



**AQUINAS  
COLLEGE**

# **Aquinas College Information Guide 2023-24**

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# **A Statement of Purpose, Values & Vision**

Aquinas College strives to be a Catholic college for the whole community. Christ is at the very heart of our philosophy.

**This is expressed in our commitment to the Gospel values of...**

*Freedom, Justice and Love*

We affirm and value each member of our community, recognising the dignity and unique nature of each individual. In this way the presence of Christ is celebrated.

*“I have come so that they may have  
life and have it to the full.”*

John 10:10

We share in each other's strengths, support each other in our weaknesses and strive for the highest standards of achievement in all we do. We also encourage a questioning stance towards the values of our increasing secular society.

In short, we aim to provide reasons for living and hoping.

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# Introduction

This handbook is a guide to answer all questions parents/carers may have. To support this document, you will find a copy of the calendar for the college year on our website. This will give the dates for Consultation Evenings and other events. If you have other questions which are not covered here, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk)

We value the contact we have with parents and carers, whether formally arranged or informally by telephone or email. We realise that good communication is vital for our students' success.

The Group Tutor is your first point of contact and will get in touch if there are any serious concerns. Similarly, the Group Tutor will always welcome a phone call or email if you have any queries.

[Aquinas College Website](#)

# What it Means to Be an Aquinas Student

## Aquinas students are entitled to:

- guidance, advice and support from tutors and all other college staff; and to be enrolled on a course most suited to their needs and abilities.
- information on chosen courses and assessment requirements.
- a high standard of effective, well-planned teaching and all work informatively assessed and returned in no more than eight college days.
- use of the Learning Resources Centre and Information Technology facilities
- treatment solely on their own merits, without discrimination on the grounds of race, gender or disability. The college is committed to Equal Opportunities and will stand firm in the rejection of all prejudice.
- the benefits of the Data Protection Regulations and Freedom of Information Acts.
- regular reviews of progress and help in achieving targets.
- discuss the way this Agreement is being fulfilled.
- participate in activities organised by the Student Council and take part in Council meetings and elections.
- a healthy, safe learning environment and appropriate health and safety training.
- support, guidance and counselling by appropriate staff throughout their time as a student.
- participate in the Core Studies programme – Tutorial & General RE
- careers guidance, including help with applications and interviews and assistance with electronic guidance resources.
- the opportunity of a short work experience/career sampling placement and of joining a European exchange.
- The opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment opportunities.
- Be able to access support for wellbeing and mental health issues from internal and external agencies.

The counselling team based at Aquinas offers up to 6 sessions of counselling to students in need of support with their mental health (during term time). As this service is in demand, students may have to wait for counselling sessions to begin. Our team of qualified counsellors abide by the Ethical Framework of the BACP. Wherever possible, the privacy of the student is respected in order to provide a safe space for them to explore whatever issues have been affecting them.

Once most students reach the age of 16/17, they have the capacity to make certain decisions for themselves, so not everything will be automatically shared with parents. However, students are encouraged to be open with their family/caregivers when issues around risk are disclosed. The counselling team work closely with the Safeguarding team at Aquinas, striving to maintain the balance between protecting student confidentiality whilst ensuring student safety and minimising risk.

Students with special learning needs and/or disabilities will be helped on an individual basis.

