

Adult GCSE English

Course Overview

This is a fast-paced course for adults (19+). This course is offered at various sites either face to face or online via Teams. You need to attend once a week. Classes are offered mornings 9:30am-12:30pm, evenings 5:30pm-8:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm. You will have an additional 3 hours of independent study each week. You will learn in an encouraging and supportive environment and gain confidence to progress to your next step in education or employment. This course is for people who have not previously achieved a grade 9-4 (or A* - C) in GCSE English. You will need to attend an assessment session prior to enrolling to make sure that this is the right course for you.

What you will learn

You will develop your reading, writing and communication skills. You will read a wide range of extracts from 19th century non-fiction and 20th and 21st century texts, and develop the skills to critically analyse, evaluate and make comparisons between texts. For writing, you will explore the language and style of a variety of text types, including imaginative writing, letters, articles, reports and travel writing. You will also develop the skills to present a short topic to the class. Please see the specification for Edexcel GCSE English Language 2.0 (9-1) for further detail. When you enrol, we will provide you with details of the books you may wish to buy or loan.

Entry Requirements

This is an adult course; you must be 19 before the 31st August 2024. You cannot have previously achieved a grade 4 or above (grade C or above) in GCSE English Language; please check your eligibility before applying. You do not need to have any previous qualifications. The entry requirement for the course is the successful completion of an assessment (duration 1 hour). This will assess whether you have the necessary English skills to enrol on the course. You must be able to attend every session of the course throughout the year, as well as completing at least three hours of independent study every week to give yourself the best chance of success.

How you will be assessed

At the end of the course, there are two exams, with a reading and a writing section in each. Paper 1: 19th Century non-Fiction and imaginative writing. Paper 2: 20th and 21st Century texts and transactional (non-fiction) writing. The reading sections of the papers will contain extracts of texts that you will not have seen before. You will also need to complete an assessment of speaking and listening skills, usually through a 10 minute presentation. The exams will be in early June on dates set nationally and will be held at Abbey Park Campus.

Course Progression

Achieving a GCSE English level 4 or higher (C grade or higher) will increase your opportunities to apply for a range of jobs and further courses. GCSE English level 4 is increasingly becoming a requirement for many higher level courses, such as teaching, social work and nursing. Developing your higher level reading and writing skills will also benefit you in any further study as well as at work and in your everyday life.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will then be contacted to take an initial assessment and will be invited to enrol, or we will discuss alternative options for you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00207
Start Date	Various
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	Various
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	2

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