



# WIGSTON COLLEGE

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I am delighted that you are considering Wigston College. We are proud of our track record of success that enables students to make the best choices for higher education or career progression. We offer a broad range of subjects to meet individual needs alongside the highest level of support and guidance provided by experienced staff who understand how to make the most of students' abilities and talents.

Sixth form is a time of enrichment when students complement their academic studies with other activities that broaden their minds, their circle of friends and develop essential transferrable skills for their future. We place a very high value on sport, performance opportunities, student leadership, Sixth Form committees and other activities. Students are encouraged to be involved in the local community and we understand the value to young people of contributing to society. At Wigston College we believe that students learn best when they are excited and engaged with their subjects, where their learning is tailored to individual needs and where expectations are high.

Students enjoy coming to Wigston College Sixth Form where they are supported, stretched and challenged in order to achieve their personal best. The sixth form is an exciting time in a young person's life and we will work with you to provide everything needed for future success and the best possible outcomes.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Ailie Pollon**  
**Headteacher**



“Students come first in this happy and caring community. Students feel well looked after by staff who know them well. Students know that staff are there when they need them.”

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Wigston College might be smaller than some sixth forms, but that's exactly what makes it feel so personal. From the moment we joined, we felt like part of a community where everyone is respected, supported, and encouraged to aim high.

There's a real sense of ambition here. Teachers expect the best from us – not because they're strict, but because they genuinely believe in what we can achieve. That belief pushes

us to work harder, aim higher, and take pride in what we're doing.

What makes Wigston stand out is the support that surrounds you every step of the way. Whether it's coursework, revision, or making big decisions about our future, there's always someone to turn to. Staff are approachable, kind, and always willing to give time for one-to-one help. From personal statement workshops and career talks to UCAS

*"Wigston College offers a welcoming and friendly atmosphere where every student feels valued and supported. It's a place where teachers genuinely care and go the extra mile to help you succeed. It's a fantastic environment that allows you to simultaneously feel calm and enjoy your college experience whilst enabling you to work hard towards the next steps of your future."*

**Usman Sheikh, University of Leicester, reading Medicine**

advice and mock interviews, we've had every opportunity to prepare for what's next.

Even beyond the classroom, there's always something going on: clubs, leadership roles, subject-specific sessions, and enrichment opportunities that help us build confidence and skills we'll take into the future. These chances to get involved have really helped us grow, not just as students, but as people.

Wigston College has a calm, welcoming atmosphere where everyone can be themselves. It's the kind of place where your voice matters, where you feel seen, and where you're surrounded by people who want the best for you.

We're genuinely proud to be part of this college. It's given us the support and challenge we needed, and we know it'll do the same for you. If you're looking for a sixth form that will support you, stretch you, and celebrate your success – Wigston is the place to be.

We're excited for what's ahead, and we can't wait to welcome you into our college community.

**Tobi Akinduro & Erin Burton**  
***Student Presidents***



# 01 ABOUT US



## **Wigston College is a specialist Sixth Form Learning Centre.**

We provide a learning programme that develops students' capabilities.

Facilities, teaching and support are focused on A Levels and other Level 3 courses. Students will benefit from being in a learning environment geared to Advanced Level/Level 3 studies, whilst benefitting from the close links with Wigston Academy and the community, which allows us to offer an extended range of enrichment and volunteering opportunities.

Students are able to access a range of study spaces throughout the College day to suit their preferred learning style. The Common Rooms are open all day for students to use as an informal study and social area.

Many departments provide independent study space for students in subject classrooms and in addition to timetabled teaching lessons, staff provide one-to-one support, small group sessions and advice and feedback via email. Choosing to study at Wigston College has significant

*"Wigston College is more than just a place to learn; it's a community that nurtures growth, confidence, and ambition. In my time here, I've experienced the unwavering support of teachers who are deeply invested in my success. The encouragement to think independently and the countless opportunities to explore my future have made me not just a better student, but a more prepared and resilient individual. Wigston College is where potential is recognised and transformed into achievement."* **Dheeren Jadhav, University of Lancaster, reading Mathematics**

benefits. We are large enough to offer a wide variety of courses but small enough to provide you with the network of support required for you to make the successful transition from GCSE to A Level and Level 3 studies.

We offer a full package of pastoral support; form tutor, academic coaching, mentoring and external counselling services The Sixth Form Team monitor and track student performance and well-being, intervening to offer support whenever required.



*“Staff have high expectations of every student. Staff know about students’ aspirations for the future. They know their strengths and the things that might get in their way. Staff work with students and their families to make sure that students aim high. They provide high levels of support for every student. Staff help students to find solutions for themselves.”*

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## Admission Requirements

(See website for details)

For admission to **Advanced Level** programmes of study, students are expected to achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and above or equivalent. Students must also meet all **individual subject entry criteria** as stipulated on our website. If students have achieved the grades to take specific subjects but have a grade 3 in English Language or Mathematics, resit classes will be available.