### **Aquinas students are required to:**

- accept the principles stated and implied in the College's Statement of Purpose Values and Vision.
- adhere to the College's 'Core Values'.
- attend punctually when required and to accept the attendance requirements at all classes including those subjects chosen and those required as part of the Core Studies programme e.g. 10:10 tutorial and General RE, assemblies, referrals and other meetings.
- complete all work to an agreed satisfactory standard, in the specified time allocated.
- participate constructively in the regular reviews of progress.
- accept responsibility for their own learning with the support of subject teachers, Personal development Tutor and Senior Tutor.
- respect the individual rights of all members of the college.
- act responsibly at all times particularly within college and whilst engaged in activities associated with college.
- Attend college dressed appropriately for a professional environment.
- ensure a parent/carer reports to Student Information at college on [absencereport@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:absencereport@aquinas.ac.uk) or on 0161 419 3624 on the first day of absence, giving the reason and indicating probable length of absence.
- consent to the college recording and processing personal information including ethnic origin, learning difficulties, health and medical conditions, examination results, progress and attendance. This information will be used for statistical returns, reports to parents and references to employers and universities, as well as informing previous schools and publishing examination results.
- refrain from playing audio, visual and or written information on the internet, relating or referring to other members of the college, whether student or staff without their express written permission.
- take care of their own health and safety and that of other people in the college, including visitors.

- take personal responsibility for any resources used in or borrowed from the College. All items should be returned on time, in good condition and if not, to accept a charge or replacement cost will be payable.
- act upon advice resulting from not fulfilling the above conditions; for example, use of guidance services, careers counselling, course transfer.

## **Substance Misuse**

The college has a clear line of discipline on substance misuse which is explained to students when they first enter Aquinas.

Students will forfeit their place at Aquinas if found in possession, or under the influence, of illegal or non-medically prescribed drugs.

Similarly, students may be withdrawn if found in possession, or under the influence of alcohol. Any form of substance abuse is not compatible with our values and expectations.

# Pastoral Systems & Core Curriculum

We aim to offer all students outstanding support throughout their time at Aquinas. Our pastoral systems and core curriculum are essential to students fulfilling their potential, not only in their chosen subjects but in terms of developing their interpersonal, employability and intellectual skills.

Each student is allocated to a Tutor Group of approximately twenty-five students. Tutor Groups meet for assembly and our 10:10 Personal Development Programme. The 10:10 Programme is an integral part of the ethos of Aquinas College. Our aim is to develop educated, socially responsible, and highly employable citizens of the future. Students are encouraged to focus on resilience and a positive mental attitude towards their studies, using mind-set activities, group work and assemblies, covering a range of current aspects of everyday life. Personal development tutors will arrange 1:1 meetings with their tutees on a regular basis in order to support them in making progress with their studies. They will discuss progress and the student's goals in order to enable them to achieve their personal targets.

The Personal Development Tutor is the first point of contact for students, parents and carers. Personal Development Tutors are central to the support we offer students and through the delivery of tutorials and 1:1 progress meetings, they aim to help students cope with the demands of college life. Personal Development Tutors also assist students to prepare for life after Aquinas, be that university, employment or a gap year.

Another vital contact is the Senior Tutor, who oversees the work of a number of Personal Development Tutors. The personal tutor and the Senior Tutor will assist with student applications for life beyond Aquinas, as well as with practical matters. Both the Personal and Senior Tutor monitor student attendance, behaviour and academic progress.

Health education forms part of the tutorial programme and covers a wide range of health and wellbeing issues from healthy eating and exercise to careful driving. We strongly discourage students from smoking. We encourage students to choose healthy food options and there are plenty of chilled water dispensers around the college.

# Pathways

## **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

The Pathways Department at Aquinas College offers a two-year programme providing specialist educational opportunities for students working towards Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications.

## **The Curriculum**

We have four groups of students, each working towards Functional Skills qualifications in the core skills of Maths, English and ICT at Entry Level 1 up to Level 1. The rest of the curriculum is made up of lessons promoting independence skills in the home, in the community and at work.

## **Enrichment Opportunities: Students in Partnership**

We encourage mainstream students who may be interested in going into future careers in this area an opportunity to come to our department and volunteer. In the past we have had students running yoga sessions, supporting with reading, joining us on our residential trip etc.

# Full Attendance Is Essential for Success

## Expectations for Attendance & Punctuality

Students are expected to attend all lessons and we ask them to treat college as they would their part-time job. Students should be on time and ready to work. Attendance is the student's responsibility and they should be able to account for all lessons and should check 'My Aquinas' regularly so that any anomalies can be rectified in a timely fashion.

