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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 and their circle of friends. We place a very high value on sport, music, clubs and activities. Students are encouraged to be involved in the local community. 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.

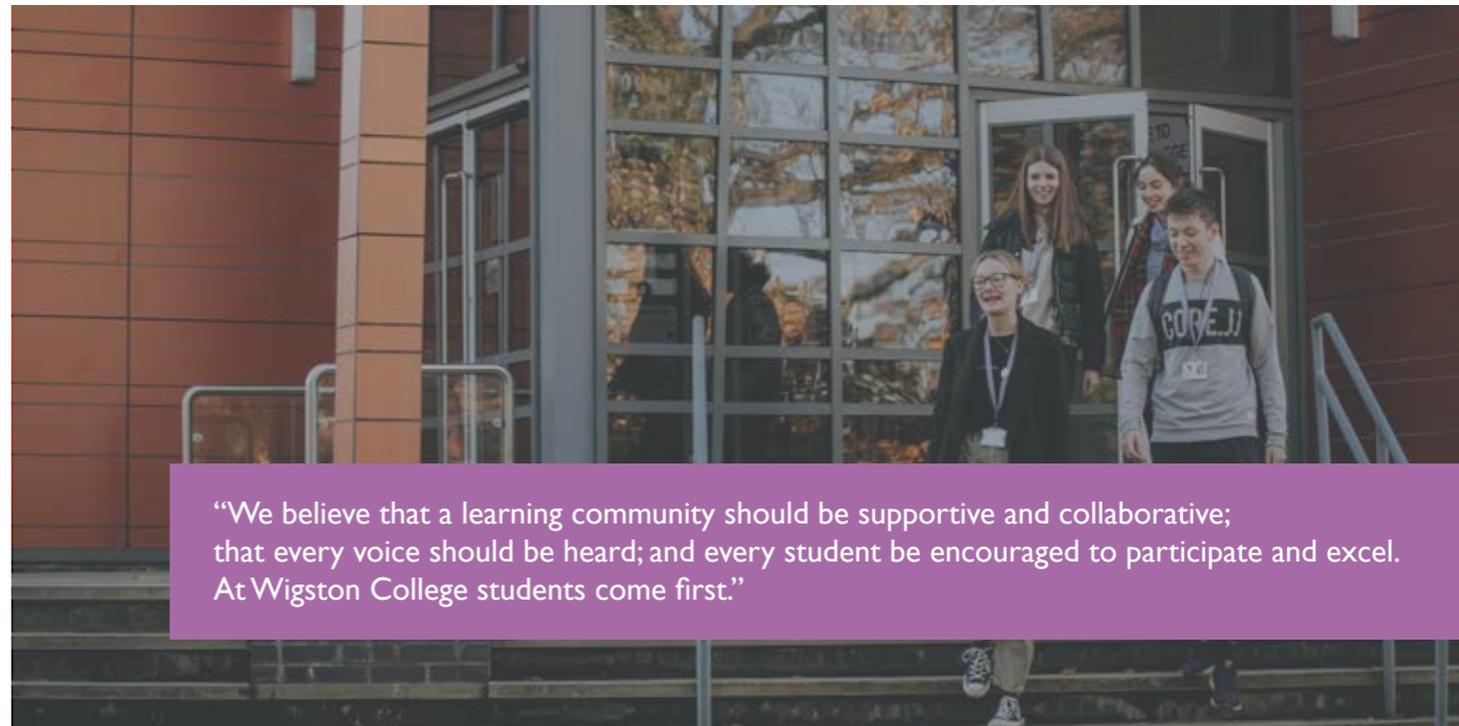
The sixth form is an exciting time in a young person's life and we will work with you to provide everything needed for future success and the best possible outcomes.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Mike Wilson**  
Headteacher



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“We believe that a learning community should be supportive and collaborative; that every voice should be heard; and every student be encouraged to participate and excel. At Wigston College students come first.”

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Ella Manship and Stacey Henson, Student Presidents

*“Wigston College is an absolutely wonderful community of deeply passionate teachers and students. When I was here my teachers went out of their way to answer my questions about the material and give me guidance about my future. The staff are also really communicative and work so hard to enrich the experience of those who study here”*

**Andrew Clarke, University of Warwick, reading Mathematics**

“Wigston College is a passionate and diversely talented learning community of students aiming to achieve to the very best of their abilities. We are both honoured to have been appointed as the Student Presidents for the next academic year and look forward to welcoming all new students.

