a year you pay annually. We'll ask you to pay any course fees when you enrol. We accept cash and all major credit/debit cards, including Mastercard, Visa, Switch and Delta. You can also set up a Standing Order at enrolment (bring your bank account details), the minimum payment is £25.00 a month for courses over £100.

Is your employer paying your course fees?

Bring a letter of authorisation from them to enrolment and we'll issue an invoice to them for payment.

We print this guide in advance of the courses starting so fees can sometimes change.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

You can find out more about Advanced Learner Loans on page 20 of this guide. You can start your loan application at enrolment, bring your passport (if you have one) and your National Insurance Number.



Could you study for FREE? Many of our courses have no fees for adult learners. See course tables for more information.



WHAT OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAN I GET?

If you're worried about returning to study and the costs involved we can help. Ask us at advice events or read our Services for Students page on our website to see what help we can offer.

You could access Learner Support Funding, for adults developing their careers through continued education. This can cover expenses directly associated with learning, such as travel, trips or uniform. You can apply* at various times during the year for:

- **Advanced Learner Loan Bursary - for applicants in receipt of Advanced Learner Loan**
- **Childcare funding**
- **Access to Learning (Higher Education)**

*if you're eligible

WIGAN COUNCIL

COURSES AT COMMUNITY VENUES

We work in partnership with Wigan Council to offer courses at community venues as well as college campuses.

Wigan Adult Learning and Skills is part of Wigan Council, offering bespoke opportunities for you to return to learning or update your qualifications.

LEARNING TIMES AND DATES

You can start learning all year round. Most courses are just two to three hours a week, once a week. Depending on the course, you may study for a few weeks or a longer time frame.

LEARNING LOCATIONS AND VENUES

The Council's main Learning Hub is Wigan Life Centre North, in the town centre. They also offer courses in community venues across the borough, in Atherton, Leigh, Hindley, Ince and Platt Bridge.

WHAT YOU CAN LEARN

English and Maths are essential skills to secure a new job, move on to a further education course, or even to help your child at home with their school work.

You can study nationally recognised Functional Skills qualifications up to Level 2 (this is the level most employers and colleges require and is the same skills level as GCSE A-C grade).

English and Maths courses are tailored to your level - at a pace, venue and time to suit you and your family, and are always free.

You can study a **BTEC Level 1** qualification to develop transferable skills and prepare for further study.

Wigan Council guarantees interview opportunities within their own teams to provide you with potential employment opportunities.



WIGAN COUNCIL ADULT LEARNING AND SKILLS:
01942 489758 / 01942 489714
adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk

FREE Digital and ICT courses are designed to meet everyone's needs and skills level. From basic IT & Digital Skills to fully accredited Entry Level 3 and Level 1 Functional Skills courses, there is something for everyone.

You will need to take a short initial assessment before starting a Maths, English or Digital course.

The Level 2 **Teaching Assistant** qualification, 'Supporting Teaching and Learning Schools', has entry points in September or January/February, with a new fast track course starting in February.

You're guaranteed a job interview at the end of your course. Many learners have gone on to secure jobs at local schools.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO
WIGAN.GOV.UK/ADULTLEARNING



