A Levels at Nelson and Colne College.







Nelson and Colne College has a long history of academic success.

Our A Level provision is amongst the very best in the country, supporting learners to achieve outstanding grades and to progress to a wide range of top universities and highly successful careers.

We are Number 1 in the region for A Level student progress.*

This means that students who study at Nelson and Colne College will leave with a higher grade than predicted than they would achieve if they had studied at any other FE College within the region. We support our learners to succeed at these high levels through understanding their career goals, and working with them to develop their academic skills and share a true passion for their subject.

*Based on the most recent DFE performance data for FE Colleges



99% Overall A Level Pass Rate

of A Level learners achieved at least one A*-B Top Grade.

of A Level learners achieved at least one A*-C High Grade.

Over 73%

of our **A Level students** achieved **A* to C**. This is **9% higher** than the national average.*



We are so proud of the journey that all our students take once they leave Nelson and Colne College.

83%

of our **A Level Students** progress onto **university**. This is **29% higher** than the national average.*

96%

of our **A Level Students** progress onto **university**, **apprenticeships** or **employment**. This is **7% higher** than the national average.*





Our learners progress to a wide range of degree programmes at universities across the country.

In 2023 22% of our learners progressed to Sutton Trust 30 Universities, and 21% to Russell Group Universities.



Our latest comparison data shows that in 2022 32.9% of our A Level learners progressed to study Medicine, Dentistry, Subjects Allied to Medicine, Biological Sciences and Veterinary Sciences.

This is **11% higher** than the national progression rate to these subjects of 21.9%.



That same data also shows that **14.4%** of our A Level learners in 2022 **progressed to Law**.

This is **5.4% higher** than the national average of 9%.

In order to support continued student success, both in academic achievement and in progression to high value universities and careers we run our Pre-Professional and Scholars' Programmes.

Pre-Professional Programmes.

We offer a range of unique Pre-Professional Programmes, which A Level students can take alongside their A Level studies.

They are designed for the most **competitive university courses** to broaden their knowledge, give them greater insight into their chosen career, and ultimately help learners **stand out from the crowd** when it comes to their university application.

These unique and innovative schemes are **career focused programmes** aimed at helping learners to make an **informed choice about their future**, while encouraging breadth and depth of study and research in their chosen career path.

As part of our Pre-Professional Programmes learners have access to a range of opportunities alongside their academic studies to help them build additional skills and experiences.

These may include:

- Presentations from industry experts and specialist speakers
- Field trips to specialist centres
- Work experience relevant to your chosen profession
- Visits to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities
- Individual mentoring and coaching
- Support in your university application
- Specialist interview preparation

Studying a Pre-Professional Programme alongside their core Study Programme is designed to give learners the edge with their university applications, in what are quite often extremely competitive and challenging degree and career pathways.

Because of this we have created Pre-Professional Pathways in the following areas:

- Business
- Dentistry
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Psychology
- Teaching



Scholars' Programme.

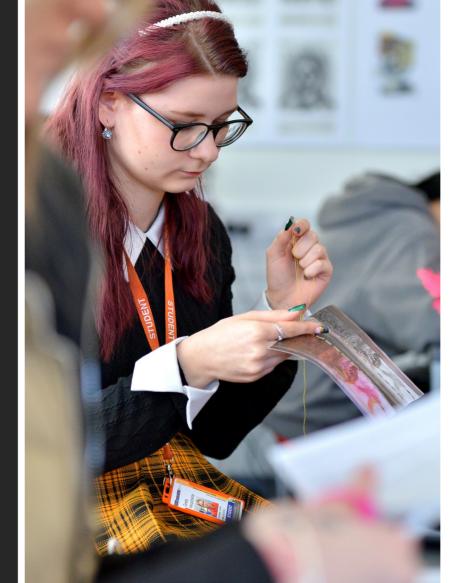
Our Scholars' Programme is a unique programme, tailored to meet the needs of our ambitious students, helping to prepare for progression to university and beyond. It seeks to broaden their intellectual horizons and help them challenge ideas.

Learners will regularly discuss important and relevant topics throughout the Scholars' Programme which will also support them in developing the core skills required for progression to competitive universities and employment. These skills include:

- Presentation skills
- Independent research
- Reading skills
- Effective communication for university level seminars
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- The development of resilience and resourcefulness

What are the key aspects of the Scholars' Programme and why is it beneficial?

- Personalised support with applications for challenging and competitive universities
- Additional one-to-one 'stretch and challenge' work with subject teachers
- Organised visits to the country's top universities
- Timetabled seminars and academic guest speakers
- · Access to university library online academic resources
- An opportunity to meet like-minded students from other colleges
- Encourages involvement in external competitions run by universities



Did you know?

University Heads of Admissions often place considerable value on potential students who have participated in academic enrichment activities in and beyond their chosen subject area. This is because these students **stand out against other applicants**, who may have identical grades. The College has established links with a number of universities including:















Pre-Scholars' Programme.

We are also developing a Pre-Scholars Programme, designed to support learners in Year 8 upwards in our region's secondary schools to realise their potential and enhance their academic opportunities. The scheme will support learners to **build research** skills, explore subjects and topics that stretch them further and present their findings and ideas in the halls of Oxford University. Creating a seamless path from Pre-Scholars to our Scholars programme this scheme will offer individuals a pathway that will really showcase their skills.

Since 2020 our A Level students have progressed to universities across the country including:

University of Aberdeen

Aberystwyth University Anglia Ruskin University

Aston University, Birmingham

Bangor University

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

Bishop Grosseteste University

University of Bolton

University of Bradford

University of Brighton

University of Bristol

Brunel University London

University of Cambridge

Canterbury Christ Church University

Cardiff University

University of Central Lancashire

University of Chester

University of Chichester

City, University of London

Coventry University

University of Cumbria

University of Derby

Durham University

Edge Hill University

The University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh Napier University

University of Exeter

Falmouth University

Futureworks

Glyndwr University, Wrexham

University of Greenwich

Harper Adams University

Harper and Keele Veterinary School

University of Huddersfield

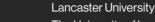
University of Hull

Hull York Medical School

Imperial College London

Keele University

King's College London



The University of Law

University of Leeds

Leeds Trinity University

Leeds Beckett University

Leeds Arts University

University of Lincoln

University of Liverpool

Liverpool Hope University

Liverpool John Moores University

London South Bank University

Loughborough University

UCEN Manchester

University of Manchester

Manchester Metropolitan University

University Centre Myerscough

Newcastle University

Newman University. Birmingham

University of Northampton

Norwich University of the Arts

Northumbria University

University of Nottingham

Nottingham Trent University

University of Oxford

Oxford Brookes University

University of Plymouth

University of Portsmouth

Royal Holloway, University of London

University of Salford

University of Sheffield

University of St Andrews

Staffordshire University

University of Surrey

University of Sussex

Swansea University

Teesside University

UCFB

UCL (University College London)

University of Warwick

University of the West of England

University of Westminster, London

University of Wolverhampton

University of Winchester

University of Worcester

University of York

York St John University

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