

# English, Maths and ESOL

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and where is  
it taking you?"



**Guernsey  
College**  
of further  
education

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## Full-time students

Alongside their vocational programme, full-time students who have not yet achieved a GCSE grade C/4 in English Language or mathematics undertake an Edexcel English and Mathematics Functional Skills qualification at Level 1 or Level 2 or study for a Cambridge iGCSE in English Language and an Edexcel iGCSE in Mathematics. All students will undertake an initial and diagnostic assessment and be given support, advice and guidance from qualified and experienced lecturers to determine the correct level and programme of study.

## Part-time students

We offer evening classes for part-time students. These take place at our Les Ozouets campus from 6.30pm – 8.30pm on a Wednesday (English) and Thursday (maths). All students will undertake an initial and diagnostic assessment and be given support, advice and guidance from qualified and experienced lecturers to determine the correct level and programme of study. The examinations for the Functional Skills English and Mathematics Level 1 and 2 and the Cambridge iGCSE English Language and Edexcel iGCSE Mathematics qualifications are the same as those for our full-time students.

## Course outline

The delivery of these qualifications is an essential part of each student's programme of study and is built into their timetable. Students who undertake a Functional Skills qualification at Level 1 or Level 2 will receive one hour and forty-five minutes tuition each week for each subject. Students who undertake an iGCSE will receive three and a half hours tuition each week for each subject.

## Progression opportunities

Aside from working towards securing the skills that will support the achievement of their qualification in their chosen English and mathematics qualification, the skills that the student develops will support their learning in their vocational programme. Achievement of a grade C/4 in their iGCSE or Level 2 Functional Skills qualification will form part of the entry requirement for progression onto other courses in the College, for university entrance or higher education study, or securing work at the end of their vocational programme.



## ESOL (English for speakers of other languages)

ESOL classes at our Les Ozouets campus range from Beginners to Advanced, but can vary depending on numbers. If there is sufficient demand, we also offer daytime classes.

The College provides assessments for people seeking to work and live in Guernsey. We also liaise with the British Council to run the IELTS B1 Life Skills exam along with the Life in the UK test, both of which are required for citizenship.



## Functional skills English

The aims of these qualifications are to develop student understanding and skills in:

- Speaking, listening and communication - make a range of contributions to discussions in a range of contexts, including those that are unfamiliar, and make effective presentations.
- Reading - select, read, understand and compare texts and use them to gather information, ideas, arguments and opinions.
- Writing - write a range of texts, including extended written documents communication information, ideas and opinions, effectively and persuasively.

### Assessment Method

At both Level 1 and Level 2, the students undertake two external exams (paper-based or online) in Reading and Writing and complete two internal assessments for Speaking and Listening.

## Functional skills maths

The qualification is designed to:

- Develop the student's ability to represent situations using mathematics.
- Analyse calculations and solve problems.
- Interpret mathematics to explain situations.

### Assessment Method

Students are assessed in a single, external test, either paper-based or online.

## GCSE English language

The Edexcel GCSE English Language qualification enables students to:

- Understand and respond to what they hear, read and experience.
- Communicate accurately, appropriately, confidently and effectively.
- Enjoy and appreciate a variety of language.
- Work with information and ideas in other areas of study, for example, by developing skills of analysis, synthesis and the drawing of inferences.

### Assessment Method

Students are assessed in May by two external exams.

## iGCSE maths

The Edexcel International GCSE in Mathematics (Specification A) qualification enables students to:

- Develop their knowledge and understanding of mathematical concepts and techniques.
- Expand their mathematical skills for further study in the subject or related areas.
- Enjoy using and applying mathematical techniques and concepts, and become confident in using mathematics to solve problems.
- Appreciate the importance of mathematics in society, employment and study.

### Assessment Method

Students are assessed in either January or June by two calculator papers, each lasting two hours. Mathematics teaching has an emphasis on activity based learning and student participation.

# Additional learning support

As part of your learning programme, students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

For more details or how to apply, please contact:

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*NB: Course information correct at time of print.*

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