Wigan
Council

LEVEL	COURSE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION	19+ FEE	LOCATION
Entry Level	DIGITAL SKILLS FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS	08/01/2026	Thurs	10.00 - 12.30	6 Weeks		Wigan Life Centre North
		09/01/2026	Fri	13.00 - 15.00	6 Weeks	FREE	Green Grass Community Centre, Atherton
		12/01/2026	Mon	14.30 - 16.30	6 Weeks		Leigh Library
Entry Level 3 to Level 1	ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS	23/02/2026	Mon	10.00 - 12.15			
		25/02/2026	Wed	10.00 - 12.15	20 Weeks	FREE	Wigan Life Centre North
		26/02/2026	Thur	17.30 - 19.30			
Entry Level 3 to Level 2	SKILLS FOR SUCCESS	Immediate start - one session per week**	Various		4 weeks	FREE	Venues Across the Borough
	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Fri	10.00 - 12.15		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 3
Entry Level 3 to Level 1	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Tue	12.45 - 15.00		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 3
Entry Level 3 to Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Wed	12.30 - 14.30		FREE	Leigh
			Wed	09.30 - 11.45			Green Grass Community Centre, Atherton
Level 1 & Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Mon	12.45 - 15.00		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 3
			Tue	10.00 - 12.15			
Level 1 & Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH - REMOTE	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Tue	17.00 - 19.00		FREE	Remote / Online
Entry Level	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Thur	10.00 - 12.15		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 2
Entry Level 3 to Level 1	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Tue	10.00 - 12.15		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 2
Entry Level 3 to Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Wed	09.15 - 11.30		FREE	Leigh
			Wed	12.30 - 14.30			Green Grass Community Centre, Atherton
Mixed Level	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Fri	10.00 - 12.30		FREE	Sunshine House Community Hub, Wigan
Level 1 & Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Tue	10.00 - 12.15		FREE	Wigan Life Centre North - Learning Zone 2
Level 1 & Level 2	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS - REMOTE	Immediate start - pre-course assessment required *	Wed	17.00 - 19.00		FREE	Remote / Online
Level 1	BTEC CARING FOR CHILDREN	25/02/2026	Wed	10.00 - 12.30	21 Weeks	FREE for eligible learners	Wigan Life Centre North
Level 1	BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	25/02/2026	Wed	10.00 - 12.30	21 Weeks	FREE for eligible learners	Wigan Life Centre North
Fast Track Level 2	CERTIFICATE SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING	24/02/2026	Tue	10.00 - 14.30	21 Weeks	FREE for eligible learners	Wigan Life Centre North

NEXT STEPS: Phone **01942 489758** for more information or email **adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk**

* Please contact us to arrange an assessment / ** Please contact us to book your place



FIND YOUR FUTURE

IN RESIDENTIAL
CHILDREN'S CARE

WHAT DOES A RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER DO?

You'll provide care and support for children who are living in a children's home or other residential setting. You'll get to know them and work as part of a team to provide a safe, stable, and nurturing environment and the love and support they need to thrive.

As well as guiding them, through their daily routine, you'll build relationships, be a good listener, organise fun activities and be someone they can trust, even when things are tough. You will be part of a team who work together and share responsibilities to create a loving, stable home environment and provide positive activities and learning experiences.

You can make a real difference to their lives and help towards the bright future they deserve.

WHAT PERSONAL QUALITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO BE A RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER?

Working with children and young people, particularly those who are recovering from traumatic experiences and who may require a lot of support, can of course be challenging, but is enormously rewarding too. It's important to reflect on your personal qualities and the strengths you could bring to the role.

Are you a great team player, willing to support others and work together to achieve goals?

Do you have good communication skills?

Do you have a naturally caring and supportive nature?

Are you great at building positive, trusting relationships, and willing to work hard at it?

Are you resilient and able to remain calm even when faced with challenging situations?

Are you trustworthy and comfortable with holding important responsibilities?

HOW MUCH DO RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE WORKERS MAKE IN THE UK?

The average residential care worker salary in the UK is £24,691 per year or £12.66 per hour. Entry-level positions start at £21,919 per year while most experienced workers make up to £37,329 per year.



STEP INTO RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S CARE

This programme runs for 9 weeks, including a 4-week placement with one of Wigan Borough's Children's Services providers.

You'll gain essential qualifications, knowledge and skills to get you started on this highly rewarding career pathway. Join a dedicated workforce who make a difference every day to the lives of children and young people in care.

STEP INTO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This programme runs for 8 weeks, including a 4-week flexible placement with one of Wigan Borough Council's ethical care provider partners.

If you've ever thought about working in Health and Social Care, this is your opportunity to find out whether it's for you.



STEP INTO TEACHING ASSISTANT

This programme runs for just 10 weeks. A placement at one of our partner schools is included, giving you the vital experience you need to work in education. You can progress from this programme straight into a rewarding career.

