



About Leicester

Leicester is the tenth largest city in Britain with a population of approximately 300,000. It is situated at the heart of the East Midlands, a large region which encompasses six counties. Leicester is well served by public transport links; London can be reached in approximately one hour by train.

Leicester is a thriving centre for higher education; the University of Leicester, De Montfort University, the University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and Loughborough University are all based in the East Midlands region.

Leicester is a culturally diverse city which since the 1970s has welcomed immigrants from many parts of the world and continues to do so. The city's diversity is reflected in its cultural life. The annual Diwali celebrations are the largest outside of India and attract visitors from many cultures. Leicester Caribbean Carnival is the second largest in the UK. The Leicester Comedy Festival has been staged annually since 1994 and attracts many top acts to the city.

Leicester is home to three leading sports teams; a range of excellent, free museums and art galleries; several live music venues; a state-of-the-art theatre (Curve, opened in 2008); the largest covered market in Europe (which has been on the same site for 700 years) and the award-winning National Space Centre (the largest and most modern space-related visitor attraction in Europe).

To find out more about Leicester and Leicestershire, visit www.OneLeicester.com

Why choose Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College (QE)?

QE has a long tradition of high achievement and a reputation for excellence. The College has been awarded Beacon status and received an Outstanding grade in its most recent Ofsted inspection.

In 2011, the College achieved an A-level pass rate of over 97%. Students' record of examination success and progression into higher education and employment reflects the strong focus on academic achievement. Around 90% of students annually progress to university.

The College also aims to ensure that students enjoy their time at QE and widen their horizons as well as deepening their knowledge and understanding. In addition to their examination programme, students can take advantage of an unusually rich array of activities, enrichment courses, educational visits and sporting events. All students receive high quality personal support and guidance throughout their time at the College.

The College benefits from a spacious, attractive site adjacent to a large park and next to the University of Leicester, some of whose services are available to QE students. Specialist facilities for learning and teaching, private study areas, IT access, sports facilities and grounds are of a very high standard.

What can I study?

You can choose from the Advanced Level programmes offered by the College:

AS/A Levels

Around 50 subjects are available. Students will typically study 4 subjects in the first year (AS level) and 3 subjects in the 2nd year (A2 level). Students opting for an A Level programme will also take one enrichment course each year.

BTEC National Diploma in Sport (Level 3)

This is a two-year course and is equivalent to two A-levels. In the first year students will also study two AS-levels (which could include AS-level Physical Education). Students usually continue one of these AS-levels to A2 alongside the BTEC in their second year.

Detailed information regarding courses can be found on the website: <http://www.wgeic.ac.uk/courses/>

What are the entry requirements?

For a place on an **AS/A2 level** programme applicants must have achieved the equivalent to a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A*- C, representing at least 4 different subjects.

For a place on the **BTEC Diploma in Sport** applicants must have achieved the equivalent to a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A*-C, representing three different subjects. This should include a grade C or above in GCSE Physical Education or a Level 2 BTEC in Sport (or equivalent qualifications). Applicants will need to provide evidence of a proven track-record in sport.

For all courses, a competent standard of English Language is required; this can be demonstrated through the achievement of GCSE/IGCSE English Language at grade C or above or a minimum IELTS score of 6 (or equivalent).

In addition to the general criteria above, some courses also have specific entry requirements; details are in the Prospectus and on the website (<http://www.wqeic.ac.uk/courses/>). Prospective applicants are encouraged to research their course choices before submitting an application.

How do I apply?

1. Download the application form from the College's website: www.wqeic.ac.uk
2. Send your completed application form, copies of certificates for any existing qualifications (including English Language), school/college reference, copy of the personal details page in your passport and the non-refundable £100 administration fee to the College's Admissions Office.
3. The College will consider your application basing a decision on your qualifications and suitability for your chosen course and places available.
4. If we are able to offer you a place, the College will send you a provisional offer letter with an Offer Response form. We will also request a deposit of £1000.
5. You should return your completed Offer Response form and your deposit within one month. If you do not reply within this time, the provisional offer of a place will be withdrawn. The deposit can be paid by direct transfer to the College's bank account (charges will apply) or by sterling cheque.
6. On receipt of the deposit the College will:
 - if the offer is unconditional, issue you with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) which will enable you to apply for a Student Visa.
 - if the offer is conditional on future examination results, issue you with a Conditional Offer letter which you will be able to use to apply for a Prospective Student Visa.
7. The full first year fee payment or first instalment of the first year fees must be paid at enrolment.
8. If you are in receipt of a Conditional Offer you should contact the College as soon as you receive your **actual** examination results. Assuming your results meet the criteria set out in the offer, the College will issue a CAS which will enable you to apply for a Student Visa.

Accommodation

The College is unable to provide accommodation for students. If you need to arrange accommodation you may wish to refer to **Accommodation for Students** (national website):

<http://www.accommodationforstudents.com/Leicester.asp>

Please be aware that the accommodation advertised on this website has not been checked nor is in any way endorsed by the College.

UK Border Agency (UKBA)

Information relating to your application may be passed to the UKBA for purposes connected with immigration.

Under the terms of the Tier 4 Sponsorship Licence the College is obliged to inform the UKBA if you fail to arrive for the start of your course, withdraw from your course, defer or suspend your course, or fail to attend for a significant period of time.

Visa Application

For further information on the Points-Based immigration system, we recommend that you refer to the following UKBA web site: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/>

Other useful information and guidance can be found on the UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) website: <http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/index.php>