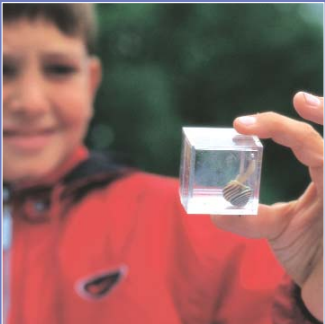


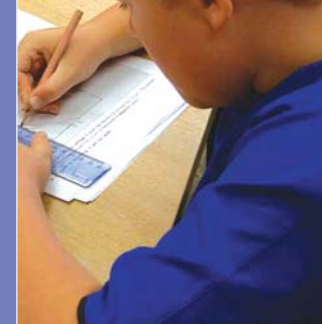
Wigan Education Business Partnership

Classrooms in Companies



**Out of School
Learning
Opportunities**

**Foundation Stage
to Post 16**



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Wigan and Leigh industry based Classrooms in Companies offer programmes tailored to the Curriculum for the Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. The key is active partnership between teachers and businesses to raise attainment through purposeful learning opportunities for young people.

The centres enable young people to benefit from, and enjoy informal learning through a wide variety of approaches and many different settings.

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National Education Business Partnership Quality Assessment report

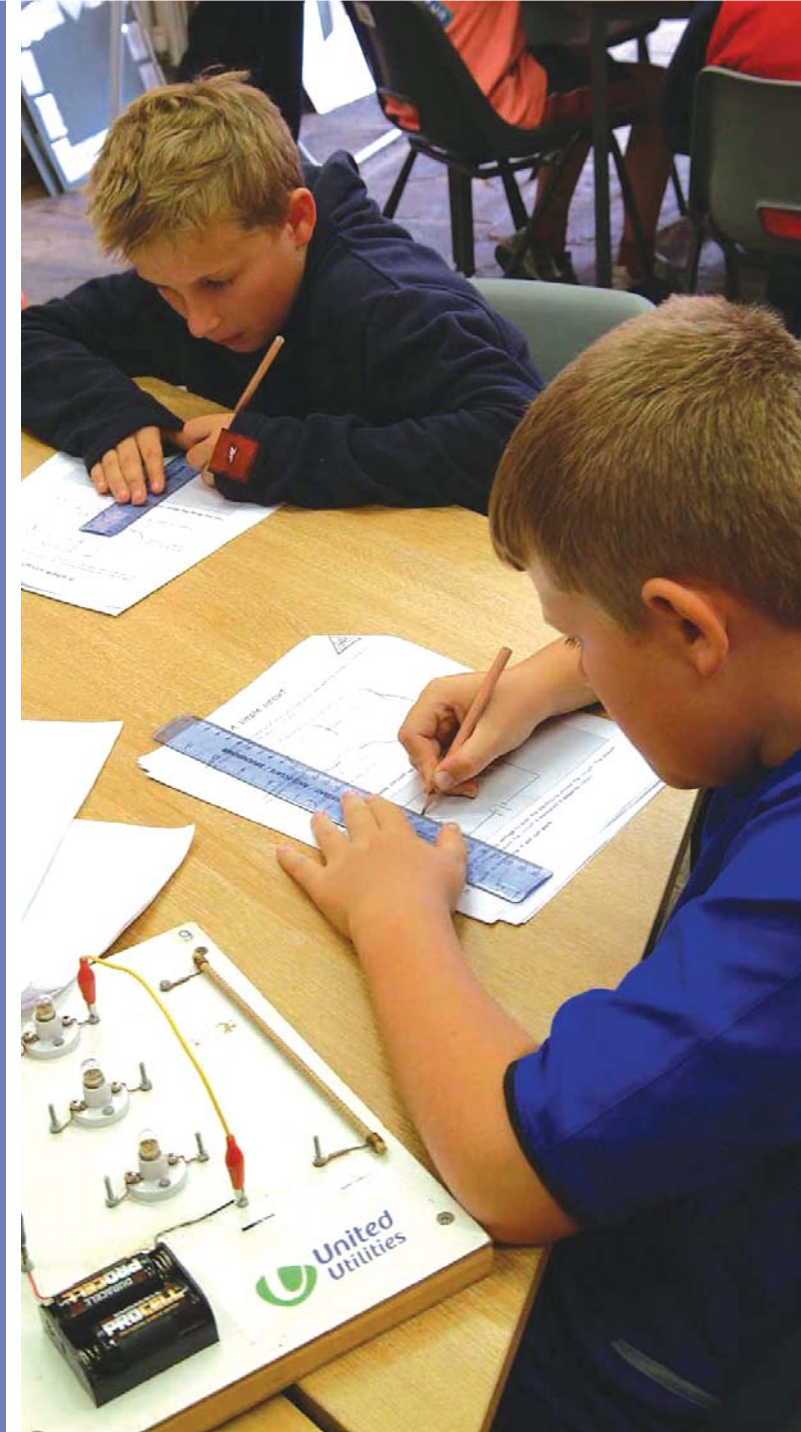
Each Classroom in Company:

