

Progress 8 Guide

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How can Leicester College help your pupils achieve in Progress 8?

As you already know, pupils and schools are now judged by the Progress 8 measure at the end of year eleven. This means in practice that young people have to achieve good passes in a variety of subject areas.

As well as important academic subjects such as English, maths, science, history and languages, there is an open group category. Here, pupils have the chance to complete their Progress 8 attainment with up to three further EBacc subjects or approved vocational qualifications – and this is where we come in.

We have developed a new vocational offering based on the Progress 8 criteria. Pupils who come to study with us will continue in school Monday to Thursday, and come to College every Friday to complete a vocational qualification. Each qualification we offer is known as a Progress 8 Technical Award, and can be completed in just one academic year – meaning that pupils can return in year eleven to obtain a second vocational qualification if that's appropriate for them.

Our Progress 8 Technical Awards are worth one GCSE and are completed over 30 weeks, with some subject areas allowing progression if the same subject is studied for a further year. The awards are available in a range of curriculum areas to suit pupils' talents and ambitions, and delivered by our experienced teaching team.

ESOL support is available to learners attending provision delivered in College or as direct provision in schools.



Training/Courses

Caring Professions

Technical Award in Child Development and Care – C5144

This course offers an introduction to working with children under five and has units which focus on early development and wellbeing. It's assessed through practical tasks and a multiple-choice test.

Technical Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development – C5145

Learners study how children's development can be promoted through play and key principles related to working in early years settings. Learners must pass all three units to earn their certificate.

Construction

Technical Award in Construction and Built Environment – C5137

Technology, design, and maths and science are compulsory. Learners then pick a free choice from carpentry and joinery, brickwork, painting and decorating, plumbing or electrical construction

Creative and Digital Media

Technical Award in Creative and Digital Media – C5138

Gain essential skills in using digital software including Photoshop and iMovie. Other art and design materials, tools, and equipment will also be used to enhance learners' knowledge and competence in this discipline.

Dance

Technical Award in Dance – C5293

Aiming to teach learners about the professional dance industry, this course covers various career paths including promoting a live performance. There's also the opportunity to plan, rehearse and perform in a final event.

Engineering

Technical Award in Engineering level 1 – C5141

The basic skills in electronics and mechanical engineering are covered in this course. Assessment is carried out via practical assignments as well as written pieces and online tests.

Technical Award in Engineering level 2 – C5142

Further developing skills from level 1, there are core units in mechanical and manufacturing engineering as well as units to choose from in design, mechanical, and manufacturing disciplines.

Enterprise and Marketing

Technical Award in Enterprise and Marketing – C5147

Covering the essential elements of researching and designing a business proposal, learners have the opportunity to put theory into practice at the end of the course by pitching and marketing their business idea.

Fashion and Textiles

Technical Award in Fashion and Textiles – C5139

Taught in our professional-level studios using varied materials, tools, and specialist equipment, learners will research, experiment with, and finally design and develop a textile product by the end of the course.

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

Technical Award in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy – C5272

In addition to learning about the products, services, and treatments provided in this sector, learners will undertake a hair and beauty research project and study hair and beauty science.

Health and Social Care

Technical Award in Health and Social Care – C5146

The course covers human lifespan development; health and social care values; social influences on health and wellbeing; and promoting health and wellbeing. Learners must pass each unit in order to earn their certificate.

Hospitality

Technical Award in Hospitality – C0412

Covering basic food preparation skills including knife skills, food production, food safety and storage, and how to present dishes to a professional standard, this course is largely taught in a professional kitchen environment.

Music Composition and Technology

Technical Award in Music Composition and Technology – C5140

Taught in one of the Mac suites, learners will build their skills in using computers to make music. Song structure, basic keyboard and music skills will all be covered so that learners can make finished tracks.

Science

Technical Award in Application of Science – C5143

The four units of this course cover principles of science; the chemistry of the earth; energy and the universe; and biology and the environment. The course focusses on practical and vocational applications.



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