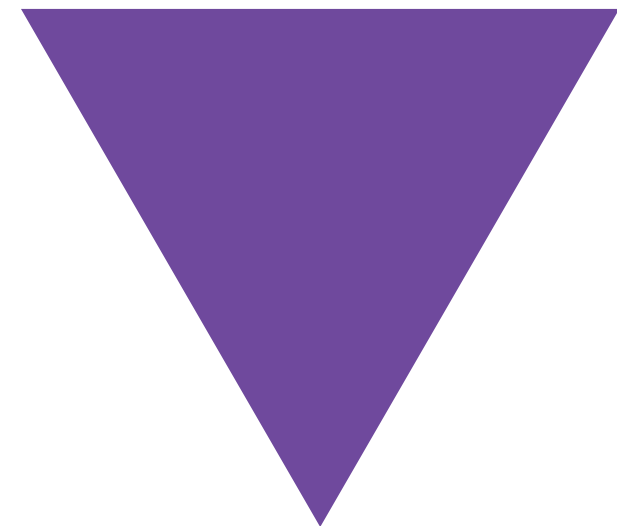


# We are New College Leicester



A rounded education for all young people





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# Welcome

## NEW COLLEGE LEICESTER

At New College Leicester, our mission is to provide a rounded and inspirational education for all of our young people. We do this by instilling the 4 R's: Respect; Responsibility; Resilience and Resourcefulness – the values we hold most dear. Our students therefore develop the confidence to embrace the responsibilities that life has to offer and become valued members of the local community and beyond, both now and in the future.

Our vision for success is driven by four key intersecting strategies which places our young people and our community at the heart of what we do:

- Our **Teaching and Learning strategy** ensures that all our young people are fully challenged and engaged in an education that prepares them all for their future;
- Our **Arts and Culture strategy** develops vital life skills such as creativity, critical understanding, empathy and collaboration – all important for building resilient individuals and communities who believe that anything is possible;
- Our **Sports and Physical Activity strategy** ensures that every student has access to world class sports facilities and physical and health education to ensure that they have a healthy and fulfilling life;
- Our **Health and Wellbeing strategy** ensures that every member of the college community has the knowledge, tools and confidence to take care of their own health and wellbeing and to encourage those around them to do the same.

These strategies, combined with excellent relationships, a strong team spirit and a drive for excellence in everything we do, underpins our ethos. Staff are not only skilled, but their dedication, enthusiasm and support for the students means that every child who attends this college has the opportunity to excel.

We are immensely proud of our college and we would be delighted if you would like your child to join our family. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child develops into a well-qualified, well-rounded, successful young person.



**“Students are proud of their school. They feel valued and say their views are taken seriously.” Ofsted**







## Teaching and Learning

**W**e pride ourselves on enabling every young person to make the best progress imaginable. Our aim is to develop well rounded individuals by enriching students academically, as well as through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

New College Leicester has a dedicated team of inspirational staff who ensure that all students achieve well. Our lessons provide challenge and the opportunity for students to learn and thrive in an exciting and secure environment. We also provide regular opportunities for both students and teachers to learn outside the classroom environment.

We offer a broad, rich and progressive curriculum through which learners become independent, creative, and fluent in their knowledge, skills and understanding over time. Our curriculum is strong because we have taken account of the students' needs and then put into place the resources needed to help them to achieve their ambitions. We see learning as a life-long journey and our role is to ensure that your child is well prepared for that journey.

Student progress is monitored carefully right from the start of each child's college career. We track individual students regularly, looking at their levels of progress and offering a range of challenge and support to ensure that they are provided with the opportunities to excel.

Students are given ambitious personal targets to aim for and we keep you, as parents and carers, informed of your child's progress. Students who need specific support to develop their learning are given tailored interventions ranging from paired reading sessions to personal mentoring.



**“The curriculum is broad and balanced, meeting the needs of students. As a result, students have positive attitudes to learning.” Ofsted**



# Arts and Culture

New College Leicester seeks to build the cultural capital of our young people as part of our whole-child, well-rounded educational philosophy. We believe that all cultural activity is fundamentally linked to young people's wellbeing, identity, confidence, self-esteem, joy and pleasure. It contributes to learning effectively, staying healthy and improving mental wellbeing. The vitality which comes from having people from different heritages and cultures living and working together is expressed every day in New College Leicester – something we are very proud of.

We offer students the opportunity to become involved in a diverse range of artistic or cultural opportunities to allow them to dream of what is possible through hard work and determination.

Our students develop significant life skills which will ensure that they are successful citizens in a global world. The arts curriculum currently available includes drama, music, textiles, dance and art and students can study a combination of these subjects in greater depth as they progress through the college.

To enrich this formal curriculum, we provide extra-curricular opportunities to further deepen knowledge or develop skills. Our students are given the opportunities to work with a range of professionals and are exposed to excellence in the arts.

We strive to engage our students through the discovery of the unknown and the unimagined. We want to give a sense of wonder and to take students to places that they never knew existed.



**“New College Leicester has created an innovative strategy that will provide huge benefit to both the students and the wider community. It allows each person to experience excellent arts in all disciplines, ultimately allowing each young person to experience the very best and widest curriculum.” Julien Lloyd-Webber**





# Environmental Issues



## Health and Wellbeing

We believe that positive health and wellbeing is a key determinant in a successful and thriving college career. In adopting a 'whole systems approach' we acknowledge the pivotal role our college plays in promoting the wellbeing of our students and staff. Such an approach moves beyond teaching and learning to pervade all aspects of the life of our college and offers exciting opportunities for the college community to adopt and maintain healthy choices for a vigorous and ambitious life.

