



WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE

VICE PRINCIPAL (VP) CURRICULUM



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for expressing an interest in the post of Vice Principal (VP), Curriculum at Wigan & Leigh College. This is a key role for our college, central to achieving our strategic ambitions and delivering educational excellence. The vacancy is due to the retirement of the current post holder and we are looking for an experienced FE professional, who will add to the creativity and drive of the established Executive Team.

Working with the Executive Team, Assistant Principals and Curriculum Heads the VP Curriculum will lead all aspects of our 16-18 provision and Higher Education. You will also design and lead on our central strategic priorities around curriculum development, teaching and learning and the learner experience.

You will be joining a proud, strong and ambitious community that places the learner at the forefront of all decisions. Our positive culture makes it a highly supportive and innovative place to work where we value high investment in staff development and workforce wellbeing.

This role represents many opportunities for the successful candidate to make a real difference to the lives of the people in Wigan and the Greater Manchester (GM) area.

You will lead work with stakeholders locally and across GM. This will include being a key partner in the recently formed Skills Partnership with Wigan Council, Edge Hill University, Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the college, as well as working with the GM Colleges Group and spearheading our role as lead FE provider in the newly formed Greater Manchester Institute of Technology. Working with our Vice Principal Employment & Skills you will play a key part in ensuring that our college meets the needs of our communities, people and businesses.

Wigan & Leigh College is Ofsted 'good' with outstanding financial health. The last five years have been transformational for the college. We have seen substantial growth across the whole of our curriculum, undertaken significant investment in our provision, workforce and estate and under our new three-year strategic plan we are now ready to respond to the new national skills agenda.

The information provided will give you an insight into our college, the opportunities it could provide for you and how you could play a central role in our ambitious agenda. It is an exciting time to be joining the college.

If you are interested in this role and would like further information or an informal discussion in the first instance please contact Louise Brown, Vice Principal - Corporate Services.

You can contact Louise on 01942 761510 or l.brown@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

We look forward to receiving your application.

Anna Dawe
Principal & CEO



OVERVIEW

Wigan & Leigh College was established in 1857 and is the only general further education college in the metropolitan borough of Wigan. Wigan Borough is part of Greater Manchester (GM) and with a population of 317k is the second most populous borough in GM. The borough is in the northwest of GM and borders Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire.

The college operates from a number of sites across the borough. Parsons Walk Centre, School for the Arts, The Centre for Advanced Technical Studies and the Pagefield Centre are located in Wigan, near to the town centre. Leigh College and Leigh Adult Learning Centre are located in the town of Leigh.

The college is a general further education college offering curriculum activity across all core qualification types:

TYPE OF PROVISION	NO. OF STUDENTS	ANNUAL 2021-22 INCOME
16-18 Study Programmes	3,198	£19,842,365
19+ (AEB/Advanced Learner Loans)	2,400	£4,360,057
Apprenticeships (Level 2-6)	1,600	£4,866,270
Higher Education (Level 4-7)	550	£2,149,406

The curriculum is focused on vocational / technical education with a small A Level offer. The largest curriculum departments are Engineering, Construction, and Health & Social Care. Specialisms are focused around four Centres of Excellence in Engineering, Health & Social Care, Sport, and Creative Arts, along with our newly launched Digital Academy.

The college is rated as Ofsted Grade 2, has outstanding financial health and has self-assessed as Grade 2 for the 20/21 academic year. Income for 20/21 was £34.5M and is projected to be £34.5M for 21/22.



16-18 STUDY PROGRAMMES



There are currently 3,198 students taking study programmes at Wigan & Leigh College. The curriculum offer is from Entry Level to Level 3 with the majority of activity at Level 3 (55%). Advanced level study incorporates vocational and A Level study. T Levels were launched in Sept 2021 and they have attracted more than 100 enrolments.

Our dedicated Head of Studies teams, based at each campus, lead and oversee all tutorial and pastoral care and are in addition to academic personal tutors. The Head of Studies teams lead on safeguarding, enhancement and learner voice, as well as being a key part of the college's attendance and retention strategies.

Careers, work placement and destination planning is led by the FAB Futures team. Based on each campus, they work with Head of Studies and Curriculum Heads to deliver a fully embedded careers entitlement.

Student satisfaction rates are high. The latest data from FE Choices saw Wigan & Leigh College in the top 8% nationally and highest in Greater Manchester.

HIGHER EDUCATION



The University Centre Wigan & Leigh College has a rich history of offering HE provision for over 75 years. Provision is a mix of Higher Nationals, Foundation Degrees, Degrees and Higher / Degree Apprenticeships. The majority of HE provision is in the Centre of Excellence for Engineering. HE partners include the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), Edge Hill University and the University of Salford.

The recent approval of the GM Institute of Technology is a significant boost to developing the local HE offer further within the borough.



STAFFING AND STRUCTURE



The college Executive Team consists of the Principal, Vice Principal - Curriculum, Vice Principal - Corporate Services, Vice Principal - Employment and Skills, Director of Finance and Assistant Principal MIS and IT.

The college is supported by a wider committed and dedicated college Management Team, responsible for Curriculum and Business Support Teams.

The VP Curriculum has direct line management responsibility for a team of Assistant Principals, Head of HE, Head of Quality and Head of A Level.

We support all our managers and staff with excellent opportunities for development, as well as a vibrant and active college community with enrichment and events throughout the year.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves on our staff community and work hard to be a great place to work. We continually engage with our colleagues and ensure they feel valued as part of the organisation. We are proud to have achieved the Best Companies accreditation as a 3 star World Class organisation for Workforce Engagement, and have been listed in their awards in the following positions:



We have a strong ethos of individual support and prioritise staff health, wellbeing and development. We have a strong communication network and a highly effective employee voice strategy.



PHYSICAL RESOURCES



The college has recently made a multi-million pound investment across its centres to provide top of the range facilities, resources and learning environments. This year we have opened our new Centre for Advanced Technical Studies, boasting state of the art facilities for Computing and IT, Health & Social Care and Civil Engineering.

The college has also been selected as one of 16 providers to receive capital funding, as part of the Department for Education's Transformation Fund, for a substantial rebuild of the Parsons Walk Centre.



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