



A levels

The A level pathways at Leicester College allow you to study subjects that relate to each other and will further your career choices. You will find a mature learning environment with an approachable and dedicated team of staff who support your individual needs. Our focus is on helping you to achieve your potential.

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“This course and my time at Leicester College has been a great experience. I have learnt so many new things.”

Your chosen AS/A2 pathway will offer a package of subjects taken with a group of learners who share your study interests. We welcome learners with AS levels who wish to join A2 classes.

Your studies will be supported and your progress monitored by a team of tutors, mentors and teachers.

Your personal tutor will give advice and guidance on careers and Higher Education and arrange for learning support if needed.

Saminder Gharial

A2 levels in Humanities and Social Science

After being educated to GCSE equivalent in Kenya, Saminder decided to pursue her A levels in the UK at Leicester College. She says, “I wanted to take A2 levels to get the qualifications needed to go to university and 8pursue my career.

“By taking A2 levels, this has enhanced my communication and written skills, all of which are needed in further education.

“I have met many people from different backgrounds from which I have learnt a lot.

“Going to Leicester College has been perfect for me, my lessons are spread out evenly, and tutors were friendly and supportive.”



AS Science Pathway

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A5633
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of related A levels chosen from a range including psychology, chemistry, biology, physics, environmental studies, maths and science in society. Other subjects may be available dependent on demand.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times during the week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a 1:1 basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course.

Are there exams?

Yes, though each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What do I need to start?

A minimum of six grade Cs or above at GCSE including English. In addition

- For AS Psychology and Business Studies, a minimum of GCSE grade C in English and Maths.
- For AS English, a minimum of GCSE grade B in English.
- For AS Mathematics, a minimum of GCSE grade B in Maths.



- For Biology, Chemistry and Physics, a minimum of GCSE grade B/B in Science Double Award or equivalent.
- For Environmental Studies and Science in Society, a minimum of GCSE C/C in Science Double award or equivalent.

We welcome applications from mature students with different types of qualifications and experience.

What can I do afterwards?

With AS success at grade D or above you can progress to A2 and beyond into degree level study, or you can use your AS qualifications to enter employment. Learners progressing to A2 and thus obtaining the full A level, often progress on to degrees in sciences, social sciences, health care training or employment in the public services, for example nursing or social work.

What days and times will I be in College?

Each subject meets three times per week for a total of 4.5 hours per AS level. Your classes may be spread over five days.

Are there any other things I need to know?

The course will include an appropriate package of functional skills in English, Maths and ICT.

AS Social Science Pathway

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A5634
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of related A levels chosen from a range including psychology, sociology, biology, business studies, english language and literature, and science in society. Other subjects may be available dependent on demand.

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AS Humanities Pathway

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A5635
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3



What's it all about?

A package of related A levels chosen from a range including psychology, sociology, history, business studies, english language and literature, and science in society. Other subjects may be available dependent on demand.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times during the week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a 1:1 basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course.

Are there exams?

Yes, though each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What do I need to start?

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In addition

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A2 Science Pathway

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A6290
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3



What's it all about?

A package of A2 subjects leading to full A level qualifications. Most learners study three A2 or two A2 and one AS subject. Choices are discussed at interview.

What does it involve?

You will have additional subject tutorials where you will have an opportunity to see the tutor. A group tutorial each week allows you to meet regularly with your personal tutor and discuss issues with other learners. University applications will be a priority in the first term.

Are there exams?

Yes, though each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What do I need to start?

Progression to A2 is dependent on a number of factors including your grades achieved in AS, attendance record and attitude to study. This will be discussed at interview and reviewed on an individual basis. As a general guide, a grade D in AS is perceived as the minimum grade to provide a successful foundation for A2.

What can I do afterwards?

A levels allow you to progress to degree courses or employment. These subjects allow a wide range of courses in sciences, healthcare or related subjects. Employers value A levels and as such it may be possible to find employment in a field related to one of your A level choices.

What days and times will I be in College?

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Are there any other things I need to know?

The course will include an appropriate package of functional skills in English, Maths and ICT.

A2 Social Science/Humanities Pathway

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A6289
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

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A package of A2 subjects leading to full A level qualifications. Most learners study three A2 or two A2 and one AS subject. Choices are discussed at interview.

What does it involve?

You will have additional subject tutorials where you will have an opportunity to see the tutor. A group tutorial each week allows you to meet regularly with your personal tutor and discuss issues with other learners. University applications will be a priority in the first term.

Are there exams?

Yes, though each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

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Bus Passes for £60*

If you are aged between 16 and 18, live over three miles from your main base campus and study on a full-time course, Leicester College is happy to support you by offering a subsidised bus pass.

The cost to you is £60 per academic year. This is a substantial saving for our College learners as the current cost is £145 for a City Pass and £240 for a County Pass.

Additionally for city-based students whose parent/guardian receives eligible benefits the £60 fee will be waived on production of a benefit letter no more than 40 days old.

*This is the cost for 2009/10. There may be changes to the terms and conditions for 2010/11.