Many of our teaching assistants have progressed to advanced Level 3 and then to higher level, some have successfully progressed into teaching, or specialist teaching support areas, such as special needs education.

STEP INTO OFFICE WORK

This programme runs for 12 weeks, including a two-week flexible placement. You'll gain essential office skills such as ICT and communication and work on a placement with a local employer to support your job applications and improve your CV.

STEP INTO FOOD PRODUCTION

This programme runs for 10 weeks, including a work placement with one of our local food manufacturers.

You'll gain valuable skills and qualifications such as food safety, manual handling and teamwork. A work placement will lead to a guaranteed interview for a real job in food production.

OUR PARTNERS



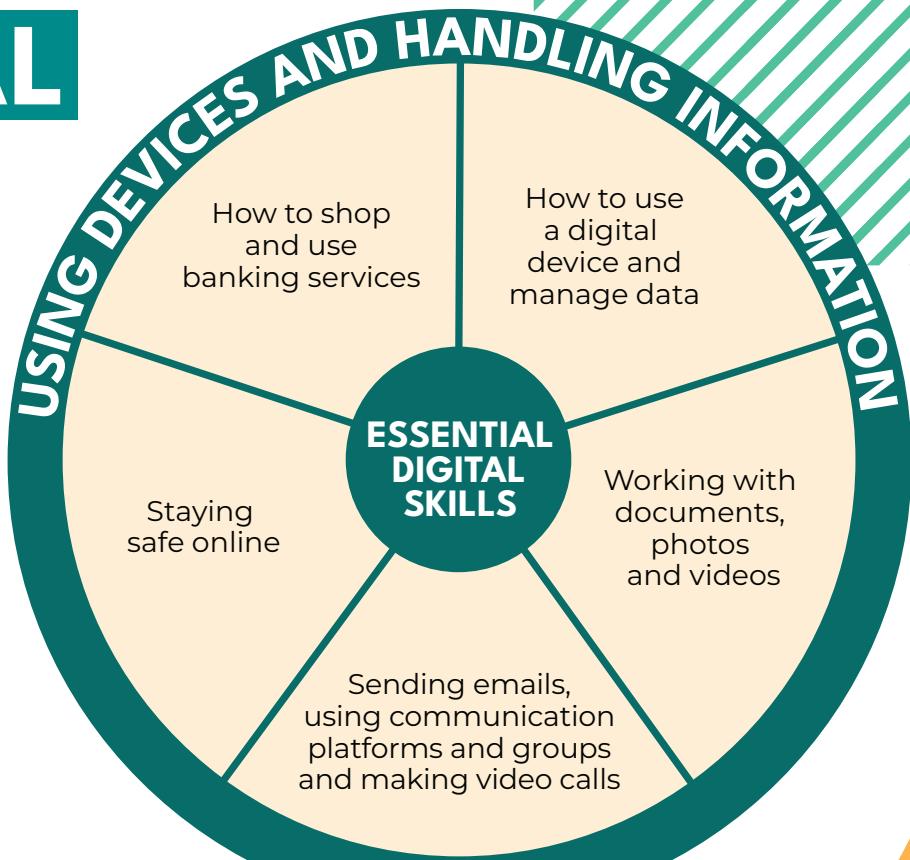
ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS

DO YOU STRUGGLE TO
KEEP UP IN THE DIGITAL
WORLD?

If you're finding everyday online tasks difficult, try a new **FREE** short course to develop your skills.

Learn how to log on, communicate, shop and access services online. Learn how to access the internet using a smartphone, tablet or computer to perform everyday tasks while keeping safe.

Classes are held on a variety of days and times, so there'll be one to suit you.



**FREE
COURSES**

JOB SEEKING ONLINE - BASICS

Are you looking for a job but struggling with the technology to help you with your search?

Our Job Seeking Online course may be just what you need.

BASICS

This one-day programme starts with switching on a computer, through to using a mouse, password management, setting up an email account and accessing the benefits system including universal credit.

INTERMEDIATE

This two-day programme covers opening and saving documents, attaching documents to emails, managing and saving forms, building your CV, navigating job sites and applying for jobs online.

