



Mansfield and Ashfield
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

COURSE GUIDE

2025/2026

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Usage *You need to get back to school and get yourself headucated!*



Good Provider

WELCOME

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome and thank you for considering Mansfield and Ashfield Sixth Form College for your next step.

We love being situated at our own campus in one of Mansfield's most historic buildings in the heart of town. We also have strong links to higher education including Nottingham Trent University (NTU) with their Mansfield Hub sharing a location with our Derby Road campus, and industry links with various companies such as King's Mill Hospital, Twinlakes Park, Rolls Royce and many more!

Your sixth form years are really exciting ones, and choosing a learning environment that is right for you is a very important first step. We've remodelled and updated this campus to suit the needs of our students, and we know it has become a place where anyone can thrive and enjoy newfound independence.

Whether your future lies in university study, employment or an apprenticeship, we provide the knowledge and support to not only get you there, but develop your skills as a young adult, helping to build your future. With our flexible curriculum, we are here to help you find the right courses to lead you into your chosen career path.

We aim to give you the best, high-quality teaching from teachers who come with years of experience in their subjects as well as within their industry. We always aim high to help you to achieve success and to move on to bigger and better things.

Besides supporting your studies, we also have fantastic support on offer and a range of enrichment activities and clubs which will make life at sixth form stress-free and memorable.

I hope you enjoy learning about what we have to offer and decide to start this exciting journey with us in September 2025.

Best wishes,

Jane Fishwick
Assistant Principal



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WHY CHOOSE US?

1

TAILORED CURRICULUM

Whether you enjoy being creative or like solving tricky equations, you can find the right options for you here at sixth form. We will work with you to find a study programme to match your interests and ambitions.

2

EXPERT TEACHERS

Our specialist teachers have expertise and passion for their subjects with most teachers having examining experience and/or second degrees in their subject.

3

ENJOY YOUR INDEPENDENCE

No more uniforms, speak to your teachers on a first-name basis and have the freedom to manage your own studies. If there's a gap in your timetable, it's up to you how you use it.

4

SUPPORT TO GET YOU INTO TOP-TIER UNIVERSITIES

Our achievement coaches and careers team work closely with universities to provide support to students who aspire to attend top-tier universities across the country. Our alumni have gone on to various universities including Keele University, University of Sheffield and Bishop Grosseteste University.

5

STRONG LINKS WITH EMPLOYERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

We have strong links with a variety of local employers including Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, East Midlands Airport, Hopkins Solicitors, and global engineering consultancy AECOM. West Notts College has links with NTU with their Mansfield Hub sharing a campus with our Derby Road site.



ACCESS TO GREAT FACILITIES

You will be provided with your own laptop and locker to use throughout your studies, plus you'll also have access to all the great facilities at our Derby Road campus (see page 14).



RECEIVE ALL-ROUND SUPPORT

From careers advisors, achievement coaches and the wellbeing team, we are here to support you through anything.



WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

We believe college should be a space where everyone feels welcomed and valued. We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that celebrates diversity and from student feedback, one of the aspects they cherish most is the opportunity to be their authentic selves.



BASED IN THE HEART OF MANSFIELD

Our dedicated Sixth Form College campus on Chesterfield Road, Mansfield, has easy access to the town centre and local facilities, so you can enjoy the best experience right on your doorstep.



MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE AT SIXTH FORM

Choosing to come to sixth form isn't just about studying; it's a new lifestyle. Beyond the classroom, there is a world of opportunities that will shape your future and your development as a young adult.

WORK PLACEMENTS

A great way to experience what working life could be like within the profession you'd like to work in is through a work placement. Some of our recent students have completed work placements within the NHS and healthcare professions, journalism, radio stations, solicitors, veterinary surgeries, councils, primary schools and nurseries, museums, clothing/textile services, photography studios and many more.

Last year, Kady, a former student, carried out her placement at the News Journal and Takeover Radio 106.9. This was a fantastic opportunity for her to develop skills in journalism and broadcasting.

"Kady's first radio news report was broadcast on Takeover Radio 106.9; along with an interview discussing her journey to become a journalist. Both professional pieces worthy of broadcast. Hopefully we'll be able to work together on future pieces." - **Takeover Radio 106.9**

Charlie carried out his placement at Central Medical Services and had the opportunity to develop his skills and understanding of healthcare and how to succeed in a business.

"Charlie was a joy to have in the office and will go far if he continues to show this level of commitment and enthusiasm, which both serve to enhance his natural flare for business...I would be very pleased to see Charlie take a permanent role within our organisation." - **Central Medical Services**



UNIVERSITY VISITS

You'll have the chance to visit some of the country's top universities and see what life on campus is like. We have recently visited University of Oxford, University of Nottingham, NTU, University of Lincoln, Sheffield Hallam University and University of Derby.



DAY TRIPS AND VISITS

Jaguar Land Rover, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London, Sheffield Book Festival, Lace Market Theatre in Stratford, The Holocaust Memorial Centre, Freud Museum in London, European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg; the world is your oyster! Any students wanting to apply for university will have the chance to visit a UCAS Discovery Day where you'll have the opportunity to speak to universities, employers and apprenticeship providers, and careers advisers about your options for the future.

"The college always offers us great opportunities for extracurricular learning, and offers us many trips and experiences that are both interesting and applicable to our course."

Kady Weedop

"Besides helping us to see literature on a wider scale and in real-life situations, the trips also give some faith to those of us who wish to delve into more creative endeavors."

