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# Adult GCSE English

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| Location | Altrincham Campus |
| Course Type | Adult |
| Department | GCSEs |
| Start Date | Monday 14th September 2026 |
| Duration | Part-time, 1 Year |
| Time | 09:00:00 - 12:00:00 |
| Fee | £ 0.00<br>You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information |
| Course Code | APQ-GEXX-1100 |

## Course Overview

A qualification in English Language is essential for progressing into further training, education, or employment. Th designed to help you achieve your goals by developing a wide range of skills in both written and spoken English.

Our experienced tutors will tailor lessons to suit your individual needs and abilities, using a variety of engaging an teaching methods. You will build confidence in reading, writing, speaking, and listening-equipping you with the con skills needed for everyday life and the workplace.

Please visit the Adult Maths & English Assessments page to find out more and book your assessment.

Alternatively, you can book directly using the link below:
https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/TSCGFunctionalSkillsEnglishMathsAssessemnts@live.trafford.ac.uk/?ismsa

## Course Requirements

This course is open to all adults.

- If you have a GCSE English grade 3 or a Level 2 Functional Skills English qualification achieved within the last five years, you will be invited to an interview to assess your suitability. You will not need to complete an initial assessment.

- If you have older qualifications or no formal English qualifications, you will be asked to complete a short written assessment to determine your current literacy level.

Please note: In most cases, we are unable to offer a resit if you already hold a GCSE English grade 4 or above.

## What You Will Learn

A GCSE English course covers a range of skills related to the English language, literature, and communication. The course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Reading Skills:
Literary Analysis: Analysing and interpreting texts, including novels, poetry, and plays.
Understanding Non-Fiction: Comprehending and critically evaluating non-fiction texts, such as articles, reports, and essays.

Writing Skills:
Creative Writing: Producing imaginative and original pieces, such as stories, poems, or scripts.
Analytical Writing: Crafting essays and responses that demonstrate an understanding of literary themes, characters, and techniques.
Transactional Writing: Developing skills in writing for different purposes, such as letters, articles, and speeches.

Speaking and Listening:
Presentations: Planning and delivering presentations on various topics.
Discussion and Debate: Participating in group discussions, debates, and spoken interactions.

Grammar and Vocabulary:
Grammar Rules: Understanding and applying grammatical rules and structures.
Vocabulary Development: Expanding and using a varied and appropriate vocabulary.

Exam Preparation:
Practice Papers: Completing mock exams and practice papers to prepare for the final assessments.
Exam Techniques: Learning effective exam strategies and time management skills.

## Assessment

- You will complete two written exams in June.
- You will also take part in one Spoken Language assessment, which is carried out internally during the year.

## Progression

We want you to feel confident using English in everyday life, work, and study. This course is designed to help you strengthen your skills and achieve a higher grade-opening the door to further education, training, or employment opportunities.

## Career Options

Completing a GCSE English course provides a strong foundation in language, communication, and literature. While it may not lead directly to a specific career, it significantly enhances essential skills-such as reading comprehension, writing, and verbal communication-that are highly valued across a wide range of professions. This qualification also supports progression into further education, training, or employment.

## Mandatory Units

Component 1 - Reading 20th Century Fiction; Writing for creative effect
Component 2 - Reading 19th and 21st century texts; Writing for functional use
Component 3 - Spoken Language assessment

## Contact Details

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