For more information
and to book your place, ring:

01942 761800



NOW IS HAYLEY'S TIME

GAIN QUALIFICATIONS, GET PROMOTED.

After completing her AAT Level 4 Diploma at college, Hayley Hughes was able to progress in her career at Wigan Council, becoming a Senior Finance Consultant.

She chose Wigan & Leigh College because she lives locally and knew of the course's strong reputation, with several colleagues studying their AAT with us and passing.

Hayley not only gained a qualification but also formed great friendships.

"The class size was amazing. We were all of a similar age and came from similar work backgrounds. It was a great mix of people to bat experience off."

She is already finding that her studies are benefiting her role. *"I've learned about the principles and underlying reasons of why finance is the way it is. It's underpinned things like financial regulations."*

Hayley is now studying for her Level 7 AAT qualification and hopes to become a Group Finance Manager in the future.

ACCOUNTING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
1	AAT ACCESS AWARD IN BOOKKEEPING	28041L0	23/01/2026	Fri	09.30 - 12.30	15 Weeks	FREE	£320.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leigh Campus
2	AAT CERTIFICATE	23523W0	06/02/2026	Fri	10.00 - 16.00	1 Year	FREE	£1,079.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan Adult Learning Centre
3	AAT DIPLOMA	23524W0	05/03/2026	Thur	09.30 - 18.30	1 Year	FREE	£2,573.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan Adult Learning Centre
4	AAT DIPLOMA	17230W0	03/02/2026	Tue/Wed	18.00 - 21.00	48 Weeks	N/A	£2,573.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parsons Walk Campus

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NOW IS JOANNA'S TIME

SEWING SKILLS RE-STITCHED

Joanna Bentley joined our Beginners Needlecraft course to reconnect with an old hobby and take some time for herself.

"I used to sew years and years ago and I just wanted a refresher - just to have a little practice."

By the end of the course, Joanna had not only refreshed her skills but completed a beautifully sewn skirt

"I've remembered quite a few things but I've picked up lots of tips that I'd forgotten."

"I'd definitely recommend the course."

CREATIVE CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
E	BEGINNERS NEEDLECRAFT	38105WO	13/01/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	8 Days	N/A	£50.00	x	Parsons Walk Campus
		38106WO	28/04/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	8 Weeks	N/A	£50.00	x	Parsons Walk Campus
1	CREATIVE CRAFTS NCFE AWARD	30059WO	07/01/2026	Wed	09.30 - 12.30	20 Weeks	N/A	£282.00	x	Parsons Walk Campus
2	PHOTOGRAPHY - CREATIVE STUDIO TECHNIQUES	25118WO	21/01/2026	Wed	18.00 - 20.00	5 Weeks	N/A	£25.00	x	Parsons Walk Campus

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BEAUTY THERAPY

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
E	DERMAPLANING	36558LO	12/05/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	1 Day	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Campus
E	CHEMICAL SKIN PEELS	33085LO	19/05/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	1 Day	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Campus
E	MICRONEEDLING	36559LO	19/06/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	1 Day	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Campus
E	HOPI EAR CANDLING	33087WO	20/01/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	1 Day	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus

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BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL)

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
E	BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	40150WO	12/05/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	6 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus
1	BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	40151WO	15/01/2026	Thur	18.00 - 20.00	20 weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus

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CATERING & HOSPITALITY

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
1	INTRODUCTION TO BREAD AND DOUGH	36520WO	20/01/2026	Tue	17.30 - 20.30	6 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus
1	INTRODUCTION TO PASTRY AND PASTRY PRODUCTS	33039WO	17/03/2026	Tue	17.30 - 20.30	6 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus

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WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE

TO LEAD NORTH-WEST CONSTRUCTION SKILLS DRIVE



Wigan & Leigh College has been chosen as the Department for Education's Construction Technical Excellence College (CTEC) for the North-West - one of only ten in the UK. This puts the college at the centre of plans to grow construction skills, create jobs, and support the Government's goal of delivering 1.5 million new homes and major infrastructure projects.