Flynn Ledger

JOIN THE OSCA SOCIETY

Planning to apply for a top-tier university such as Oxford, Cambridge, Durham or Edinburgh? Then make sure you sign up to join our Oxbridge Scholars Collegiate Associates (OSCA) society. Through this society, you'll be taught professional etiquette using the most current academic theories which will help you to present and communicate your work in a more polished and confident manner. It will touch on the art of polite conversation, interview techniques, boardroom skills and how to excel in a debate. You will also learn how to write with skill and precision when venturing into the professional world, as well as how to understand the range of language used in different elite institutions, sharing the skills you need to pass various entrance exams, and how to prepare for and succeed in an interview. You will also benefit from having the chance to attend talks by guest speakers from elite universities and industry specialists,

and enjoy regular trips to the theatre and breaks away in a range of locations. The membership is limited to 20 places, so if you're interested, make sure you get your application in as soon as you start with us.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

With great links to both industry and local organisations, we will provide you with the chance to attend guest talks from an array of exciting speakers. Previously, we have welcomed former MP for Mansfield, Ben Bradley, to the college to take part in exclusive Q&A sessions for our politics students. This gave them the opportunity to ask questions on matters which they care about the most, and the session provided the chance to discuss the NHS, youth violence, the environment and the local area. Students have also invited guests to take part in a Q&A panel on topics such as education policy and local regeneration. We also have

a range of speakers that come to college to support subject specific content such as visiting professors from Sheffield Hallam University to teach about topical sociological issues. PC Kieran Shephard from Nottinghamshire Police delivered talks to students on sextortion, online safety, knife crime, spiking, stalking, and counter terrorism and extremism. We welcomed the University of Nottingham who ran workshops on personal statements to help students applying to UCAS for university. We also invited a variety of guest speakers to help support students including David Hyner workshops on study, revision and memory skills, William Wadsworth from Exam Study Expert on revision and study habits, and motivational speaker Jody Seaton.

CONSERVATION CONSCIOUS

Are you passionate about the planet? If you are, look out for our projects with Friends of the Earth, a national environmental campaigning community. Previously, students have had the opportunity to take part in the 'My World, My Home' project, which brought to life discussions around important topics such as the effects of fracking. They also had the chance to help run a major new tree-planting project on the college fields. There are lots more exciting projects planned!

ENRICHMENT CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

- **Airsoft** - Practise teamwork and organisation in a competitive setting.
- **Crochet Club** - Learn the art of yarn, and craft your own stylish pieces in a fun and welcoming environment.
- **Debate Club** - Students are given a debate question to investigate and argue. These questions are tailored by student's interests and subjects.
- **Journaling** - Unleash your artistic potential by exploring all things journaling. From art and bullet journals to glue and smash books, discover unique ways to express thoughts, emotions and feelings.
- **Mooting Society** - Practise and develop legal advocacy surrounding the A Level Law specification. Play a part in the appeal process of the courts and increase your understanding of the court system.
- **Photography Society** - Learn how to snap pictures or expand your skills in a fun way with photography theory, weekly competitions and practical workshops.
- **PMQ's Watch Party** - Prime Minister's Questions will be displayed to students with the opportunity to discuss the points made, and the impacts on society for politics students.
- **Power Walking** - Get your steps in with a walk around the local area.
- **REPLAY Esports** - Work alongside the Esports team to discover future job roles and opportunities.
- **Spanish Club** - Immerse yourself in the Spanish language and culture, as you learn and practise conversational phrases and find out about life in Spain and Latin America.
- **Zumba** - Step into the groove of fitness and fun, and let the rhythm move you to a healthier, happier you!



VOLUNTEERING AND FUNDRAISING

Giving up your time to do something good is not only rewarding to the people you help, but you'll also gain a huge sense of satisfaction – and it looks great on your CV or UCAS application too. We can help you explore volunteering opportunities to gain new skills or simply make new friends. We also host a variety of fundraising activities to raise money for local and national charities.

CLUBS AND EVENTS

We organise events throughout the year for you to take part in, whether it's fundraising or just for fun. We also have exciting plans to introduce more sport clubs, societies and extracurricular activities, so there will be plenty to keep you busy when you're not studying.



BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR

You can also become an ambassador and represent the college at events throughout the year. As a paid position, it is not only a great opportunity to earn money, but also gain valuable skills and support potential students in their transition to college.



BECOME A LEARNER REP

You can become a learner rep and represent the sixth form learners across the college. You will attend learner voice meetings to feedback any specific issues from the sixth form and work collaboratively and constructively to find solutions.



LEARNER VOICE

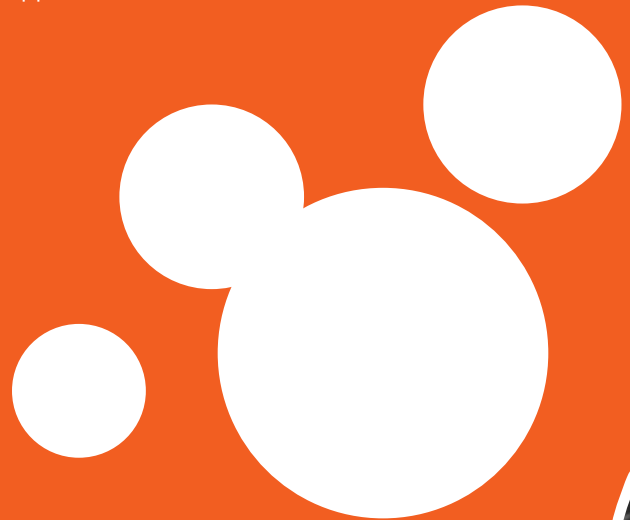
We believe in empowering students to actively contribute to a high-quality educational experience for themselves, their peers, and future students. This is known as 'Learner Voice'. It's about giving students a say in how the college operates and a greater sense of ownership over their learning journey.

To involve students, we have 'learner reps' from the sixth form college. Learner reps find out about the issues that matter to students and present these to senior staff. They play a crucial role in listening, collecting, and conveying students' perspectives to bring about positive changes.

If selected as a voluntary learner rep, you will meet with your head of department and fellow reps to provide feedback on various issues at both course and college level. You will also have a chance to participate in termly 'Your Voice' meetings, where reps from all departments gather together to share ideas, ask questions and express their thoughts on the student experience to the executive team.

Learner reps can also aspire to become 'lead learner rep' for their department and join a student panel that meets with the principal and governors once per term to give feedback at the highest level.

