

GCSE English Language Fast Track (November Exam)



Course Level: Level 2

Campus: Stafford

Subject Type: Science & Maths

Course Overview:

Improve your English skills and make a real difference to your life and career prospects. A GCSE English Language qualification is a basic requirement for most employers and education institutes. This course will help you to learn how to communicate clearly through effective speech and writing, and also help you to develop your analytical skills and express your opinions with confidence.

What's Covered:

During the course, you will develop English skills with the ambition of achieving a grade 4 or above.

The course is designed around 3 components:

- Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
- Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
- Spoken Language

Throughout the course you will read a wide range of text from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including literature and literary non-fiction, as well as other writing such as reviews and journalism. In addition, you will gain a sound knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation and effectively use grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language.

Your teacher will support you throughout the GCSE course, but it is important you have a real drive and commitment to achieving a difficult qualification. Whilst studying with us you will need to complete an additional 4 hours of weekly self-study learning through homework and online resources. You will be required to attend 2 morning exams that will take place at the beginning of November.

For the first 2 weeks you are enrolled on an introduction to GCSE English language course, where you will be taught the essential skills to help you progress on to the main GCSE qualification. At the end of the 2 weeks, you will complete a practice test to monitor your progress, followed by a one to one with your teacher to discuss which qualification is suitable to support your needs and aspirations.

For the first 7 weeks you are enrolled on an introduction to GCSE English language course, where you will be taught the essential skills to help you progress on to the main GCSE qualification. At the end of the seven weeks, you will complete a progress assessment, followed by a one to one with your teacher to look at your areas of strength and development.

Entry Requirements:

You will require good reading and writing skills and ideally hold a Level 2 Functional Skills English qualification or GCSE English grade D/3. To help ensure the intensive maths course meets your starting point, you will be required to attend college for one evening prior to the course start date to completed a variety of initial assessments and meet your teacher.

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed by two externally set morning examinations at the beginning of November. In addition, you will complete regular class assessments with your teacher to monitor your progress and get you ready for the qualification. Feedback and actions will be provided after each assessment, with resources available to further develop your skills within your 4 hours independent study time.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is FREE.

Progression:

Successful students may wish to pursue further study at the College.

What else do I need to know?

Please note that courses run subject to minimum viable class sizes.

How do I find out more?

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