The initiative will focus on green construction, modern building methods, tackling the shortage of qualified trainers, and working more closely with employers to provide high-quality, industry-led training.

TRAINING THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

51-year-old Maintenance Supervisor at Manchester Metropolitan University, Tony, joined our HNC Construction Management for England course, saying:

"To be able to further my career at MMU in Capital Projects I would need to complete an HNC in construction management.

I have learned a lot in my time here and I would encourage anyone who would like to further their career in construction, no matter what age you are, I would urge you to give it a go."

After gaining this qualification, Tony will continue his education by applying for membership of the CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building).

CIVIL ENGINEERING / CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	FUTHER EDUCATION TO HIGHER EDUCATION BRIDGING COURSE	40152W0	22/01/2026	Thur	09.00 - 12.00	16 Weeks	N/A		✓	Pagefield Campus
4	HNC CIVIL ENGINEERING	36111W1	20/01/2026	Tue	09.00 - 17.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
		36110W1	20/01/2026	Tue/Thur	17.30 - 21.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
4	HNC (HTQ) CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR ENGLAND (CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AND BUILD TECHNICIAN)	36194W1	20/01/2026	Tue	09.00 - 17.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
4	HNC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (DESIGN AND BUILD)	36193W1	20/01/2026	Tue	17.30 - 21.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
4	HNC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (SITE SUPERVISOR)	36195W1	20/01/2026	Tue	09.00 - 17.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
4	HNC QUANTITY SURVEYING	36191W1	20/01/2026	Tue	09.00 - 17.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
4	HNC (HTQ) MODERN METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ENGLAND	40023W1	21/01/2026	Wed	09.00 - 17.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00	✓	Pagefield Campus

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COMPUTING & DIGITAL SKILLS

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
E	COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED	30023LO	27/01/2026	Tue	13.00 - 16.00	3 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
		30094WO	28/01/2026	Wed	13.00 - 16.00	3 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
E	ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS	30024LO	24/02/2026	Tues	13.00 - 16.00	14 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
		30095WO	25/02/2026	Wed	13.00 - 16.00	14 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
1	ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS	30026LO	24/02/2026	Tues	18.00 - 21.00	14 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
		36261WO	25/02/2026	Wed	18.00 - 21.00	14 Weeks	FREE	FREE	x	Parsons Walk Campus

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COUNSELLING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
2	MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OPENAWARDS	38236LO	26/01/2026	Mon	09.30 - 15.00	16 Weeks	FREE	£296.00	x	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
2	COUNSELLING SKILLS	33400WO	20/01/2026	Tue/Wed	18.00 - 21.00	18 Weeks	FREE	£438.00	x	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies
		38016LO	09/02/2026	Mon	09.30 - 15.00	17 Weeks	FREE	£438.00	x	Leigh Adult Learning Centre

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ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	AM2 - ACHIEVEMENT MEASUREMENT TEST	23280WO	11/01/2026	Various		1 Year		£843.00	x	Pagefield Campus

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ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION & RENEWABLES

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF DOMESTIC AND SMALL COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INSTALLATIONS	38025WO	26/01/2026	Mon/Tue/Wed		3 Days	N/A	£395.00	x	Pagefield Campus
3	SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS COURSE	38024WO	26/01/2026			1 Week	N/A	£720.00	x	Pagefield Campus
3	CITY & GUILDS 18TH EDITION WIRING REGULATIONS	28110WO	28/01/2026	Wed	17.00 - 21.00	5 Weeks	FREE	£450.00	x	Pagefield Campus
3	INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS	38023WO	06/05/2026	Mon/Tue/Wed	17.00 - 21.00	3 Days	N/A	£530.00	x	Pagefield Campus

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IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH AND MATHS

Each year we transform the lives of hundreds of adults by helping them gain essential skills and qualifications in English and maths.

Most of the time we don't think about English and maths, but we use these skills all the time:

- **At home** - paying for bills, reading letters, helping your child with their homework or recipes, or even booking holidays.
- **At work** - communicating with colleagues, customers or calculating wages.
- **In our social life** - paying for shopping or petrol, sharing a bill in a restaurant, or reading a menu.