- ▶ Offers a unique learning experience
- ▶ Embraces a range of learning styles
- ▶ Promotes opportunities for schools to use the world of work to enhance curriculum delivery
- ▶ Promotes skills of creativity, enterprise and employability
- ▶ Provides purposeful learning opportunities for the curriculum
- ▶ Promotes strategies which support schools to improve the quality of work related learning
- ▶ Provides professional development opportunities
- ▶ Supports the outcomes for Every Child Matters

Classes typically visit a centre for a full day. A tour of the site is followed by workshops led by employees of the host company in collaboration with seconded teachers.

The centres utilise the COMINO Foundation principles ‘Getting Results And Solving Problems’. The principles support a wide range of learning and teaching styles used in schools to ensure all our learners have opportunities for success.

Learning through, for and about the world of work



Leyland's Living Farm

Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1,2, 3 & 4



The Classroom in Company is based at a working farm. Teachers are provided with quality learning and teaching experiences that utilise the Curriculum for the Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum.

Children learn about the importance of a farm in providing a range of food products and can experience food production in a traditional way. Experiences promote the concept from the 'field to the table' and the Year of Food and Farming. Children develop an awareness of the countryside and the farmer's role in a truly 'free range' environment.

Teachers can opt for a half or full day to support the aspirations for the Year of Food and Farming.

Primary Schools:

- ▶ Every pupil will have undertaken a growing activity
- ▶ Every pupil will have first hand experience of food being grown
- ▶ Every pupil will have the opportunity to prepare at least one food plate

Secondary Schools:

- ▶ Every pupil will have taken part in a countryside activity
- ▶ Every pupil will have the opportunity to undertake work-related learning activities

The farm also provides extended work placements for Key Stage 4 learners with an aptitude for land based studies. From September 2007 a seconded teacher will work at the Classroom in Company one day each week.

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Risk Category
C
Costs
£3.50 per child until December 2007
£5.00 per child from January 2008

Construction Skills

Key Stages 1,2,3 & 4



There are now 5 schools in the Wigan area with their own construction centres. B Tech Ed Excel Certificate and Diploma are available for Key Stage 4 students at Westleigh, Fred Longworth, Bedford, PEMBEC @ Kingsdown and St. Mary's Catholic High School.

The fully equipped resource centre at Westleigh High School, supported by Construction Skills and Wigan Education Business Partnership aims to promote construction as a context for learning across all key stages.

For Key Stage 1 and 2, there is a programme of activities that covers brickwork, houses, roofs, materials and bridges. A series of awards for Construction Skills can be achieved for schools that use the visit as an introduction to school-based work.

A new resource, based on Humpty Dumpty, is available for loan for Key Stage 1 teachers.

All work is closely linked to the National Curriculum whilst also enhancing children's personal and social development through the activities that focus on teamwork. For Key Stage 3 students, there are taster days.

The latest addition to our Construction Skills Centres is the Western Skills Centre in Ashton-in-Makerfield. This is a new venture with a partnership of 5 schools St. Edmund Arrowsmith, Byrchall, Cansfield, Hawkley Hall and Abraham Guest. The centre delivers B Tech Ed Excel Certificate and Diploma to Key Stage 4 students.

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Risk Category
B
Costs
Primary Programme £3.50 per child

Leigh Centurions

Key Stages 1,2,3 & 4



The centre is based at the Coliseum Stadium - home of Leigh Centurions and aims to bring together the worlds of rugby, education and the local community.

Whilst delivering many aspects of the National Curriculum, the main emphasis is on the world of work, healthy living, numeracy and rugby skills. Pupils enjoy a range of interactive learning experiences provided by the players and staff.

Children take part in a tour of the club during which they have the opportunity to meet those people working at the club and to collect useful mathematical data to support and enhance delivery of numeracy in the classroom. They also have a chance to work with rugby players and coaching staff to gain basic skills associated with the sport.

This centre also operates an after school 'Playing for Success' programme for Key Stage 2 and 3 students and an Aimhigher programme for KS4 students.

Haydock Park

Key Stages 1,2 & 4



Follow the horse's tail around the trail!

Children follow the trail of procedures for a jockey and a horse on race day. They experience the build-up and anticipation to a race and the rules and regulations surrounding racing. The trail visits the weigh-in room, jockey changing rooms, the stewards' room, stables, parade ring and racetrack. Each part of the tour includes an activity which relates to the curriculum.

On the day the children design their own racing silks, which they wear to compete in a race on the Haydock Racecourse. There is an opportunity for children to interview a jockey and, when possible, to see a racehorse.