These roles offer you the opportunity to be the voice of your class, make a positive impact on the college, and gain valuable personal and employability skills. Not only will this enhance your CV, it will also strengthen your university and job applications too.





LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE FOR LESS WITH TOTUM

As soon as you have enrolled at college, you can apply for a free TOTUM Student membership. It gives you access to over 400 discounts, deals and offers on big-name brands both online and in-store, giving you big savings on eating out, tech, fashion, travel and more! For only £14.99 per year, you can upgrade to the TOTUM Student+ membership with access to more premium discounts such as 10% off at Schuh and a FREE tastecard and Coffee Club membership which offers discounted meals and barista-made drinks in some of your favourite restaurants nationwide.

Find out more at [totum.com](https://www.totum.com)



OUR FACILITIES

Our dedicated sixth form college features fully-equipped classrooms, science labs, an IT suite, a learning resource centre and plenty of space for group project work and socialising.

A recent addition to the sixth form college is the Common Room which is a space for students to relax and hang out with friends between lessons. The campus is a short walk away from the town centre where you can find various shops and eateries.

To help you continue learning outside of the classroom, you will be provided with your own laptop to use throughout your time here with us. You will also have a dedicated locker where you can safely store all your books and belongings when they aren't needed. You can use your laptop to access your online resources 24/7.

The Gallery Café offers breakfast and lunch service with a selection of hot meals, jacket potatoes, burgers, wraps, Chicago Town pizza, snacks, cold drinks and Starbucks Coffee hot drinks.

And don't forget, you're part of the West Nottinghamshire College family, so you can take full advantage of all the services available at the Derby Road campus. Revive is our professional hair and beauty salon which offers exclusive discounted rates for students on a range of treatments, including facials, massages, hair styling, gel nails and more. Our award-winning Refined restaurant is also a place you must visit; offering great value for money and fun, themed evenings that serve up cuisines from around the world.



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revivehairandbeautysalon



TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR FUTURE

Our guided campus tour will
give you the opportunity to take
a look at our fantastic facilities.



GETTING TO COLLEGE

We're here to help you get to college using the various transport options available, whether that's by bus using the award-winning West Notts College Travel Pass, taking the train, car, bike or on foot.

BY BUS

The college benefits from two main bus services; Stagecoach and trentbarton which both cover the Nottinghamshire area and large parts of Derbyshire. Travelling by bus is generally the cheapest option for getting around especially when using the West Notts College Travel Pass.

BY TRAIN

Our campus has great connections with the Robin Hood Line which runs regular trains from Nottingham to Worksop (via Mansfield), making train travel easier than you think. If you're planning on regularly using the train, a Railcard may save you up to a third off fares.

BY BIKE

If you live within five miles of the college, you could cycle to college in around 30 minutes. Our campus has secure bike storage*.

ON FOOT

If you live within a two-mile distance, you could walk here in around 30 minutes – helping you to keep fit and healthy too.

BY CAR

While we would encourage you to choose more environmentally-friendly forms of transport, the college is in close proximity to Pay & Display car parks. Don't forget, car sharing with friends might be an ideal way to reduce the costs of fuel too.

*The college does not accept responsibility for damage or theft of any bicycles whilst left on college premises.

TRAVEL PASS

We have partnered with local bus operators to provide students with a flexible and great value bus travel pass.

WHY GET ONE?

UNLIMITED TRAVEL

24/7

GREAT VALUE



FLEXIBLE PAYMENTS



MULTI-USE



AWARD -
WINNING!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Whether it's travelling to college, a trip to catch up with friends or visiting family, a West Notts College Travel Pass can help save you money on your bus journeys.

Sixth form students aged 16-18 can get the Travel Pass for the subsidised price of £24 per month (September to July)*.

To find out more including journey planners and FAQs, please visit wnc.ac.uk/travel-pass or scan here



* Prices for academic year 2024/2025. This is subject to change for academic year 2025/2026.

HELPING YOU TO SUCCEED

We know that studying A Levels can be challenging and stressful at times. We want all of our students to not only maximise their potential, but also enjoy their time here. This is why we take a 360° approach to our support services. Whether it's careers advice, support with assignments or simply someone to talk to, there is a dedicated team for you.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY TEAM

A team of fully-qualified and professional advisers who provide career development, support and coaching, covering university options and registration, employment and more.

 **01623 413325**

 **careers@wnc.ac.uk**

 **wnc.ac.uk/careers-advice**

WORK PLACEMENT TEAM

Our work placement team is here to help research companies, secure work placements and answer any questions.

 **01623 900616**

 **workplacement@wnc.ac.uk**

STUDENT FINANCE TEAM

Receive expert financial advice regarding the support bursaries available and how to apply if you think you're eligible.

 **01623 900455**

 **studentfinance@wnc.ac.uk**

 **wnc.ac.uk/finance**

STUDENT WELFARE TEAM

No matter the concern, you can receive impartial guidance, advice and support from our dedicated welfare team via discrete and flexible topical support sessions and drop-in opportunities.

 **wellbeingcentre@wnc.ac.uk**

 **wnc.ac.uk/welfare**

THE INCLUSION SERVICE

Within the Inclusion Service we have five specialist teams supporting students with:

- Autistic spectrum disorder, emotional behavioural difficulties and mental health conditions
- Deaf/hearing loss
- Dyslexia and dyscalculia
- Physical disability and complex needs
- Visual impairment.

Providing a number of services to students who may need additional help during their studies, the teams work closely with students, schools, outside agencies and tutors to provide an individual support package.

Each team offers tailored support and a wide range of specialist services including:

- Initial assessment of support needs
- A customised transition into college programme that includes personalised visits to prospective students, providing comprehensive information about our offer and expert assistance to help students become acquainted with the college layout, environment, and staff

- Specialist classroom support e.g. communication support workers, visual impairment, IT training, learning support assistants, sign language professionals and advanced learning support practitioners
- Assistive technology e.g. specialist software, specialist auditory equipment
- Specialist support for dyslexia and dyscalculia
- Assessment via normal way of working processes for exam access arrangements
- Support with personal care needs
- Advice and guidance regarding local authority transport for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- Transition and advice to support students into adulthood after leaving college.