With a range of courses including Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 Functional Skills and GCSE, we can offer a route for you to improve your skills.

If you want to study at college, please book your assessment and enrolment appointment, email: applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk or call: **01942 761111**

If you would prefer to study at a local community centre, please contact Wigan Council Adult Learning team on: **01942 489758 / 489714** or email: adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk

You may be eligible for full funding if you don't already have GCSE Maths and English grades 9-4, regardless of the other qualifications you have.

HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING STUDIES

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
1	PRACTICAL HORTICULTURE CITY & GUILDS CERTIFICATE	33602W0	10/03/2026	Tue	18.00 - 21.00	11 Weeks	FREE	£416.00		Parsons Walk Campus
1	PRACTICAL HORTICULTURE CITY & GUILDS AWARD	33055W0	18/03/2026	Wed	18.00 - 21.00	11 Weeks	FREE	£202.00		Parsons Walk Campus

* Your course may be FREE if you are eligible for funding. [Click here](#) to find out.

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HAIRDRESSING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
E	HAIR EXTENSIONS	33075L0	12/05/2026	Tue	18.00 - 20.00	2 Weeks	FREE	FREE		Leigh Campus

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	FUTHER EDUCATION TO HIGHER EDUCATION BRIDGING COURSE	40152W0	22/01/2026	Thur	09.00 - 12.00	16 Weeks	N/A			Pagefield Campus
4	HNC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING FOR ENGLAND (HTQ)	38078W1	21/01/2026	Tue/Wed	17.30- 21.00	2 Years	N/A	£3,250.00		Pagefield Campus

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NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Yin Wan Wan joined our ESOL Essential Skills class at the age of 78, proving that there's no time limit on learning something new.

She said: "I was born and raised on Hong Kong Island. Because my children live in the UK, I came here with them. I also like the British climate - the air is fresh and the places are spacious."

Through the ESOL course, Yin has been able to develop her English language skills in a short period of time, make new friends, and adjust to life in the UK.

"Here, I can learn English and integrate into this country. My classmates, teachers, neighbours, and friends are all very friendly."

**NOW IS
YIN'S
TIME**

ESOL

We'll help you improve your English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, in classes with students from all over the world.

Become more confident and use your language skills to help you at work, at home and within the community.

Our classes are fun, interesting and our experienced teachers will help and support you as you learn, meet new people and gain skills.

Book your assessment and enrolment appointment, email: applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk or call: 01942 761111

ESOL STUDENTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING TO ENROLMENT

- **Non-UK nationals** must bring home office documentation or evidence of settled/pre-settled status (eg biometric residence permit, and in some cases home office documentation).
- **Asylum Seekers** must have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer and show evidence (eg ARC Card, BAIL 201, or local authority evidence).
- ARC Card dated beyond six months and post office receipt of support, dated within the month (19+).

FREE ONLINE LEARNING COURSES



APPLY
HERE

Online learning courses are for you, whether you are looking for a route to work, developing in your current role, improving your CV or want to learn for personal development.

You can choose from a range of fully funded courses, with NCFE approved assessments. We provide all your learning material online.

You'll study at a time and place to suit you, and our qualified assessors will support you throughout the course.

All of our courses are at Level 2.



100%
PASS RATE

- CHILDCARE & EDUCATION**
 - Principles of Team Leading
 - Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities
 - Understanding Autism
 - Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health
 - Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses
 - Understanding Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values
 - Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**
 - Common Health Conditions
 - Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
 - Principles of Care Planning
 - Principles of Dementia Care
 - Principles of End of Life Care
 - Principles of Team Leading
 - Principles of the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care Setting
 - Understanding Cancer Support
 - Understanding Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care
 - Understanding Nutrition and Health
 - Understanding Personal Care Needs
 - Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes
 - Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Health and Social Care
- MENTAL HEALTH**
 - Awareness of Mental Health Problems
 - Counselling Skills
 - Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
 - Understanding Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace
 - Understanding Working with People with Mental Health Needs

ONLINE

Most people choose to study online:

- You'll complete assessments on any internet enabled device, anywhere, any time. We do recommend a tablet or laptop to complete the course.
- We also provide printed resources on request.