A Key Stage 4 Enterprise Programme is available to support Work Related Learning at Key Stage 4.

Anderton Centre, Chorley

Key Stages 4



Opportunities are available for young people to get hands on experience in catering and hospitality at the Anderton United Utilities Training, Education, Outdoor Activities and Conference Centre.

Based in rural surroundings of reservoir and woodland, Year 10 and Year 11 students work towards NVQ Level 1 in food preparation and cooking. Work experience placements in restaurants, cafes and hotels also form a major part of the course.

Young Apprenticeships in Hospitality and Catering are also available at the Anderton Centre, which equate to a qualification at Level 2.

Students must have an interest and flair in the vocational area of catering and hospitality. All learners are interviewed to assess suitability.

Days at the centre are negotiated to suit school times. Wigan Education Business Partnership facilitates this.

In addition, assessment sessions, demonstrations and taster days are available.

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Risk Category
A

Costs
Free

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Risk Category
B

Costs
£3.50 per child

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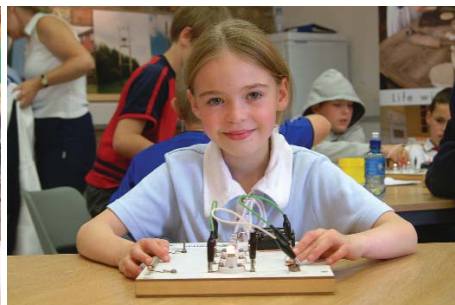
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Risk Category
C

Costs
£800 per student, per year
- one day per week

Leigh Environmental Education Centre

Key Stages 2 & 3



Water / Environment

This Eco-Centre and nature reserve owned and managed by United Utilities provides opportunities for primary pupils to develop their understanding of the water cycle, water treatment and the environment.

All activities enhance the National Curriculum whilst providing valuable industry / education links. There are opportunities for pond and weather investigations using the natural resources of the reserve.

All programmes have the relevant risk assessments.

Electricity Education, Bright Sparks

The electricity classroom at United Utilities offers "hands on" experience of electricity for Year 6 pupils. The day enhances unit 6G, 'Changing Circuits' of the science curriculum. Students take part in practical investigations using custom made circuit boards.

In addition there is also an integral safety awareness session, highlighting the dangers of the external electricity network and work-related learning through a short role-play focussing on key skills required to be an engineer in the utility industry.

Climate Change, Sustainable Energy

Following a successful pilot with 20 Wigan schools, this topical programme is now an integral part of the environmental education programmes on offer at the centre.

The KS2 activities are cross-curricular, supporting the DFES guidelines on sustainable education.

There are a range of differentiated activities including: preparing news reports and filming them; designing and making windmills or kites and energy audits.

Worthington Lakes

Key Stages 2,3, 4 and Post 16



This United Utilities' education centre is situated in the idyllic surroundings of Worthington Lakes. Programmes on offer include streamwatch, weather investigation, 'mini-beasts', pond dipping, water chemistry, and the water cycle.

CREST certificates in science for Key Stage 3 and 4 are also achievable within the secondary programme. All activities enhance the National Curriculum whilst providing valuable industry / education links.

As an Eco-Centre, programmes support Eco-Schools topics such as water conservation and waste minimisation.

The centre provides all resources.

All programmes have the relevant risk assessments.

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Risk Category
C

Costs
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Costs
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Leigh Town Hall

Key Stages 2 & 3



This Classroom in Company, housed in Leigh Town Hall, exists as a result of the partnership between Wigan Council, Children and Young Peoples Services and the Education Business Partnership.

A committee room in the Town Hall has been transformed into a working classroom, with access to the borough chambers. Young people can experience the work of local government in a practical way. They explore issues that affect their daily lives and use the impressive Town Hall's Chamber to share and present their findings and opinions through role-play.

Through creative citizenship programmes offered to schools, the young people develop skills of enquiry, discussion and presentation, all of which are vital in developing informed citizens and voters of the future.

The morning programme incorporates a tour of the building including the Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour, a history of Leigh Town Hall, its uses and interview with employees (linking to work related learning). Children learn about the role of the Council and its councillors. The afternoon continues to provide the 'Crime and Violence', 'Litter' and 'Recycling' and 'Towards a Healthier and Safer Community' programmes.

From September 2007, a new project entitled 'Contested and Controversial Issues' will also be available for schools to practice debating skills and to look at issues in school communities in more depth, which can then be disseminated by the pupils and staff on return to school. The centre can also be utilised to support school councils. Professional development placement days for teachers are held annually in partnership with the Houses of Parliament Education Team.

