

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**.

#1 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

67% of A Level learners achieved at least one **A*-B Top Grade**.

89% 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.*



*Ofqual 2023 Comparison Data for FE Colleges

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.*



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GOV.UK for Level 3 Destinations Data for learners progressing from an A Level (or equivalent)



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



Lancaster University
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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