

Adult Functional Skills English

Course Overview

We offer a range of English courses for you to improve your skills and confidence in reading, writing and spoken communication as well as the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification in Functional Skills. Following an initial assessment, we will advise what level you are working at and what class we can offer. We have classes of each level (Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1 and level 2), offered at either Abbey Park's Campus, Freeman's Park Campus or City Skills Centre. You will learn in a supportive environment, with experienced teachers. Our English courses are suitable for people who want to improve their employment/educational opportunities, increase their confidence or to help their children.

What you will learn

Functional Skills English is made up of 3 units: - Speaking and listening - Reading - Writing. At Entry Level you will develop and become more confident at: taking part in 1:1 conversations and group discussions; reading and writing different kinds of texts; and improving your spelling, punctuation and grammar. At Levels 1 and 2 you will develop and become confident in discussion and presentation skills; reading and writing a wide variety of texts; and using accurate punctuation, grammar and spelling.

Entry Requirements

Our classes are for adults, and you must be 19 or above on 31 August 2026. There are no formal entry requirements. When you apply, you will be invited to attend an assessment session. One of our tutors will talk to you, and you will complete an assessment in order to find out your level and identify the most appropriate class for you. We do ask that you want to improve your English skills and have a willingness to attend every session, work independently and achieve the qualification within the agreed timescales. Our classes are free to most learners who do not already have an English level 2 functional skills qualification or English GCSE A*-C (grade 4). We will confirm this with you before you start.

Course Progression

Successful achievement on the course will allow you to progress onto a higher level of functional skills or apply for GCSE English. This qualification will also help you if you are considering applying for an apprenticeship. It may improve your chances of getting work or progressing within work, moving onto other courses, or enable you to support your children more effectively.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will be contacted to book an initial assessment in order to find out your level and identify the most appropriate class for you.

Course Details

Course Code	M00008
Start Date	Various
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	Various
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	Entry

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