Get in touch for a formal consultation and review of a student's Education, Health and Care Plan.

 theinclusion@wnc.ac.uk

ACHIEVEMENT COACHES

You will be allocated an achievement coach to help support you through your A Level journey. Your coach will aim to have mandatory one-to-one reviews with you every six weeks. They will also offer two hours of group tutorials per week where they will cover many different aspects related to real life and social development. You can meet with your coach as often as you need and book in with them for any additional support. You will also be supported by an attendance and retention coach, and a destinations coach to keep you on track and focused to work towards a positive destination when you leave sixth form.

Achievement coaches will:

- Help ensure you get the support you need and the bursaries you're entitled to
- Prompt you to keep on track, meet deadlines and push yourself
- Support you to progress at college and beyond to university, employment or apprenticeships
- Help you explore equality and diversity, study skills, work placement opportunities, CV writing, advice on finance and UCAS applications.

Every single student's needs are different, so your achievement coach will aim to listen to exactly what you need and move forward with you in that way.



Julie



Michael



Verity



Laura



Beatrice



Jade



Lindsay



Sarah

UNDERSTANDING A LEVELS

HOW MANY SUBJECTS CAN I STUDY?

Across two years, you can study a minimum of three courses including three A Levels or two A Levels and one of our diploma courses. In some circumstances, you may be allowed to study four courses. We can accommodate most combinations of subjects, so make the most of your choice and pick the ones you find most interesting and will help you achieve your future career goals.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To join the Sixth Form, you will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4-9 which must include English Language. Please check our subjects from page 26 for specific details about entry requirements.



WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- Applied Science (Diploma)
- Art and Design (Photography) – NEW for 2025
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminology (Diploma)
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Film Studies
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) - NEW for 2025
- History
- Law
- Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) – NEW for 2025
- Maths
- Media
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies – NEW for 2025
- Sociology
- Sport and Exercise Science (Diploma)

Also available:

- Extended Project Qualification

WHAT ARE DIPLOMA COURSES?

For some careers, you may want to consider swapping one of your three A Level courses for a diploma course that covers a subject or content that A Levels don't encompass. This can be a great way to develop specialised skills and knowledge that supports you in achieving your future career goals. Diploma courses involve a blend of assessments via coursework or controlled assessments (60-70%) and external exams (30-40%) and carry the same UCAS points as A Levels. You will also undertake hands-on learning to boost your employability skills and broaden future career opportunities.

We offer four diploma courses:

- Applied Science
- Criminology
- Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) - NEW for 2025
- Sport and Exercise Science.

THE BENEFITS

- Learn with fantastic industry-standard facilities
- Start to specialise in industry-focused skills
- Underpin your theoretical learning with practical experience
- Meet more students across different subjects
- Gain more confidence in your chosen field.

A LEVEL COMBINATIONS

To help you with choosing your options, take a look at the lists below which gives you an outline of which subjects mix well together.

ART AND DESIGN

(PHOTOGRAPHY)

English Language

English Literature

Films Studies

Media

Sociology

BIOLOGY

Chemistry

Criminology

Environmental Science

Further Maths

Geography

Mathematical Studies

Maths

Physics

Psychology

Sport and Exercise

Science

BUSINESS STUDIES

Computer Science

Criminology

Economics

Geography

Law

Mathematical Studies

Maths

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

Sport and Exercise

Science

CHEMISTRY

Biology

Computer Science

Environmental Science

Further Maths

Mathematical Studies

Maths

Physics

Psychology

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Business Studies

Chemistry

Film Studies

Further Maths

Maths

Media

Physics

CRIMINOLOGY

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

History

Law

Mathematical Studies

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

ECONOMICS

Business Studies

Law

Mathematical Studies

Maths

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Art and Design

(Photography)

English Literature

Film Studies

History

Law

Media

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Art and Design

(Photography)

English Language

Film Studies

History

Media

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Biology

Chemistry

Geography

Maths

Physics

FILM STUDIES

Art and Design

(Photography)

Computer Science

English Language

English Literature

Psychology

Sociology

FURTHER MATHS

Chemistry

Computer Science

Maths

Physics

Psychology

GEOGRAPHY

Biology

Business Studies

Environmental Science

Mathematical Studies

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Biology
 English Language
 English Literature
 Mathematical Studies
 Maths
 Psychology
 Sociology

HISTORY

Criminology
 English Language
 English Literature
 Law
 Politics
 Religious Studies
 Sociology

LAW

Business Studies
 Criminology
 Economics
 English Language
 History
 Philosophy
 Politics
 Sociology

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

Biology
 Business Studies
 Chemistry

Criminology
 Economics
 Geography
 Maths
 Politics
 Psychology

MATHS

Biology
 Business Studies
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Economics
 Environmental Science
 Further Maths
 Mathematical Studies
 Physics

MEDIA

Art and Design
 (Photography)
 Computer Science
 English Language
 English Literature
 Politics
 Psychology
 Sociology

PHILOSOPHY

Law
 Politics
 Psychology
 Sociology

PHYSICS

Biology
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Environmental Science
 Further Maths
 Maths

POLITICS

Business Studies
 Criminology
 Economics
 English Language
 English Literature
 Geography
 History
 Law

Mathematical Studies

Philosophy
 Psychology
 Sociology

PSYCHOLOGY

Biology
 Business Studies
 Chemistry
 Criminology
 Economics
 English Language
 English Literature
 Film Studies
 Geography
 Mathematical Studies

Media
 Philosophy
 Politics
 Religious Studies
 Sociology
 Sport and Exercise
 Science

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

English Language
 English Literature
 History
 Politics
 Psychology
 Sociology

SOCIOLOGY

Art and Design
 (Photography)
 Business Studies
 Criminology
 Economics
 English Language
 Film Studies
 Geography
 History
 Law
 Media
 Philosophy
 Politics
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 Sport and Exercise
 Science

SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

Biology
 Business Studies
 Psychology
 Sociology



**SCAN TO FIND
 OUT MORE
 ABOUT OUR
 COURSES**

COURSES

Offering a range of traditional and diploma courses, there are plenty of options for you to choose from and they all support you in taking the next steps towards your chosen future.

