

GCSE English (Evening) - Full Year or Fastrack Option

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 2 | **Campus: Newcastle** | **Subject Type: English & Languages**

Course Overview:

Progress in your career, support your children with their homework, or move on to further study by studying GCSE English as an adult learner.

Explore a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, learn how to write clearly and effectively for different purposes, and build confidence in expressing yourself both verbally and in writing. With practical, real-life applications at its core, the course helps you gain the skills employers and higher education providers are looking for.

What's Covered:

This course is specifically designed for adult learners, offering day and evening classes through a welcoming and supportive environment to develop your reading, writing, and communication skills. During the AQA (9-1) GCSE in English Language fast track courses, 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 2 hours of weekly self-study learning through homework and online resources. . You will also be required to attend two morning examinations; these are mandatory for all students, and the dates will be provided at the start of the course.

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.

If you've been putting it off, now is the perfect time to take the leap. Achieve your GCSE English and unlock new personal and professional opportunities , your journey starts here.

Entry Requirements:

You should be confident with your reading and writing skills and where possible, but not essential, hold a Level 1 Functional Skills English qualification. To help ensure the challenging English course meets your starting point, you will be invited to attend college for one evening prior to the

course start date to completed an initial assessments, meet your teacher and learn more about the course.

Following your initial assessment, your teacher will discuss how you can prepare for your GCSE course and which exam series is most appropriate for you. This may include the November 2025 series for fast-track students or the May/June 2026 series for those following the full academic year.

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed through two externally set daytime examinations, with fixed dates that cannot be changed. In addition, you will complete internal progress assessments to help ensure you remain on track to achieve your goals. Feedback and action points will be provided after each assessment, and online resources will be available to help you further develop any weaker areas.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is FREE to adults aged 19+ who have been a UK/EU Resident for 3 years or more.

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.

Our evening classes are held on the college's main campus, providing a focused and professional learning environment. You'll have the chance to connect with like-minded adults who are also keen to develop their skills, achieve their goals, and progress in their careers.

Our daytime classes take place in welcoming community venues close to the college, offering a convenient and supportive learning environment. You'll have the opportunity to meet like-minded adults who are also looking to develop their skills, achieve their ambitions, and take the next steps in their careers.

How do I find out more?

For further information, please contact our Adult Education Team on 01782 254211 or email adult.education@nscg.ac.uk.