Students can take a combination of A Level and other Level 3 courses (e.g. BTEC and AAQ) if they so wish.

For students who have studied vocational courses along with GCSEs, a Merit or Distinction is required to progress on to A Level/Level 3 courses, unless otherwise stated on the course information pages of our website.

Students will be expected to have a proven track record of a positive attitude to learning

and a good record of attendance at Key Stage 4.

Most students study 3 subjects at A Level/Level 3 and personalised learning programmes are discussed at enrolment.

Where appropriate, students that have achieved GCSE grades 9-7 or equivalent in all subjects will be encouraged to take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their A Levels/Level 3 courses.

Students who elect to study Level 3 courses that contain elements of mathematics will be encouraged to also take Core Mathematics to support their studies. Please see the course information available on our website for more details.

# 02 ADMISSION



Please note that all A Level courses run for a duration of 2 years, with the public examination taking place at the end of Year 13.

To move automatically from Year 12 to Year 13 in any subject a student will require:

- A minimum of a grade D in their end of year assessment or Pre Public Examination or a Pass in coursework.
- A good level of attendance during Year 12.

*"Wigston College is a great community where teachers get to know you so can really help you to achieve your best. Students and staff have a relaxed rapport, with teachers always willing to chat or send quick answers to emails. There is great stuff outside of studies too, like film club, a gym next door, and day trips and guidance to get you into an elite university."*

**Benjamin Spurling, University of York, reading Mathematics**

- Students will also be expected to demonstrate a positive attitude to learning.

Wigston College realises the importance of, and prides itself on, the level of support we are able to offer our students. Academic support is available through our mentoring programme, one-to-one subject support or peer-to-peer support. Additional intervention classes within each department are also available. Any support offered will be done through consultation and in partnership with students, parents and carers.

# Courses

## A Level Courses

Ancient History

Art and Design  
(Fine Art, 3D and Textiles pathways)

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Computer Science

Dance

Drama and Theatre

Economics

English Language

English Literature

Film Studies

French

Further Mathematics

Geography

History

Law

Mathematics

Media Studies

Physical Education

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Please be aware that some courses may not run in Year 12 if numbers interested are very low. However the courses listed have been developed to minimise the prospect of this occurring.

Applicants will be contacted if combinations of subjects chosen clash on the timetable.

Courses listed are accurate at time of publication prior to confirmation of Government review of funded courses for 2025/26.

## Other Level 3 Courses

Cambridge OCR Level 3 AAQ  
Advanced National (Extended Certificate)  
in Applied Science

Cambridge OCR Level 3 AAQ  
Advanced National (Extended Certificate)  
in Cyber Security and Networks

Cambridge OCR Level 3 AAQ  
Advanced National (Extended Certificate)  
in Health and Social Care

Cambridge OCR Level 3 AAQ  
Advanced National (Extended Certificate) in  
Sport and Physical Activity – Single option

Cambridge OCR Level 3 AAQ  
Advanced National (Technical Diploma) in  
Sport and Physical Activity – Double option

Criminology (WJEC Diploma)

Extended Project Qualification (AQA)

Level 3 Mathematical Studies  
(Core Mathematics)

For all of our individual subject entry criteria  
please see the course pages available on  
our website.



## How to choose your courses

- Choose subjects that you enjoy and play to your strengths!
- Look at university websites to check A Level/Level 3 entry requirements for specific degree subjects.
- Some universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge, produce lists of preferred A Level subjects.
- Certain careers require particular A Level/Level 3 subjects.
- Look at higher level and degree apprenticeship websites.
- Refer to our subject information sheets available on our website.



# 03 THE COURSES

We offer a breadth of performing arts opportunities that allow students to explore and develop their skills.

Many of these students go on to further their education at top performing arts schools such as Laine Theatre Arts, London Contemporary Dance School, LAMDA, RADA, LIPA, Royal Central, Laban and many more.

*"Being a part of WAT performing arts has given me invaluable skills, opportunities, and a strong sense of community. Taking part in the showcases and annual musicals was the highlight of every year, and I have created memories and friendships that will last a lifetime."*

**Keziah Rule who gained the grades A\*AB and is applying for conservatoire study**



# 04 FINANCIAL SUPPORT



## Leicestershire Post 16 Bursary Information

If a student needs financial support to help them stay in education after the age of 16 they can apply to us for the 16-19 Bursary. The 16-19 Bursary is targeted towards those young people considered most in need of financial support. The Government has identified a priority group of young people and has asked that schools and colleges give priority to this group first and offer

them a guaranteed Bursary. After this group has been considered the College has a limited amount of funding available for other young people in need of financial support.

The College has set eligibility criteria to ensure that the funds go to those who are seen to need it most. Any young person who meets these eligibility

criteria can apply for a Discretionary Bursary. These funds can support students with the costs of transport, books, educational visits or other course materials or equipment required to participate.