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Risk Category
A
Costs
Free

Champs Centre



Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1,2, 3 & 4



The CHAMPS Centre is the result of a unique partnership between Wigan Rugby League, Children & Young People's Services, Wigan Education Business Partnership, the Department for Education and Skills and Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust. The centre caters for pupils of all ages providing a learning environment which highlights the role of sport and emphasises active learning through the National Curriculum. Schools are offered access to the JJB Stadium, Robin Park and the Soccer Dome facilities, and have the opportunity to work with staff and players on a visit to the centre.

An educational trail is offered to primary pupils incorporating a rota of activities in the curriculum areas of Health, Literacy, ICT and Numeracy combined with a tour of the JJB Stadium, exploring Wigan Warriors as a place of work. Pupils can interact with a virtual reality 'fly through' around JJB Stadium and the old Central Park. A practical training session in the basic skills of rugby concludes the day. Literacy enhancements through soft play and gymnastics is available for pupils at Key Stage 1 and Early Years.

A media day experience offers pupils the opportunity to produce their own short film and raises the awareness of the increasing role that the media plays in everyday life and the promotion and use of emerging technologies.

The centre offers a range of opportunities at secondary level and visits are tailored to suit school needs with a principal focus on GCSE PE and Personal Social Health Education. Also, through funding from Playing for Success, the CHAMPS centre now offers an after-school programme for Key Stage 2 and 3. A programme is available for Key Stage 4 that enables students to develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes relating to enterprise that can be used and applied by learners in school and in preparation for their future careers.

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Risk Category
A
Costs
£3.50 per child

Pennington Flash

Key Stages 1 & 2



The Pennington Flash Classroom in Company offers a wide range of environmental activities providing hands-on experiences. The activities cover National Curriculum subjects and, although aimed at Key Stages 1 and 2, are available to all pupils in the borough.

Children explore the local environment and take part in activities such as pond-dipping, 'mini-beast' hunts, bird watching, bird-box making, ephemeral art, painting and orienteering. They are also able to discover the history of the area, the origin of the flash and the geography of the Pennington area.

The facilities at Pennington Flash are available to teachers who have previously visited the Classroom in Company for self-guided visits (Teachers Own Day).

The Parks Activities Team also organise a variety of activities in parks across the borough. These form part of a regular events programme or are specifically arranged for groups subject to staff availability.

Three Sisters Recreation Area

Key Stages 1 & 2



The Three Sisters Recreation Area Classroom in Company offers a wide range of environmental activities providing hands-on experiences. The activities cover National Curriculum subjects and, although aimed at Key Stages 1 and 2, are available to all pupils in the borough.

Children explore the local environment and take part in activities such as pond-dipping, 'mini-beast' hunts, bird watching, grassland safari, ephemeral art, painting and orienteering. They are also able to discover the history and geography of the area, including the industrial origins of the Three Sisters Recreation Area.

The facilities at the Three Sisters Recreation Area are available to teachers who have previously visited the Classroom in Company for self-guided visits (Teachers Own Day).

The Parks Activities Team also organise a variety of activities in parks across the borough. These form part of a regular events programme or are specifically arranged for groups subject to staff availability.

Mesnes Park

Key Stages 1,2 & 4



The primary programme based on a broad range of National Curriculum subjects and enterprise is delivered from the 'Playshack' - a classroom environment within the park setting. The programme uses the park environment and the current restoration project as an opportunity for 'out of school learning.'

Pupils become a time traveller to investigate the changes that have occurred in the park since 1878. Primary learners develop their own restoration project through research, exploration of the park, using archives and secondary sources. They investigate the history of Mesnes Park before presenting their findings to the class. During the afternoon the children plan and hold a grand opening event based on the original opening in 1878.

A programme for Key Stage 4 learners is available to identify issues associated with Mesnes Park as a public space. This project will target Key Stage 4 students for a one day programme to support enterprise based on preparing an event for the park, looking at sustainability, target audiences, DDA, celebrating the heritage of the environment and ensuring that young people are aware of their responsibility for its sustainability in the future. Wigan Education Business Partnership will deliver the Key Stage 4 programme.

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Risk Category
C
Costs
£60 full day
£40 half day
£25 Teachers Own Day

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Risk Category
C
Costs
£60 full day

“This brochure highlights fantastic opportunities for children and young people to engage in educational visits, which are informative and safe.

It is with regard to Health and Safety requirements that all involved in planning and leading visits need to follow CYPs Educational Visits Policy and Guidelines: particularly the requirements to notify the Educational Visits Advisor 4 weeks in advance of any category B & C visits using 'Form 2'.”

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All Classrooms in Companies use the Comino GRASP process (Getting Results and Solving Problems) in delivering their programmes.

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Information about categories and notification of visits can be obtained from the CYPs Educational Visits Policy and Guidelines.

If your school does not have a copy, one can be downloaded from the intranet via:

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