Our three key health and wellbeing priority areas are:

- Improving Physical Wellbeing through the promotion of healthy choices;
- Promoting Positive Mental Health
- Understanding and developing Healthy Relationships

Our 'Yes I Can!' Resilience Toolkit offers each student the opportunity to explore their own unique character strengths and resilience strategies. We ensure that pro-social behaviours, healthy choices and mental health awareness are instilled across the college. We believe that relationships and connections are key to creating a safe and progressive learning environment for all our young people, so that together we can face a vibrant future knowing that we are all valued members of the New College Leicester family.



**“When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, art cannot manifest, strength cannot fight, wealth becomes useless and intelligence cannot be applied.”**  
**Herophilus 325-255 BC**





## Sport and Physical Activity

**P**hysical education, sport and physical activity forms part of our deep, rich, broad and exciting curriculum which in turn makes a major contribution to the holistic development of our young people.

We believe that the benefits of physical activity extend beyond improving physical as well as mental health, and into the classroom. Active young people find it easier to concentrate and therefore this impacts on academic performance.

Through participation in sport and physical education, our students learn about the importance of life values such as:

- Respect for themselves and others
- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Fair play
- Adherence to rules

In addition, we aim to promote and develop other skills such as leadership and communication skills through our very successful Sports Leaders award. Sport and physical activity also provides a forum for our students to learn how to deal with competition, how to cope with both winning and losing, as well as building healthy activity habits which encourage life-long participation in physical activity.

We believe that sport and physical activity have the power to develop young people into successful, happy, healthy and well-rounded individuals.

**“What New College Leicester is striving to achieve is a model of practice that could be duplicated across the city.”** **Rory Underwood**  
**MBE**





## Beyond the Curriculum

### **Trips, visits and residentials**

We provide our students with many opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. There are regular educational visits organised to theatres, museums, sporting events, galleries, universities and places of interest as an integral part of the curriculum.

We offer opportunities for students to take part in residential experiences such as an annual ski trip; activity centres; European trips as well as participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

### **Careers Education and Guidance**

In recognition of outstanding and continued commitment to careers education and guidance, New College Leicester has been awarded the Career Mark Gold standard.

We aim to enable our students to make informed choices around their future learning and career pathways by giving them access to a Careers programme as well as face-to-face guidance from a professionally-qualified careers adviser.

We have excellent links with local, national and international employers to further enhance our programme.

**“Staff provide a wide variety of activities, clubs and visits so that students can pursue their sporting, artistic or creative interests.” Ofsted**





# Facilities

## Teaching spaces

New College Leicester has large, well-equipped classrooms with a full range of specialist teaching spaces including:

- Science laboratories
- Computer suites
- Drama studio
- Dance studio
- Music recording studio
- Music practice rooms
- Art suite - Photography darkroom, pottery room
- Theatre
- Technology suite – catering, resistant materials, textiles, CAD/CAM, graphics rooms
- Hairdressing salons

## World class sports facilities

The college benefits from being surrounded by 42 acres of playing fields. Our outdoor space includes a state of the art, fully lit, 1km closed road cycle circuit, 8 flood lit tennis/netball courts, an external basketball court and a full sized artificial football pitch with sports lighting.

Our sports hall is suitable for multiple use including badminton, volleyball, basketball, netball, dodgeball, handball and indoor football and our other large internal spaces are suitable for fitness-based classes, table tennis and dance.

The New College Leicester Gymnastics Centre is our flagship facility. The centre, which is equipped with Olympic standard equipment, regularly hosts regional as well as national and international gymnastics competitions throughout the year.

## Library

Our library is very well-resourced with a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as having computers and facilities to study quietly.

## Dining and recreational spaces

The large dining hall, the café, central hall and outdoor spaces provide space for students to socialise or relax outside of lessons. The college also has a designated Post 16 area.





# Why choose

## NEW COLLEGE LEICESTER

We recognise that choosing a secondary school for your child is difficult, particularly in areas where there is a wide variety of choice available. At New College Leicester we offer:

A welcoming community where your child will have the room to grow and explore their passions in life.

A well-rounded education based on an engaging curriculum, underpinned by excellent teaching.

A committed, caring, passionate staff who ensure that all of the students are given the opportunity to excel.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities including residential opportunities and international travel.

A college of the perfect size – big enough to offer the widest range of subjects, but small enough to know every one of our students.

A gold standard careers programme with an unrivalled network of partners and opportunities.

A college that believes in engaging in the arts and sports as we recognise that this will help with employability skills, leadership skills as well as improving students' health and wellbeing.

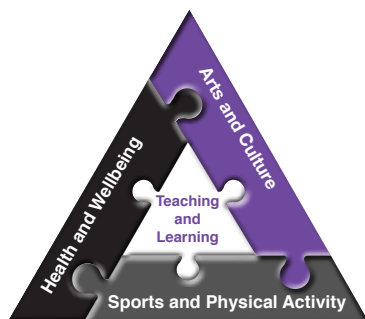
A college with students at the heart of everything we do.

World class sporting and teaching facilities.



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