1:1 SUPPORT

We support your studies throughout with one-to-one guidance.

Our assessors provide study schedules and personal support by email, virtual meetings, online or telephone.

ELIGIBILITY

If eligible, courses are fully funded, however, there is a withdrawal fee of £125 if you don't complete.

Courses are funded if you're:

- Aged 24 or more (if you are aged 19 - 23 you must already have a FULL Level 2 qualification or equivalent).
- Resident in the UK for three or more years, for purposes other than study.
- Not currently active on an apprenticeship.

We recommend you already have at least a Level 1 in English (GCSE grade D or equivalent) or Level 2 in English (GCSE grade C or equivalent) for the following courses:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Principles of Team Leading.



WHAT NEXT? Go to:

wigan-leigh.ac.uk/subject/online-learning

MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	ELECTRICAL & HYBRID VEHICLE COMPONENT REPLACEMENT	38020W0	18/01/2026	Mon		16 Weeks	N/A	£400.00		Pagefield Campus
4	DIAGNOSIS AND RECTIFICATION OF FAULTS IN ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES AWARD	38021W0	18/01/2026	Mon		3 Days	N/A	£600.00		Pagefield Campus

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PLUMBING

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
3	AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS (NON-REFRIGERANT CIRCUITS) BPEC	40011W0	26/01/2026	Tue/Wed/ Thur		1 Day	FREE			Pagefield Campus
3	GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS (NON-REFRIGERANT CIRCUITS) BPEC	40010W0	26/01/2026	Tue/Wed/ Thur		1 Day	N/A			Pagefield Campus
3	ABOVE GROUND DRAINAGE & RAIN WATER SYSTEMS BPEC	40012W0	25/01/2026	Tue/Wed/ Thur		1 Day	N/A	£300.00		Pagefield Campus
3	SAFE ISOLATION (SINGLE PHASE) BPEC	38093W0	27/01/2026	Tue/Wed/ Thur		1 Day	N/A	£150.00		Pagefield Campus

* Your course may be FREE if you are eligible for funding. [Click here](#) to find out.

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BECOME A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Looking for an exciting and rewarding career nurturing and guiding children and young people?

Our Teaching Assistant courses will prepare you to support the next generation through their learning and development.

You can retrain for this career path with little to no previous experience but you must have the passion and commitment to train and qualify as a Teaching Assistant.

WHAT DO TEACHING ASSISTANTS DO?

Teaching Assistants support teachers in the classroom and help children with reading, writing and learning activities. You may help prepare learning materials, set up classrooms and support the social and emotional development of pupils individually or in groups. Some Teaching Assistants also work with pupils who have special educational needs (SEN).

WHAT DO TEACHING ASSISTANTS DO?

The demand for qualified teaching assistants in the UK continues to grow, driven by increasing pupil numbers and the rising need for support in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

YOUR ROUTE TO BECOMING WORK READY

The demand for qualified Teaching Assistants in the UK continues to grow, driven by increasing awareness of pupils with special educational needs who require individual support.



WHERE SHOULD YOU BEGIN?

Taking your first step towards becoming a competent and understanding Teaching Assistant starts with us.

1. Teaching Assistants Cache Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning

This course runs for 15 weeks. You will attend College for 5 hours per week and must be employed, or a voluntary placement in a school for 10 hours per week.

You will study topics such as Child and Young Person Development, Safeguarding, Communication and Professional Relationships, Equality and Diversity, Improving Team Practice, Health and Safety, Supporting Positive Behaviour and Supporting Learning Activities.

2. Teaching Assistants Cache Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching & Learning

This course runs for 21 weeks. You will attend College for 4.5 hours per week and must have employment, or a voluntary placement in a school for at least 10 hours per week plus one-hour online support.