If students have unauthorised absences they should be prepared to discuss this with their personal development tutor.

1. Students who have any unauthorised absences within the first two weeks of college will risk losing their place at Aquinas. Attendance and attainment are clearly linked and we are keen to impress this on students from day one.
2. Students who have missed lessons in any subject, including the core curriculum, must go and find the teacher to explain why they have missed the lesson and catch up with any work missed. Students who fall behind in subjects will be referred to independent study sessions in order to catch up with topics or to complete outstanding assignments. Non-attendance at a referral session is counted as an unauthorised absence like any other and will incur the same sanctions.

Students are expected to attend all of their lessons punctually. If a student cannot attend college for any reason, or in exceptional circumstances, if they are going to miss lessons by leaving early during the day, they must sign out with Student Information Services.

Parents/carers are required to corroborate reasons for absence. Students who experience genuine attendance difficulties will be offered prompt and appropriate support.

# Roles and Responsibilities

## Parents/Carers

Support from parents is essential in maintaining the highest levels of attendance. If the student is unable to attend for any reason the college should be notified by using the absence reporting email or by contacting Student information services. Students have a two week window to authorise their absence with a satisfactory explanation. If no reasonable explanation is given in that window, they will be marked with a permanent unauthorised absence mark.

## What happens if a teacher is absent?

If a teacher is absent, work is either set in advance or another teacher is asked to take the lesson. Set work can usually be done without attending the lesson – this is known as “Guided Study” and is marked on the register as “G”. Details of any lesson changes will be posted on 'My Aquinas'.

In the event of a teacher being absent for a longer period we will do our very best to provide a supply teacher or the classes will be covered by another teacher from the Department.

## Support for continuing studies

Aquinas College wants all students to complete their studies successfully and achieve their potential. There are occasions, however, when physical or mental health issues are such that this is not possible. Consequently, there will be occasions where the college believes that it has exhausted the support options available and has made reasonable adjustments in all aspects of College life, but students are unable to make progress with their studies. In such rare circumstances, a student may not be able to complete a programme of study with us and we will either offer support in finding an appropriate alternative or, if possible, offer the opportunity to re-start.

# Monitoring Progress and Communication

## We always welcome and encourage contact with parents/carers

Subject reviews are produced every term in the Lower Sixth and term 1 and 2 for the Upper Sixth, and are accessible via the Parent Portal on MyAquinas. Subject reviews provide the current assessment grade and a subject comment, which gives information about the assessment used. We use a traffic light system to indicate student engagement and academic progress, where teachers have any concerns regarding either, an individual comment will be included by the teacher.

You can help us support your child by regularly logging on to 'My Aquinas' and monitoring progress and attendance through the Parent Portal. Information on how to access this will be provided in September.

Consultation Evenings are held annually, to enable parents and students to discuss progress with staff. Dates for Consultation Evenings are on the college website and we will email you beforehand to clarify arrangements.

To keep up-to-date with college activities and events visit: [www.aquinas.ac.uk](http://www.aquinas.ac.uk)

**Facebook:** [Facebook/AquinasCollegeUK](https://www.facebook.com/AquinasCollegeUK)

**Twitter:** [Twitter/AquinasUK](https://twitter.com/AquinasUK)

# My Aquinas is a Powerful Tool

## Online and my Aquinas

We use a wide range of online resources to support learning, which students can access at any time from home or within college via the Internet. 'My Aquinas' allows students to see and print their own class timetables, attendance record, examination timetable and examination results. It also enables them to access support services and to make personal disclosures.

## 'My Aquinas' Parent Portal

You can use the 'My Aquinas Parent Portal' to check your daughter/son's attendance, timetable, exam information and Progress Reviews.

