



GCSE English Language/Functional Skills English Level 2

One year course.

Students will generally combine this course with up to five other GCSEs or a BTEC First Diploma or Introductory Certificate. It may also be taken as a re-sit with a limited range of level three courses. English Language is the key qualification for progression in education and provides the essential skills needed for successful communication with others. This course will not only provide the qualification you need but will seek to improve your skills in this vital area for your success and happiness in life.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. Students wishing to undertake this subject will normally have a grade D at GCSE English but this is not essential. A desire to succeed and the motivation to work is vital.

This subject will focus on:

- reading skills;
- writing skills; and
- speaking and listening skills.

You can expect to:

- study creative writing;
- study literature including Shakespeare and prose;
- study media texts;
- study poetry from a range of cultures and traditions;
- participate in discussions and give presentations; and
- participate in role play activities.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS level courses or BTEC National Certificate/Diploma programmes. This qualification is also highly valued by employers.

Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

English GCSE had a 77% A-C pass rate in 2008 and an overall pass rate of above 80% (including Key Skills Level 2). Our retention, success rate and pass rates are all excellent and significantly above national benchmarks.

“Very high success rates on GCSE English.”

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