Take a look at the information provided and if you're ready to apply, visit our website. If you're unsure about which options are best for you, get in touch and we can offer you advice and support.



0808 100 3626



alevelenquiries@wnc.ac.uk



wnc.ac.uk/a-levels



APPLIED SCIENCE (DIPLOMA)

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This two-year course offers an alternative route for those passionate about pursuing science-related careers, catering to those who prefer a hands-on approach to learning over A Levels. This course will be equivalent to either one A Level or 3 A Levels with entry requirements set slightly lower than the A Level sciences, this course adopts a more diversified set of assessment methods, to include both exams and coursework.

- Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Forensic evidence collection and analysis
- Laboratory skills and data analysis
- Independent research project (compulsory).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language and Maths grade 4-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 4/4 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science grade 4/4/4.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in applied sport and exercise sciences, nursing, secondary science education, and other related courses. Careers are often pursued in science, sports science, medicine, teaching and more.



ART AND DESIGN (PHOTOGRAPHY)

NEW
FOR 2025

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course invites students to explore the dynamic world of image-making, blending technical skills with creative vision. You'll learn how to capture striking images, from still life and portraiture to abstract and experimental photography, using the latest digital techniques and equipment. This course offers you the opportunity to experiment with composition, lighting, and post-production editing, while also understanding the role photography plays in storytelling, art, and contemporary culture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language and Maths grade 4-9
- An art-related GCSE subject grade 5-9
- Plus two other GCSEs grade 4-9
- A photography portfolio.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in photography, fine art, graphic design, media studies, visual arts, and film and television. Careers are often pursued in commercial photography, fashion photography, photojournalism, graphic design, advertising, digital marketing and more.



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BIOLOGY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Understanding biology is crucial for comprehending the functioning of our bodies, from organs to cells and genes. It also sheds light on the evolution and interactions of Earth's diverse organisms. Biologists contribute significantly to society by creating vaccines, enhancing healthcare, addressing species loss via conservation, and aiding in forensic investigations. This course offers comprehensive insight into biological molecules, cells, human physiology, evolution, genetic technology, and more. Additionally, it hones practical laboratory skills, precision in performing experiments, and proficiency in statistical analysis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language grade 4-9
- GCSE Maths grade 5-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 6/5 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science - Biology grade 6-9 plus two other GCSEs at grade 4-9.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in biomedical sciences, dentistry, environmental sciences, pharmacy, sports science and other related courses. Careers are often pursued in medicine, pharmaceuticals, sports science, marine biology, nature conservation and more.



BUSINESS STUDIES

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Having an understanding of business is becoming increasingly important in a fast-paced, technological world. This course will provide the grounding needed to cope with today's business environments. You will focus on the issues involved in a business start-up and look at how established businesses can improve effectiveness. You will also use mathematical skills to interpret quantitative data.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including GCSE English Language and Maths.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in a range of subject areas including economics, management and enterprise, accountancy, project management, law-related degrees and finance-related degrees. Careers are often pursued as an accountant, analyst, advertising media buyer, business advisor, franchise owner, marketing professional and more.



CHEMISTRY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Chemistry plays an important role in the modern world and has a huge impact on our lives. Chemists are involved in a diverse range of careers from developing medicines to analytical roles in industry or healthcare. During this course you will build and develop your knowledge of many chemical principles including reacting amounts, structures, bonding, energetics, equilibria and organic chemistry. The course is delivered through a combination of practical work, interactive lessons and independent study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language grade 4-9
- GCSE Maths grade 6-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 6/6 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science - Chemistry grade 6-9 plus two other GCSEs grade 4-9 **OR** GCSE Triple Science grade 6/5/5.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in a range of chemistry-related courses, including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary science, chemical engineering and many biological science degrees. Careers are often pursued as a chemical scientist, medical practitioner, radiographer, veterinary nurse, nurse, physiotherapist, biochemist and many more.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

On this course, you will learn the technical aspects of computer science. With an emphasis on programming, abstract thinking, general problem solving, algorithmic and mathematical reasoning, and the inner workings of computer technologies, you will gain a wide range of skills that support you pursuing various career paths.

We highly recommend also selecting A Level Maths as it complements the subject matter.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE Maths grade 6-9
- Four GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level with degrees in computer science, games programming, artificial intelligence, cyber security and many other areas. You can also progress onto an apprenticeship in digital marketing, cyber security and infrastructure technician. Careers are often pursued as a software developer, hardware and networking technician, games technologist and digital marketer.



CRIMINOLOGY (DIPLOMA)

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Covering the complex behaviours and implications of criminality, law, science, psychology of crime and sociology, our criminology course is a fascinating first step into many popular careers. Over the two years, you will study four units that focus on who commits crimes and what types, theories to explain serious crimes, the process of taking a crime from the crime scene to the courtroom and the punishment and criminal justice system of England.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language and Maths grade 4-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 4/4 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science grade 4/4/4.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in criminology, law, psychology, sociology or a combination of these areas and many more. Careers are often pursued in courts and tribunal service, probation and offender management, law, crime scene investigation, psychology and counselling, social work and intelligence services.