## Parent Portal: How to Register

1. You will need a valid email to register. If your email address has changed since enrolment or we don't have your correct email address please call the college or email [enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk)
2. Go to the college website ([www.aquinas.ac.uk](http://www.aquinas.ac.uk))
3. Click on Parents then MyAquinas
4. Click the MyAquinas Parent Portal icon
5. Click Register
6. Fill in your email and choose a password
7. You will be asked to confirm the name of your child – if it is correct click 'Next'
8. We will send you an email to check your address is correct.
9. Check your email and follow the link (you may need to copy and paste it into your browser address bar)
10. You will then need to enter the birth date(s) of your child
11. You should now see the 'My Aquinas' screen

# Student Support

## Services at Aquinas are:

- Comprehensive
- Well established
- Highly regarded by students, parents and inspectors

Our Pastoral Care programme gives students the best possible support during their time here. They can expect:

- Regular meetings with their Tutor to discuss progress
- To discuss future plans in individual and group sessions
- Targets to be set and termly reviews
- Their performance to be closely monitored

If your child requires any information during the college day, the Student and Information Services Team located on the ground floor of the Learning Centre will be able to help. **The Student and Information Services may be contacted on 0161 419 3624.**

Students can find the Learning Support team on the first floor of the Learning Centre. Parents/Carers can contact us by phoning the college or by e-mail, but please be aware that we will need to meet with the student before support can be put in place.

## Safeguarding

At Aquinas, safeguarding is a priority and it is the responsibility of every member of staff. We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads, Andrew Bailey, Diane Greenidge, Catherine Legg and Sue Marks. Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on the college website. If you have any concerns please contact your child's Personal Development Tutor in the first instance who will then use college procedures to deal with your concern appropriately.

## Learning Support

Students are encouraged to approach any member of staff if difficulties or problems arise and additionally, any student can approach the Learning Support Team for support. They are based on the first floor of the Learning Centre and can be emailed at [learning.support@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:learning.support@aquinas.ac.uk)

About 25% of Aquinas students get some support from the Learning Support Team. Some of these students had support at school but many did not. Some students have contact with the Learning Support Team before they enrol but students can start working with the Learning Support Team at any stage of their time at Aquinas.

A team of three specialist Learning Support Teachers and a number of Learning Support Assistants work with students in a wide range of ways to enable them to achieve their potential, including:

- Providing important information to subject teachers
- Setting up exam access arrangements
- Lending equipment
- Providing one-to-one support (short-term or long-term)
- Providing support in lessons
- Reviewing Education Health and Care Plans

Decisions about support are made in discussion with individual students. Information about a student's support needs and/or exam arrangements is NOT passed on (automatically) from school to college: Students will therefore need to discuss these with the Learning Support Team as soon as possible after starting.

## Wellbeing Support

A range of mental health issues are delivered through our 10:10 programme and assemblies, educating students on how to manage their mental health.

If students need extra support with mental health issues they can self refer themselves to the counselling team; the counsellors run a triage system so that they can provide timely and appropriate help to those students who self refer. Students can also learn how to access external agencies for support via student information, Personal Development Tutors, Senior Tutors and Heads of Year.

Wellbeing workshops and courses are also offered to provide support for students and to educate them in how to manage their mental health.

If students have expressed a need for support with a wellbeing issue, attendance is expected at the workshops/courses we offer.

Every Wednesday afternoon all students can access Wellbeing Wednesday where all activities and events are focused on wellbeing for example; Art therapy, yoga, mindfulness sessions , crafting.

## Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy walks alongside our students through their journey at Aquinas, serving those of all faiths and none. The chaplaincy works with staff and students to bring the mission and ethos of our college to life and to give every member of our college community the opportunity to enjoy their journey and to live life to the full. Irrespective of faith, background or tradition, the chaplaincy is at the heart of the college and exists for all students and staff.

The chaplaincy leads the liturgy through collective prayer, Guest speakers, Talks, assemblies, trips centers around catholic life and social teaching, a weekly celebration of Mass with beautiful music, for all staff and students. We have a beautiful chapel where students and staff can enjoy quiet personal time of reflection throughout the day. Additionally, our Chaplaincy Social area at the heart of the main corridor is open to students and staff to meet and socialise with others and make your journey through college a memorable one. There is something available for every member of our college community. The chaplaincy also has a focus on social justice and our Lay Chaplain is very committed in supporting our students to make a positive impact on their local community through Enrichment activities such as Youth SVP and the India Project.

