

#TRANSFORMINGLIVES



SCHOOL OF ENGLISH AND MATHS

LEVEL 1

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH

TRANSITION PACKAGE

WELCOME & COURSE INFORMATION

Welcome to everyone interested in studying with us on, Functional Skills English, Level 1. This course will provide you with the opportunity to up-skill and improve your command of the English language!

The awarding body for this qualification is, Edexcel/ Pearson. This is a new qualification, which was delivered for the first time last academic year 2019-2021 and can be assessed at various points throughout the year, whenever you are ready.

All lessons will be theory based and our team are equipped to deliver via a combination of face to face classes, or remotely, via our online 'virtual learning environment' Canvas. (As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, we will be able to provide more information as to how this will work.)

Classes run for a duration of 90 minutes per week, from September to July.

As a gateway qualification, this course will help you to access vocational courses in other areas (as with our 16-18 year old Full-time students), or simply to improve your confidence and enhance your own career progression (as with our Adult learners who will study with us on a Part-Time basis). For many, this will be the first time you have studied English formally for some time. Be confident, you have taken a huge step forward already, just by enquiring.

Our diverse team is made up of several English and maths specialists, in addition to vocational lecturers, who are here to help support your learning, in any way we can.

The aim of this qualification is to ensure that all learners can communicate effectively, appropriately and accurately at home, in college and the wider world in general. Ultimately, we want to help you to move forward!

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course is delivered via three elements:

- 1. Reading** - Students will be assessed on your ability to read and understand a variety of different types of everyday texts.
- 2. Writing** - Students will explore how to successfully create their own non-fiction texts to help you with day to day life, for example; letters, emails, speeches, reviews, even internet responses.
- 3. Speaking & Listening** - The final element of the qualification focuses on how you communicate with others. You will take part in a discussion and deliver a presentation to showcase your new skills and highlight your new found confidence.

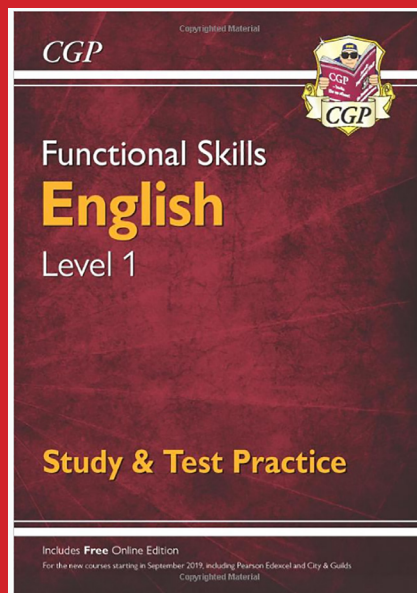
HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THIS COURSE?

Every student should arrive with a positive attitude to learning and their own pen.

To prepare for this course please visit the BBC Bitesize website and review the content. This should give you a good idea of the skills and tasks you will be expected to complete:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmqj2nb>

Revision guides are also available online, for anyone looking to get a head start. We would recommend the:
New Functional Skills English Level 1 - Study & Test Practice (for 2019 & beyond) (CGP Functional Skills) Paperback – 20 Aug. 2019 (as pictured).



KEY TASKS

Task 1 - Reading: Try to collect and read as many examples of non-fiction texts as you can to read. This could include; letters, newspaper/magazine articles, reviews, and speeches. This should help to build your vocabulary and awareness of what is expected of you.

Task 2 - Writing: To help use to identify areas for development, please produce a piece of 'free-writing' which tells us a bit about yourself, why you have chosen to study at H.C.F.E and what you hope to do in the future, once you have obtained your qualification(s).

Task 3 - Speaking & Listening: Search online for examples of Level 1 Functional Skills discussions and presentations.

*For those without internet access at home, the college 'Learner Core' should be able to accommodate you.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students who excel and show their commitment to the course may be nominated for an award at our annual prizegiving event, where we celebrate the achievements of our amazing students.



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