



WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE
**UNIVERSITY
CENTRE**

**75% OF
OUR STUDENTS**
went on to study at a
Russell Group University*

WCUC

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

**YOUR ROUTE TO THE
BEST UNIVERSITIES
IN THE UK**



ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA
COLLEGE



RUGBY
COLLEGE



MORETON MORRELL
COLLEGE



WARWICK TRIDENT
COLLEGE



EVESHAM
NEW COLLEGE



PERSHORE
COLLEGE



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QAA

UK Quality Assured

BE CHALLENGED

| BE INSPIRED

| BE EXTRAORDINARY

WHY STUDY WITH US?

Every year, we welcome students from countries across the world to our college. Our students progress to some of the UK's top universities including University College London (UCL), Durham University and University of Warwick*. Our established links with top universities, such as the University of Warwick, also help make WCUC a great place to study away from home.



DESTINATIONS AND SUCCESS

75% of students* gained places at Russell Group universities in the UK. Destinations for our students in 2020 included 5 of the top 10 UK universities including **University College London (UCL), LSE and Durham** and previous students have gone on to study at **Oxford University**.



PERSONALISED SUPPORT

You'll benefit from **significant one-to-one time** with your International Team and Careers Team who will **identify and develop your strengths** and help you overcome any weaknesses, **creating a personal learning experience** that will help you achieve your full potential.



EXCELLENT RESULTS

97% pass rate for all international students on Access to HE courses.



ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION

We have halls of residence at **Royal Leamington Spa College**. We can provide a range of options including: **en-suite, catered and self catered** accommodation for our students. The halls have wardens and excellent security, and the full-time accommodation team are available year round for support and advice and extra curricular experiences providing a true home from home experience.



UNIVERSITY LINKS

Creating a more personal experience that includes **support in your progression to university**, help with cover letters, **dedicated UCAS advice** and help **selecting the best course** and university in the UK.



A REAL BRITISH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

If you choose to study at WCUC you will learn alongside UK students and experience a **truly British education**. We have a small ratio of international students to UK students and we find that our international students **benefit from increased cultural exchange** and **improved language skills** from working closely with UK nationals.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION / ACCESS TO HE PROGRAMMES AT WCUC

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be 17 years old or over
- IELTS 5.5 or an equivalent
- Good High School Grades
- Recognised and accepted by nearly all UK universities

Our NEW International Foundation courses last nine months and are designed for those who would like to go to the best UK universities. As well as learning your specialist subjects, students will also receive tuition in English, Maths, IT and Study Skills.

Many students go on to succeed at leading UK universities and beyond, and you will study in an extremely supportive environment, with a cohort of UK students.

WHICH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?

We offer a range of industry-specific Access to Higher Education (HE) courses so that you can start working towards your chosen career straight away.

Courses available for you to join at WCUC:

- Business and Accountancy
- Health Professional
- Digital Security and Technology
- Engineering

Our programs are validated by Cambridge Access Validating Agency (CAVA) and are recognised by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for Higher Education.

Learners will take subject-specific modules alongside academic study skills and English language classes making a total of 24 hours contact time.

In addition around 15 hours per week of independent study time may be necessary. We will offer additional classes and plenty of support as required.

The programme is fast moving, exciting and highly rewarding with rigorous assessment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We require IELTS 5.5 or equivalent, plus relevant internationally comparable qualifications at Level 3.

- Baccalaureate
- A/S level
- High School Diploma
- WAECs
- Thanawiya
- Chinese Senior Secondary School Graduation with GPA 80% at Year 11 or 12.

For older students, we can accept suitable historic qualifications in Maths, English, and or Business or Science, or relevant industrial or Business experience (assessed by references).

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

In previous years our Access to HE students went on to study Bachelor degrees at:

- University College London (UCL)
 - > Chemistry
- London School of Economics
 - > Accounting and Finance
- University of Bristol
 - > Biology
 - > Marketing
- Durham University
 - > Accounting and Finance
 - > Economics
- University of York
 - > Biology
 - > Account and Finance
- University of Warwick
 - > Accounting and Finance
- University of Essex
 - > Business Management
 - > Computer Science
- University of Sheffield
 - > Economics
- Lancaster University
 - > Computer Science
- University of Aberdeen
 - > Electrical Engineering
- University of Glasgow
 - > Business Economics / Management



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The teachers are really friendly at WCG and I feel comfortable asking anything no matter how silly they might be.

I am fortunate to be able to live on campus, which means that I am close to class and it only takes me 15 minutes to walk into the town centre.

Nuo Cheng, Hubei province China
– Access to HE (Engineering)

ACCESS TO HE STUDENTS WILL STUDY AT ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA COLLEGE

Our International Foundation Students are located at Royal Leamington Spa College, which is situated next to a beautiful park and just 10 minutes walking from the town centre which has excellent shopping and nightlife.