We strive to support staff and students on all levels with situations at home, within college, at work and during leisure time, in times of need, in times of sorrow and in times of joy. Our lay chaplain is there to provide a listening ear as well as emotional and spiritual support to students and staff. We operate an open door policy.

We have close links with various activities and groups within the college. These include Youth SVP, Christian Union, Cafod, the India Project, the Debating Society and Choir amongst others.

We celebrate Mass once a week on different days and at different times to give everyone the opportunity to attend Morning Prayer is said every morning at 10.35 in the college Chapel. The Chapel is available for individual/ group prayer and reflection at any time.

# Student Travel

## Getting to Aquinas College

Aquinas is easily reached by both bus and rail services. The 192 bus stop, to and from Stockport and Manchester, is right outside college on the A6. Greater Manchester Transport operates a concessionary scheme for students. Application forms are available online at [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com) To apply for the scheme, you will need two passport size photographs which require the college stamp on the back along with the application form. Students travelling without permits will be charged a full adult fare. The completed form, endorsed photographs, birth certificate and relevant fee should be taken to the Travel Shop near Stockport Bus Station.

## Derbyshire Students

Students travelling from North Derbyshire can obtain a Derbyshire concessionary fare card from Derbyshire County Council.

## Cheshire Students

Students living in Cheshire but outside the Greater Manchester area may be entitled to travel concessions. Students should contact Cheshire County Council Transport.

## Car Parking

To help protect the environment, students are encouraged, wherever possible, to avoid using cars to travel to college. Where it is essential to bring a car to college, we would ask them to consider sharing it with other students.

The car parking spaces adjacent to the college are limited and reserved for visitors and those with mobility difficulties. The main car park is divided into two sections; one for staff parking and one for student parking. Students must register their car with Student Information Services if they intend to use the college car park, or park on nearby roads. Motorcycles and bicycles may be secured to the racks provided.

# Financial Assistance

## Bursary

This scheme is designed to help you fund transport, materials and equipment.

### Applications welcomed from:

- Lone Parents
- Households in receipt of certain benefits
- Households with an annual income of below £30,000pa\*
- Care leavers
- Students receiving Income Support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves
- Students receiving DLA/PIP plus ESA/ Universal Credit in their own right

Find out more at:

[www.aquinas.ac.uk/aboutus/supportforstudents](http://www.aquinas.ac.uk/aboutus/supportforstudents) or ask Student Information Services.

## Free College Meals

The Government supports a Free College Meals system, for 16 –18 year old students. If you feel your child may be entitled to Free College Meals please visit the college website, download and complete a bursary application form ensuring that you tick the FCM box and provide the necessary evidence.

## Parent Pay

College uses an online payment system for all trips, visits and college resources. This is a cashless system. You will receive a letter containing a username and password which you can use to activate your account at: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

There will also be opportunities to pay by cash at the local pay point devices, should you wish to do so. Trips and resources will be highlighted specifically for your daughter/son.

If you already use the system for younger children you can use your existing account.

## Careers at Aquinas

Aquinas supports students with their career planning through exploring possibilities and making the next step whether into an apprenticeship, employment or university. Staff are committed to offering the best careers advice possible and students have access to a wealth of resources both in the careers library and the Careers section of the website. The Aquinas Careers provision supports students using the recommended Gatsby Benchmarks to facilitate careers related activities and events.

One of the main elements of the college's tutorial programme is educating students on their future options. This includes not only talking about the local jobs market, but how to make decisions about their future, considering their skills, how to search for university courses and information about how to make an application for an apprenticeship. Through the curriculum students have opportunities to listen to guest speakers who are experts in their field explaining the relevance of the subjects they are studying in the world of work.

