



GCSE Academic Foundation Programme

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	GCSEs
Start Date	Monday 8th September 2025
Course Code	MFP-ML3G-1100

Course Overview

Our Full Time GCSE programme provides a pathway for new arrivals in the UK and home-schooled students to acquire GCSEs in order to progress further with their education. It also offers a chance for students to retake subjects to progress onto a particular programme of study such as A levels or a level 3 qualification.

The Full Time GCSE Programme gives learners the opportunity to study 4 GCSEs in one academic year. As with all Level 2 courses, any learners who have not attained passes (grade 4 or above) in their GCSE Maths or English Language will need to study these as part of their 4 subjects.

Students who continue their journey with us for A Levels will also be able to pick up additional GCSEs the following year to further enhance their profile.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above including Maths and English Language (achieved in the most recent summer examination series).

Students who have not attained any GCSEs in their last academic year (i.e, if they have arrived from abroad or were home schooled) will need to take a short assessment to ensure they are working at a grade 3 (or above) level in Maths and English Language.

Students born on or before 31st August 2008 will require an interview.

Assessment

GCSE exams are held at the end of the year during May and June. All subjects are exam-based.

Progression

Many learners use this course as a platform to move onto a Level 3 programme of study including A-Levels, T-Levels, BTECs as well as Apprenticeships.

Career Options

This course will prepare you for Level 3 qualifications which can lead you straight into work or Higher Education. Former Full-Time GCSE alumni have continued their journey at Trafford College before progressing to degree courses such as Medicine, Law, Literature, and Engineering at prestigious universities including Manchester and Oxford.

Mandatory Units

GCSE Maths and English Language are mandatory for those learners who have not attained a grade 4. You will also study a science subject and one other GCSE.

Contact Details

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