Our exciting facilities on campus allow students to 'learn by doing'. The personal support given and the service we offer to all of our International foundation students provides an excellent environment for achieving your goals.

Students on the International Foundation Course can visit the International Office where they will find excellent personal support from our friendly and knowledgeable team. We can assist with accommodation, student support, English language, visas, university applications and welfare and any other advice and support that international students need all in one office. We have a small number of international students, so it's easy to pop in and get to talk to us.

Whilst studying with us you will find excellent facilities such as:

- Integrated technology
- IT facilities and media suite
- Flexible, open-plan learning zones
- Sports hall and gym
- New STEM Centre
- Halls of residence
- 266 Apple Macs
- High quality refectory and cafe
- University-style lecture theatre
- Modern, fully equipped science labs
- Upgraded library
- Print room and a Hairdressers
- Students advice and support services

As well as small class sizes and excellent teachers, we offer individual support and easy access to tutors.

Everything is provided to give our International Students the best chance of achieving their dreams and aspirations and reaching the university of their choice.



THERE'S SO MUCH MORE AT WCUC

Accommodation is on the campus and just a five-minute walk to your classrooms, the library and other resources.

The college is situated next to a large park with jogging track and tennis courts and just a 10-minute walk into the centre of Royal Leamington Spa with all of its shops, cafés, restaurants and nightlife. The train station is also just a 10-minute walk and offers routes all around the UK, including London (1 hour), Oxford (40 minutes) and Birmingham (30 minutes). There's even a train to Birmingham International Airport just 25 minutes away.



HOW TO APPLY

All applicants for non-degree level courses should use our downloadable form to apply for a course with us. This can be found on our international webpage wcuc.ac.uk/internationalapplications.

Our friendly international office team can provide support and answer any questions for international students applying to study with us. They can also give advice on visas and accommodation and help when first arriving in the UK. Professional courses are also available to help you prepare for your studies in the UK.

Visit wcuc.ac.uk for full course details and to find out about all of our colleges.

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HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

The International Team at WCUC are committed to ensuring that young people and vulnerable adults in our colleges are offered the information, advice and support that they need to stay safe and be able to actively participate in their education and training.

The WCUC International Team can offer:

- Online access to your course
- Help with university questions
- Attendance support
- Pre-arrival support to assist with Student visa applications
- Support around bank account opening, police registration, pastoral issues, visa issues
- Close liaison with academic team to track attendance and academic performance
- Ability to provide bespoke reports to parents and sponsors
- Close working relationship with accommodation team to ensure comfort of students at all times
- Come to us with concerns or issues with your course
- Guidance for study techniques and tutorial support
- Pre-arrival support, re-accommodation, visas, transport
- Airport pick up and drop off
- Welcome / induction week
- Social activities
- Careers advice and UCAS support
- Cover letter writing
- Personal statement checking
- Trips to university open days

WCUC offer personal advice support and assistance not just from the point of first enquiry but right through the application and visa process. We support with accommodation, enrolment and throughout your time at WCUC and even once you've reached the UK university of your choice.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Warwickshire College and University Centre – a place for ambitious, talented and determined students.

Choosing WCUC means you will be part of an exciting and dynamic community of students. What's more, our safe, friendly colleges and supportive staff will make you feel right at home and allow you to focus fully on your personal and professional development.

Deciding what and where to study is a major life decision, but if you choose to study with WCUC, you're taking the first step towards a very bright future.

Angela Joyce – CEO WCG



WHERE ARE WE?



Most international students are based at our Royal Leamington Spa College.



TRAVEL LINKS

- Leamington Spa has direct train links to Birmingham (30 mins), Manchester (2 hours 15 mins) and London (1 hour 20 mins)
- Birmingham Airport – 30 mins by train or car
- Heathrow Airport – 1½ hours by car
- Rugby College has direct train links to Birmingham (40 mins), London (from 1 hour)



POINTS OF INTEREST & THINGS TO DO

- Warwick Castle
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage
- Jephson Gardens
- Experience an eclectic mix of local crafts, artists, traders and entertainers at the annual two-day **Peace Festival** in the heart of Leamington Spa. One not to be missed!
- Watch a play at one of **three theatres** in Stratford-upon-Avon. Shows are broadcast live around the world, and you might even see someone you recognise on stage
- Be wowed by the turrets of **Warwick Castle** where you can see a jousting contest come to life, or explore the castle's history within the depths of their dungeon
- Visit the world-class destination of **Coventry Building Society Arena**. An array of sporting events, including rugby and football, awaits. Plus, you can expect to see some of the world's biggest entertainment acts performing
- Experience local crafts, artists, traders and entertainers at one of the many annual festivals in the heart of Leamington Spa
- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- British Motor Museum
- Coventry Building Society Arena





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Visit **wcuc.ac.uk** for full course details and to find out about all of our colleges, or email one of our friendly team for a chat if you have any questions about the course, the college, the accommodation, visas or the area.

We'd love to talk to you

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