To support our Careers Education programme we invite over 70 universities, training providers and employers to our After Aquinas Options Evening in March allowing students, parents and carers to find out more about universities and opportunities for an apprenticeship. Students are encouraged to attend University open days during the summer term and we also organise trips to Oxford and Cambridge universities as well as arranging a number of activities for prospective medics. The college also holds a Careers Day in July where students have the opportunity to listen to talks about different careers from people working in that environment. They have over 60 talks to choose from throughout the day.

Although many of our students progress to university, we have close links with apprenticeship training providers, including degree level apprenticeship providers.

[Aquinas Careers Department webpage](#)

[Careers Facebook page](#)

[Careers X \(Twitter\)](#)

# Learning Centre

The Learning Centre offers a fantastic resource to all of our students to meet their learning and information needs. Qualified and experienced staff are on hand to provide support, information and guidance all within an inspirational and a purposeful study environment, set out over three floors.

## Learning Centre services include:

- Careers advisors and all the latest career and university information
- Student Information Services for all timetables, bursary requests, travel enquiries and attendance matters
- Study support and Additional Learning Support to meet all study needs
- A large IT drop-in suite with full Wi-Fi coverage throughout for laptops, Chromebooks and other digital device access
- Comprehensive Library Services with an excellent range of printed and online resources, including annual textbook loans
- Printing and replacement of student college ID badges
- A wide range of study environments, including silent, group and quiet study areas to suit all needs, which should be pre-booked on MyAquinas via the 'Learning Centre Bookings
- Audio-visual, music and assistive technology loans
- Printing, scanning and photocopying facilities
- Broad range of stationary for sale.

Centre access arrangements, including opening times, can be found on the Library website at <https://aquinaslc.org/>.

## Useful Information

Learning Centre/Library – **0161 419 3607**

Email: [library@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:library@aquinas.ac.uk)

[Aquinas College Library website](#)

# E-Safety

## Guidelines for Parents & Carers

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding here at Aquinas, we make every effort to keep our students safe while working online in college time.

### **This is achieved in the following ways:**

- We maintain a secure IT infrastructure
- We deliver an e-safety education programme for students and staff
- We highlight the need for students to protect their online identity
- We raise awareness of the support students can access to report online concerns, (e.g. either to their Group Tutor or confidentially through our Safeguarding procedures and our Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Tip! For useful information view the CEOP Education website at

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

The CEOP Education team is a part of the National Crime Agency and they run an education programme which provides training, resources and information for children and young people aged 4 - 18, their families and professionals who work with them. Their aim is to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

[ThinkUKnow 11-18 page](#)

# Enrichment at Aquinas

We offer a full programme of activities to enrich our students' time at college and to supplement their academic studies. Enrichment activities take place throughout the week, both during and after the college day. Students are encouraged to get involved and experience as many different opportunities as possible outside their main subject timetable. Most enrichment activities are free of charge however, there are some programmes with costs attached paid via ParentPay. Our enrichment programme is skills focused, enabling students to be fully equipped to take their next steps; learning life skills, skills that will help to develop their career, enrichment that is career focused as well as students being able to learn new skills.

## General Enrichment

We have a full timetable of enrichment activities that run weekly or half termly. One-Off enrichment events and activities also that take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons and include activities such as; Go Ape trips, competitions, swimming, team games; dodgeball and archery, Golf, climbing, window art and many more.