ECONOMICS

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This thought-provoking course offers the opportunity to learn about the latest economic theories and practices in the context of different economic issues both nationally and internationally. This course is broadly divided into two sections: microeconomics, which studies the various parts of the economy and macroeconomics which focuses on the national and international economy. You will develop the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE Maths grade 6-9
- Four GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in a range of courses including business, accounting and finance, marketing, journalism, politics, law and history. Careers are often pursued as a professional economist, lawyer, chartered accountant, marketing professional, politician, journalist, stockbroker, data analyst and many more.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

In this course, you will explore the evolution and current usage of the English language. You will analyse a variety of spoken and written texts, examining different variations of English and developing a deep understanding and appreciation of the language in diverse contexts. Additionally, you will enhance your writing skills with a focus on genre, purpose, and audience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language and English Literature
- If you have only studied GCSE English Literature and not GCSE English Language, please discuss this with the subject tutor.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

This course can lead to further study at university level in subjects such as English, linguistics, creative writing, history, politics, media, communications and journalism. Career opportunities include roles as a journalist, author, editor, teacher, solicitor, public relations professional and more.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

On this course, you will develop your interest and enjoyment of the written word. This includes gaining an understanding of the traditions of literature, making informed opinions and judgements on literary texts, and developing your knowledge of cultural and historical influences on texts. By reading widely, and critically, across centuries, genders and genres, you will develop as an independent reader and critic.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language and English Literature
- If you have only studied GCSE English Language and not GCSE English Literature, please discuss this with the subject teacher.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in the subject or creative writing, history, politics, media and communications. Careers are often pursued as a teacher, marketing professional, public relations officer, librarian, author, translator, solicitor and more.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Studying the natural environment has never been more important and relevant than today. On this course, you will learn about the conservation of diverse species and habitats around the world. You will also look at the composition of the atmosphere, nutrient cycles and the soil, methods of energy generation and climate change. You will also learn about the different types of pollution and how we can reduce them, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, forestry and deforestation, and recycling and sustainability.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language grade 4-9
- GCSE Maths grade 5-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 6/5 plus another GCSE grade 4-9 **OR** GCSE Triple Science grade 6/5/5.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in a range of courses including environmental science, geography, marine biology and geology. Careers are often pursued as an environmental scientist, marine biologist, town planner, environmental analyst, scientific adviser and many more.



FILM STUDIES

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Film is a dominant art form, both reflecting and influencing society and culture. This course will give you a broader knowledge of film, exploring it over a range of time periods and movements including silent cinema, Hollywood, British film, American film, global films, documentary films and experimental films. Learning to read films as more than a form of entertainment will develop your skills in analysis and interpretation. You will also have the opportunity to work on a practical film project of your own.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in cultural studies, creative writing, and film and television studies. Careers are often pursued as a TV production assistant, journalist, video editor, film producer, production manager and more.



FURTHER MATHS

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is for those who are exceptionally talented mathematicians and have excelled at maths at GCSE. You will cover a range of advanced and theoretical topics including complex numbers, matrices, mathematical argument, language and proof, modelling and problem solving.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE Maths grade 7-9 plus four GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language
- You must also choose to study A Level Maths.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in the subject or a maths-related degree such as engineering or physics. Careers are often pursued as an aeronautical engineer, biochemist, veterinarian, chemical engineer and more.



GEOGRAPHY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Geography is split into three areas at A Level. Physical geography, human geography and geographical debates. This will include topics you may have studied before such as hazards and migration, but will also include new topics such as the study of power and borders, and life support systems. With climate concerns being a regular topic of interest in politics and business, now is a great time to be studying geography.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in the subject or related courses such as environmental management, social policy, civil engineering, geology or science-related degrees. Careers are often pursued as a conservation professional, teacher, civil engineer, chartered surveyor and more.



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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

NEW
FOR 2025

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This qualification allows learners to engage in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector. You will cover human lifespan and development, human biology and health, health and social care practice, and health, social policy and wellbeing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language and a maths-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in health and social care, social work, nursing, healthcare science and paramedicine. Careers are often pursued in fields such as nursing, dental professions, ambulance service, midwifery, primary care, psychological professions and more.

HISTORY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A better knowledge and understanding of the past is an excellent way to get a clearer view of today's events, which is what makes studying history so compelling. On this course you will tackle a wide range of British, European and world history, allowing you to understand how modern society and government has been shaped by the past. You will learn how important history is in determining modern identity, culture and lifestyle.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in courses such as history, archaeology, English, politics, philosophy and economics, international studies, media and communications, and journalism. Careers are often pursued as a researcher, museum curator, government officer, author and more.

LAW

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

From prosecuting criminal offenders to remedying civil disputes, our legal system is a complex, ever-changing cornerstone of the society we live in. This course will include the intricacies of criminal law, tort law, and contract law, where you will develop problem-solving and analytical skills through engaging with real-life cases, and advising defendants and claimants on their legal matters. You will also study the background systems of our English legal system, gaining an understanding of how our law functions. This course provides a great first step to a career in law.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level, where you can become a barrister, solicitor, or legal executive. Another option is a degree apprenticeship combining practical work experience and earning whilst studying. Other careers often pursued include judges, senior police officers, probation officers and more.



MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)

NEW
FOR 2025

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Mathematical Studies is a one-year course aimed at students who don't want to take A Level Maths but wish to build on their GCSE knowledge and skills. On this course, there is a strong emphasis on developing problem-solving skills for real life such as finances, at work and studying. The skills learnt on this course can help students studying A Levels in the sciences, business studies, economics, geography and psychology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE Maths grade 5-9
- Four other GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

This course gives you more UCAS points which can be used towards a wide range of degrees and enhances your maths skills for any career helping to increase your desirability for future job roles.



MATHS

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A Level Maths builds on and extends GCSE knowledge and skills whilst also introducing new ideas, such as calculus and its applications. It emphasises how mathematical ideas are interconnected and how these ideas can be applied to model situations. On the course, there is a strong emphasis on logical reasoning and problem-solving, so you will also learn to use your mathematical skills and techniques to solve challenging problems.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE Maths grade 6-9 plus four GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in maths, business, accountancy, science, computing, engineering or economics. Careers are often pursued as a financial advisor, chartered accountant, finance officers, bank and post office clerk, finance and investment analyst and more.