A real strength of our College, and one we are most proud of, is its community spirit and network of support. This is most evident in the nurturing and personal connections made between staff and students at the College. This close community generates a focused and tailored learning experience in addition to an

inclusive and tight-knit social community. In this environment students are able to develop both academically and as an individual. Looking to Post 18 choices, the College aids every student in their applications. Whether it be university, apprenticeships or employment, the College offers a variety of resources and expert guidance to ensure students can access a wide array of future prospects. The Sixth Form Team make sure that students feel encouraged and comfortable at the College, doing all they can to help students achieve their full potential in a safe, positive and constructive learning environment. These factors are

supplemented by the extensive support systems focused on guiding each student academically and socially throughout their time at the College.

While we are extremely proud of the College, we still aspire to further improve the site, facilities and community with the help of students and staff. It’s really important to us that students feel they have a voice within the College by taking part in student government and the student committees. Students can take part in a wide range of both super-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities such as, the Extended Project Qualification,

volunteering and the College’s excellent and well-regarded enrichment programme. Of course, let’s not forget our reputation for excellence in the performing arts.

We are so happy and excited that you are considering Wigston College for your Post 16 studies and we would be delighted to welcome you into our community! We truly believe that studying at Wigston College will allow you to become an excellent student and a well-rounded person, completely prepared for your next step in life.”

**Ella Manship & Stacey Henson, Student Presidents**



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

We provide a learning programme which tests students’ capabilities and supports their ambitions.

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 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, mentoring and external counselling services. The Post 16 Team monitor and track student performance and well-being, intervening to offer support whenever required.



## Admission Requirements

For admission to **Advanced Level** programmes of study, students are usually expected to achieve a minimum of 6 GCSEs at 9 - 4 or equivalent (including 4s in English Language and Mathematics). Students also need to meet any individual subject entry criteria stipulated. If students have the grades to take specific subjects but have a grade 3 in English or Mathematics or both, resit classes will be available. Students can take a combination of A Level

and other Level 3 courses (e.g. BTEC) 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 will be encouraged to take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their A Levels/ Level 3 courses.



# 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.
- 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

Accounting	Government and Politics
Art and Design	History
Biology	Law
Business	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Computer Science	Music
Dance	Music Technology
Drama and Theatre	Physical Education
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Psychology
Film Studies	Sociology
French	Spanish
Further Mathematics	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.
Geography	

### Other Level 3 Courses

Applied Science (BTEC Extended Certificate)
Criminology (WJEC Diploma)
Extended Project Qualification (AQA)
Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technicals Extended Certificate – Single Option)
Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technicals Diploma – Double Option)
Information Technology (Cambridge Technicals Extended Certificate)
Performing Arts (BTEC National Diploma - Double Option)
Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technicals Extended Certificate – Single Option)
Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technicals Diploma – Double Option)

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 Cambridge, produce lists of preferred A Level subjects.
- Certain careers require particular A Level/Level 3 subjects.
- Look at apprenticeship websites.
- Refer to our subject information sheets available on our website.



Our successful Performing Arts Faculty inspires students to achieve their potential in the arts. The teaching skills of our staff, along with small class sizes, ensure each student has every opportunity to realise their aspirations.

Our students gain impressive results with many moving 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.

*"It has been a privilege to be a member of the Wigston College Performing Arts faculty. The vast range of opportunities, dedication of staff and excellence of teaching have enabled me to be where I am today; allowing me to pursue the career of my dreams."*

Zac Peachey, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, reading Music



## 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**

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

**Careers Guidance**

All students are supported as they make important decisions about their future beyond A Levels.

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

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

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

We have a tradition of supporting our most high achieving students in their 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 5 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 Programme broadens 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 KS3 & 4 lessons at Wigston Academy
- Mentoring KS4 students at Wigston Academy
- Supporting in The Hub
- Volunteering in the wider community
- Representing the views of your fellow students as part of Student Government
- Acting as Wigston College Ambassadors at events
- Being part of the Charity, Social, Wellbeing, Environmental or Marketing Committees
- Taking a role as part of the Student Wellbeing Team



**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”*

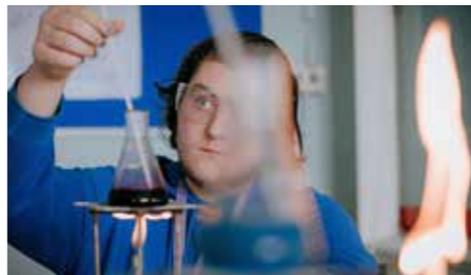
**Charlotte Watts, University of Derby, reading Education Studies**

## 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 Wellbeing Lead 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 have trained wellbeing peer mentors who are in place to add another level of wellbeing support to our student body. 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.



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 2022, you will be invited to an interview in February/March 2022.

Conditional places will be offered to successful applicants in writing and you will then receive an invitation to our Induction – in June 2022.

# 06 APPLYING

*“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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