## Sport

- College teams
- Football
- AOC Competition
- Run Club
- Yoga
- Rugby
- Girl's Football
- Netball
- Basketball

## Challenge

- Global Justice and Peace Group (CAFOD)
- Social Justice Group (Youth SVP)
- DofE (Gold & Direct Gold)
- NCS (National Citizen Service)
- Medics Programme
- Mock Bar Competition
- Young Enterprise
- Sign Language (6 week introductory course)
- IDEA
- Student Council
- Driving Theory

- Dungeons & Dragons
- Teachers of Tomorrow
- Healthcare group

## **Culture**

- Photography
- Japanese Culture
- AQ Magazine
- Disney Showcase
- Creative Writing
- Chess Club
- Film Club
- India Project
- Grade 5 Music Theory
- Choir and swing band
- Aquinas Citizens

## **Volunteering**

- Students in Partnership programme
- India Project
- Youth SVP
- Refugee volunteer work
- Local school volunteer opportunities (sports, literacy & numeracy)

## **India Project**

For the last eighteen years we have been raising funds to sponsor the education of underprivileged children in Mumbai. This is through the charity Prem Dan (meaning 'gift of love' in Hindi) which is run by the Sisters from the Religious of Jesus and Mary.

Students coordinate fundraising activities throughout the year including cake sales, sponsored sporting events, fairs and a college festival. The money raised goes towards sponsoring children and funding educational materials for schools run by Prem Dan. Meetings are held weekly to plan these activities. Thirty seven students and five staff visited India in February 2019 to work with the children in Mumbai

This is an annual trip each February.

## **D of E Gold (Direct)**

All students have the chance and are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities. It is our aim to give all students an equal opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting and recreational activities within our Enrichment programme.

There are other leadership and coaching opportunities if you wish to develop in this area with opportunities to attain a basketball refereeing qualification, FA Level 1 coaching qualification and a generic level 1 leadership qualification. All of this would be achieved through the new leadership academy being organised and delivered by our 'College Sport Maker'.

There are also opportunities for talented students to compete in sports such as badminton, cross country, golf, male & female 5-a-side football, netball, swimming, table tennis, tennis and trampolining.

The college competes in the North West College leagues in football, netball and basketball, and the development league for rugby. We also compete in a wider range of sports in the British College Sport competitions. We offer volunteering and leadership opportunities and have links with clubs outside college.

The college enjoys excellent facilities, a sports hall with 4 badminton courts and indoor opportunities for netball, basketball, volleyball and trampolining. There is also a floodlit football pitch, tennis and basketball court and a fitness suite.

# Evening Courses for Adults

Starting September 2023

- Gain a qualification
- Develop a new skill
- Improve Confidence
- Boost Employability

## We offer academic courses:

- GCSEs in English Language,
- Maths, Science
- Functional Skills
- Level 2: Literacy and/or Numeracy
- Access to Higher Education: Health Professions or Criminology with Psychology
- AAT: Accounting, Bookkeeping at Levels 1 – 3

**Courses take place on a Monday and / or Tuesday evening between 6 and 9 p.m.**

**Apply now and ask about funding (many are free)**

[Adult Education webpage](#)

## We Provide:

- Excellent facilities / resources
- Careers Advice
- Learning Support

**Telephone: 0161 419 3620**

**Email: [adulthoodeducation@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:adulthoodeducation@aquinas.ac.uk)**

**Website: <https://www.aquinas.ac.uk/adult-education-courses/>**

**GMCA** GREATER  
MANCHESTER  
COMBINED  
AUTHORITY

We offer leisure, general interest & fitness courses:

**Monday:**

- Baking Ceramics
- Creative Stitches
- Floral Design Painting & Drawing
- Painting for Pleasure
- Pilates French
- German
- Italian
- Spanish

**Tuesday**

- Ceramics
- Creative Writing
- Dressmaking
- Floral Design
- IT
- Painting & Drawing
- Watercolours
- Yoga
- French
- German
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# Term Dates

## Autumn Term

First day of term	Tuesday 29th August
Half Term	Wednesday 18th October - Monday 30th October
Winter holidays	Wednesday 20th December - Thursday 4th January
Planned Closure	Monday 6th November

## Spring Term

First day of term	Thursday 4th January
Half Term	Friday 9th February - Monday 19th February
Easter holidays	Thursday 28th March - Monday 15th April

## Summer Term

First day of term	Monday 15th April
Half Term	Friday 24th May - Monday 3rd June
Students Finish	Students finish

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