MEDIA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

On this course, you will be taught how to analyse the various forms of media language and representations that we consume every day to develop your ability to deconstruct a variety of texts. Alongside this, you will study the industry behind media products, and consider the relationship between media products and their audiences. This course will give you a broader knowledge of media forms including newspapers, advertising and marketing, film, music videos, radio, video games, magazines, television and online, social, and participatory media. You will study a variety of close study products across these forms to enable you to apply your knowledge of the theoretical framework. You will also undertake a creative project, applying the skills you have learned to research and create your own media products.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language and Maths.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in communications and media-related subjects such as journalism, TV production and broadcasting. Careers are often pursued as a public relations officer, photographer, journalist, editor, art officer, broadcaster, marketing professional and more.



PHILOSOPHY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is designed to give you a thorough grounding in the key concepts and methods of philosophy. You will have the opportunity to engage with big questions in a purely secular context. You will develop important skills that you need for progression to higher education. You will learn to be clear and precise in your thinking and writing. You will engage with complex texts, analysing and evaluating the arguments of others, and constructing and defending your own arguments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

A Level Philosophy sharpens your skills of analysis and your ability to construct solid arguments. These transferable skills make it ideal preparation for most academic university courses, in particular law, politics and the social sciences.



PHYSICS

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Physics is a fundamental science subject and the key to understanding the world around us and the world beyond us. It is the study of matter, energy, force and motion, which can challenge our imagination and lead to world-changing discoveries such as lasers and computers. You can expect to learn valuable, transferable skills such as problem solving and analysis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language grade 4-9
- GCSE Maths grade 6-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 6/6 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science - Physics grade 6-9 plus two other GCSEs grade 4-9 **OR** GCSE Triple Science grade 6/6/5.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in a range of courses including astronomy, engineering, medicine and information technology. Careers are often pursued as an engineering technician, physical scientist, civil engineer, architect and more.



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POLITICS

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Covering news and current affairs from both the UK and the USA, this course looks at the historical and controversial nature of politics within the world in which we live. Over the course of two years, you will sit three core papers that focus on the ideologies behind politics, UK politics and democracy, the UK Government, and the different types of politics in the UK and USA. If you enjoy learning about politics and the people in power, this course could be perfect for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in politics, philosophy, economics, law, journalism and many more. Careers in government (including national and local level), civil service, the United Nations, law, intelligence, mediation and negotiation and more.



PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Do you ever wonder why people do the things they do? Or are you interested in knowing more about how the brain works? Studying psychology will give you the skills needed to understand human behaviour, to develop an understanding of the different areas of psychology and explore topical issues. As part of this course you still also learn about cognition, child development, social psychology and individual differences.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language and Maths grade 4-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 4/4 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science grade 4/4/4.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in subjects including health studies, criminology, science and psychology. In the future you may choose to specialise in a certain area of psychology or pursue a career as a psychologist or counsellor.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A Level Religious Studies is a course for people who like to think, giving you the opportunity to grapple with important questions we have faced for centuries. How did the universe get here? Why do we talk and behave in certain ways? Does the language we use have any meaning? You will deal with these questions by looking at arguments given by religious, secular and philosophical theorists, critically evaluating them, by focusing on both their content and form/structure to formulate your own views.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

This course builds a variety of transferable skills including being able to decide you own views from arguments given by others about the same question. These are highly valuable in the majority of workplaces and further education. Typically, learners will go on to further education or careers such as teaching, law, politics and analytics.



SOCIOLOGY

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A Level sociology helps you to develop a critical understanding of society by examining the influence of institutions, such as the education system, family, belief systems and religion, and the criminal justice system. During this course, you will look at how society through social, economic and political influences shapes people but then how people, in turn, shape society. A central focus of sociology is inequality, where various inequalities between different social groups are examined.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Five GCSEs grade 4-9 including English Language, Maths and a humanities-based subject.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Further study at university level in subjects such as social studies, psychology, law, business and politics. Careers are often pursued as a journalist, social worker, teacher, marketing executive, police officer, HR executive and more.



SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE (DIPLOMA)

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Dive into a dynamic exploration of the industry of sport and exercise science. Learners will delve into four insightful units – each one serving as insight in pivotal aspects of sport and exercise science:

- Functional anatomy
- Applied sport and exercise psychology
- Coaching for performance and fitness
- Physical activity for individual and group-based exercise.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English Language and Maths grade 4-9
- GCSE Double Science grade 4/4 plus another GCSE grade 4-9
OR GCSE Triple Science grade 4/4/4.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD TO?

Pursue further studies at university level, including degrees in physiotherapy, biology, sport and exercise science, analysis and much more. Launch an exciting career as a sports therapist, sport psychologist, sports coach, exercise physiologist, biomechanist and more.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

We are incredibly proud of our students from their first day at sixth form to welcoming them back as alumni. Read what some of our recent alumni have to say about their time at Mansfield and Ashfield Sixth Form College.

Leif

Studied A Level English, A Level Psychology and A Level Law, studied English at Keele University and now works for the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

“My advice for prospective students would be to focus on what you personally enjoy, and not what you feel like you ‘should’ be doing – studying can be a brilliant experience if you are excited to learn more about the subject. Also, don’t be afraid to try new things, sometimes they can lead to unexpected places and things you never knew you would be interested in.”

Zoe Palermo

Studied A Level Sociology, A Level English Language and Criminology, and now studying English Language at Bishop Grosseteste University.

“The sixth-form centre is quieter and less busy than the main campus at Derby Road, which helped me to concentrate, and everyone was so helpful. The teachers always gave me such great advice.”

Lydia Cullerne-Bown

Studied A Level Psychology, A Level Sociology, Criminology and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), and now studying Psychology at the University of Sheffield.

“College was so interesting for me as I’ve had more opportunities to become independent and get that passion for learning. I discovered how to take on my own learning schedule responsibly.”



MAKE YOUR FUTURE HAPPEN

A LEVEL OPEN EVENTS

If you want to find out more, come along to an open event at our Chesterfield Road campus (NG19 7BB) where you can meet our teachers, tour our campus and ask any questions.