3. Certificate for the Advanced Practitioner in Schools and Colleges NCFE CACHE Level 4

By completing this 30-week qualification, you will be equipped as an Advanced Practitioner. Advanced Practitioners use essential leadership skills to mentor others across a wide range of roles and responsibilities in the school or college workforce.

You may also progress to a higher education course such as our Foundation Degree in Children, Young People and Their Services - awarded by the University of Lancashire.

SPORT

LEVEL	COURSE	COURSE CODE	START DATE	DAY	TIME	COURSE LENGTH	19+ FUNDED FEE*	19+ UNFUNDED FEE**	LOAN	LOCATION
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3	ACTIVE IQ DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING	40167LO	13/01/2026	Tue/Wed	18.00 - 21.00	10 Weeks	N/A	£2,162.00	✓	Leigh Campus
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* Your course may be FREE if you are eligible for funding. [Click here](#) to find out.

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TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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2	TEACHING ASSISTANTS CACHE CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING	36196LO	12/01/2026	Mon	09.30 - 16.00	15 Weeks	FREE	£250.00	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
		29098WO	10/02/2026	Tue	16.30 - 21.00	15 Weeks	FREE	£250.00	✓	Parsons Walk Campus
3	TEACHING ASSISTANTS CACHE CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING	27046LO	09/01/2026	Fri	09.30 - 16.00	21 Weeks	FREE	£2,225.00	✓	Leigh Adult Learning Centre
		27045WO	27/01/2026	Tue	09.30 - 15.30	21 Weeks	FREE	£2,225.00	✓	Parsons Walk Campus

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FINDING PURPOSE THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Lucy Gregory joined our Level 3 Teaching Assistant course after completing her Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Diploma last year. The 21-year-old mum of one is currently enjoying her teaching assistant placement in the Year 1 class at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

“Everyone is so lovely at the school. I enjoy the placement and being able to do the practical side of the course. It’s one thing to write about it and another to actually experience it.”

Lucy also appreciates the atmosphere and support at college, including the small class size.

“The group of people in my class are all nice. We have a group chat and help each other with work and hype each other up.”

Lucy is looking forward to her career after completing the course, saying:

“My career aspiration is to work as a teaching assistant and then, in the future, when my son is old enough, I want to become a full-time primary school teacher.”

**NOW IS
LUCY'S**

TIME



CAN I GET HELP WITH MY COURSE FEE?

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

If you are aged 19+ and want to study a vocational, technical or professional qualification at Level 3 and above you may be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan.

The Advanced Learner Loan is available for you if you study an eligible course with us, including:

- **A Levels and AS Levels**
- **Access to Higher Education Diplomas**
- **General and technical qualifications at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6**

If you are aged 19-23 and you do not have a Level 3 qualification, you may not have to pay course fees.

REPAYING YOUR ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN IS STRAIGHTFORWARD.

- You will only start making repayments when your income is more than the government threshold.
www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan/what-you-pay
- You will only pay back 9% of any income above the threshold set by the government.

If you are aged 19+ and meet nationality or residency status criteria, it's easy to apply*:

- your household income isn't taken into account
- you won't have to pay anything back until your annual income is more than the government threshold
- there is no credit check.

*to check your residency eligibility go to
www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/eligibility

SOME COURSES ARE FREE FOR ELIGIBLE LEARNERS, AS SHOWN IN THE COURSE DETAILS.

You may be eligible for a FREE course if you are:

- Unemployed and in receipt of an eligible benefit (for example JSA, ESA or Universal Credit)
- Employed and earning less than £25,000*
- Studying for your first full Level 2 qualification on an eligible legal entitlement course
- Aged 19+ and studying a Level 3 qualification on an eligible legal entitlement course.

*2024/25 information. This may change for courses starting in 2025/26

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

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

Further information describing the teaching, examination and other educational, pastoral and student support services offered by the college are available from wigan-leigh.ac.uk/college-information 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.



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LEIGH ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
(WN7 1XL)
4.30PM - 7.00PM

WEDNESDAY
7 JANUARY

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED
TECHNICAL STUDIES
(WN1 1RP)
4.30PM - 7.00PM

THURSDAY
8 JANUARY

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