*“The College has helped me in so many ways in my two short years. Its welcoming and close community of staff and students have fostered confidence I didn’t have before in everyday life. Teachers have covered the syllabus extraordinarily well while encouraging the independent learning needed for any path you may take. Events organised by the Sixth Form Team have given great insight into potential future prospects and opportunities. These reasons among many others are why I can wholeheartedly recommend Wigston College.”*



**Ben Holmes, University of Nottingham, reading Physics**

**Careers Guidance**

All students are supported as they make important decisions about their future beyond Level 3 study.

Professionally qualified staff can advise about Higher Education, Apprenticeships (including Higher

and Degree Level Apprenticeships) and employment opportunities, and representatives from external agencies visit the College to provide further impartial advice and guidance.

Students seeking employment after A Level/Level 3 courses attend Life Skills classes with a particular focus on developing employability skills.

Each year about 75% of Year 13 students go off to universities including those in the Russell Group.

We will support our highest achieving students in applications to Oxbridge and to prestigious medicine and law degrees. All students are guided through the university application process as smoothly and early as possible, with particular assistance given to the writing of the personal statement.

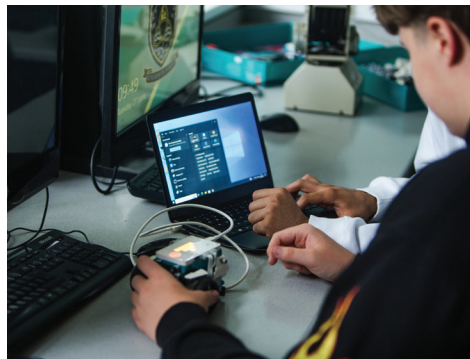


To support students in securing Higher Education places, employment or an apprenticeship, we offer an extensive range of activities which includes a one week work experience placement, career talks, workshops and networking sessions with local employers. This develops students' knowledge of the world of work and employability skills.

We provide extensive advice, support and guidance to students. We have high aspirations and want them to achieve their best. Wigston College is extremely proud of the fact that over the last 6 years every single one of our graduates has found a place in either higher education, an apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship or employment.

The Life Skills and Enrichment programmes broaden the skills of our students beyond the academic curriculum. Both programmes allow students to gain the necessary skills to be successful in the world of work and make them more attractive to prospective employers. Students contribute to the College and community in a wide variety of ways e.g:

- Supporting in The Hub
- Volunteering in the wider community
- Representing the views of fellow students as part of Student Government
- Acting as Wigston College Ambassadors at events
- Being part of the Charity, Social, Wellbeing or Culture and Diversity Committees
- Taking a role as part of the Student Wellbeing Team
- Supporting KS3 & 4 lessons at Wigston Academy
- Mentoring KS4 students at Wigston Academy



## 05 ENRICHMENT

*"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Wigston College. Coming from another school I was worried about feeling welcome, but the community there is incredible and I felt at home right away. Through my two years I was challenged, supported and encouraged by my teachers, both academically and outside of the classroom in extracurricular and enrichment activities. I loved that I was supported in finding an enrichment placement at Birkett House Special School which really helped when it came to applying for my degree course. I would always recommend Wigston College to anyone, it truly is a home from home"*

**Charlotte Watts, University of Derby, reading Education Studies**

## Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is an area of strength at Wigston College and we pride ourselves on supporting our students not just academically but pastorally as well. We have a dedicated Student Support Team as part of our Sixth Form Team.

We have worked hard to develop activities that promote student wellbeing throughout the College. This includes during our tutor time programme where students learn skills such as practising mindfulness, dealing with stress, time management, exam skills and retrieval practice.

We are also proud to have a dedicated Wellbeing Committee at the College who work to make the College a place where students can be happy and flourish during their time with us.

*"Students benefit from a wide variety of experiences that develop their confidence and resilience. The College prepares them to make a meaningful contribution to society, now and in the future."*

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# 06 APPLYING

*“The College provides high-quality careers education. Students are well informed about the full range of education and employment pathways available. Staff support students well with applications... staff encourage students to aim high, and they do.”*

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Applications can be made online via Positive Steps at 16 (PS16) an online central admissions service used by Leicestershire schools and colleges, or via the application form available on our website.

If your application is received by 31st January 2026, you will be invited to an interview in February/March 2026.

Conditional places will be offered to successful applicants in writing and you will then receive an invitation to our Induction – in June 2026.

*“The staff at Wigston College recognised my potential and went above and beyond in making sure I achieved it. The lessons were really tailored towards my individual needs, and help was always at hand, meaning I felt constantly engaged with my subjects and ambitious to strive to do my best. The enrichment opportunities provided at the College are also something that they excel at. My weekly placement at a nursery and work experience at the Leicester Royal Infirmary not only boosted my application to competitive universities but shaped me into an independent and interpersonal individual. I can confidently say that I feel ready for my next steps in life.”*

**Ella Foster, University of Birmingham, reading Psychology**



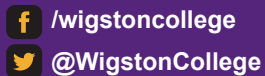


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