Thursday 23 January | 5.30-7.30pm

CAMPUS TOURS

Once you've attended an open event, why not join us on a campus tour?

Lasting around 30 minutes, these tours give you the chance to see the facilities for specific subject areas and also common areas such as The Gallery, Learning Resource Centre and social spaces. Our team will also be on-hand to answer any questions.

To book onto a tour visit wnc.ac.uk/tours

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

If you're unsure if A Levels are the best option for you, why not come along to a college open event at our Derby Road campus (NG18 5BH) where you can find out more about A Levels, T Levels, apprenticeships and vocational courses all at once. It will be the perfect opportunity to weigh up your options and decide what will work best for you.

Thursday 6 March | 5.30-7.30pm

Saturday 14 June | 10am-1pm

Book your place today

wnc.ac.uk/events



APPLY FOR YOUR PLACE

Places on our courses can fill up fast, so make sure you submit an application online and reserve yours! If you change your mind about your options or studying A Levels, don't worry – we can help you to update your application right up until your first few weeks as a sixth form student.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on social media to get an insight into what life is like as a student and get the latest updates on courses, applications and much more.

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MEET THE LEARNER ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Got a question? Want to book a tour? Unsure about your next steps? Then why not speak to our friendly learner engagement team. They're here to ensure your transition to college is easy and stress-free.

 **learner.engagement@wnc.ac.uk**

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Leif - English, Psychology, Law

"By choosing subjects I was genuinely interested in, I discovered that I could actually enjoy learning at college. The tutors treated us with respect, which allowed us to build better relationships with them and even have some fun - a refreshing change from school. College allowed me the freedom to explore my interests, practice building new relationships away from the school environment, and begin to feel more grown up - all of which was really useful when I started university."

Evie - Biology, Chemistry and Maths

"I picked West Notts because I was able to study all the courses I needed for university, and I was happy with the location in Mansfield town centre, which was very convenient. All the teachers specialise in teaching A Levels meaning they can really push you to do your best. We have regular 1-to-1's and I've felt the most support when applying for university as my achievement coach really helped me through that application process as it's very tough. College is different to a traditional school because you have more control over your learning and studies, so you have your independent study time as well as having your structured lessons. Before I drove I used the West Notts Travel Pass to catch the bus which was really convenient as it drops you off just across the road from the college. I liked the travel pass because you could use it anytime of the week, not just for college."

Edward – Chemistry, Biology and Maths

"I chose West Notts because I could study all the courses for medicine, I don't have to wear a uniform, and I have more freedom to either go home or go to the library and revise. We also have a common room where you can eat and socialise with friends. The support team is always available, and teachers are quick to provide help."

Jordan – Law, Politics and Sociology

"The main reason for choosing West Notts was the subject choice because there's a lot more on offer than at most other sixth forms. College is more laidback than school, there's also no uniform and a more informal relationship between students and teachers so there's not as much pressure when asking for help. Teachers are very good when it comes to listening and supporting you, especially with exams."

MEET THE TEACHERS

We pride ourselves on our specialist teachers who have expertise and passion for their subjects with most having examining experience and/or second degrees in the subject(s) they teach. We've decided to showcase some of our talented teachers to give you an idea of the knowledge they have to offer you.



Megan McQueen
Politics and Geography

Megan began her teaching career in 2020. Her subjects interconnect, offering students a comprehensive understanding of the world and their future opportunities. Passionate about US politics, she encourages dynamic discussions in her classroom. At college, she mentors student governors and also serves as the digital champion for A Levels. Megan has a PGCE and a Law Degree, has marked A Level Politics exams for AQA, and co-founded the Nottingham Trent Commercial Awareness Society.



Brad Philp
Environmental Science and Applied Science

Brad has been teaching Environmental Science at West Notts for over two years. He finds the subject interesting as it's the only multidisciplinary science with a broad range of topics that helps students see everyday life through a new lens. He believes the best part of the course is the trips which give students the opportunity to meet industry professionals and learn in real-life what is taught from the textbooks. He has a degree in Applied Terrestrial and Marine Biology, loves running some of the sixth form clubs and societies, and in his spare time enjoys photography, airsoft and climbing.



Helen Teskey
English Language

Helen enjoys teaching English Language as you engage with the very essence of what it means to be human, unlocking the mysteries of communication that bind us together and set us apart.

She has been teaching for nine years with over four of those at West Notts College. Helen's favourite module is Language Investigation as it gives her the opportunity to explore and uncover people's unique passions.

Outside of teaching, Helen used to perform at open mic poetry nights and rap battles, but she's firmly retired now!



Emily Hancock
Law and Politics

Emily is a very proud member of West Notts College A Level alumni and has been teaching at the college exclusively for over a year. She enjoys teaching as she gets to witness students form and articulate their political opinions, growing intellectually as they engage with different legal and political principles.

Emily is one of 70 teachers in the country to have been accepted onto a Parliamentary Teaching Ambassador Programme which includes a three-day training experience in Westminster and meeting with notable members of Westminster including the House of Lords and House of Commons.



Denna O'Hara
Psychology

Denna has been teaching Psychology at West Notts for five years. She finds psychology interesting as it's relatable to everyone with so many areas that can explain our behaviours and the affects on what we do in society.

She believes the best bit of the course is the egg baby project where students can become parents when they study the topic of attachment. Outside of teaching, Denna has been an examiner with AQA Psychology for the last three years.



John Winfield
English and History

John has been teaching since 1997, starting at West Notts in 1999 where he has taught A Levels, Access to HE, GCSE, and Foundation degrees. Currently, he teaches A Level English Language where he enjoys teaching how accents and dialects evolve, and A Level History where he finds the Vietnam War most interesting. John finds his subjects fascinating as English teaches us how to effectively communicate, and history as it shows us how the present is shaped by the past. Outside of college, John has been a Principal Examiner for OCR English Language, and an examiner and team leader for over ten years.



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