



Functional and Key Skills (English, Mathematics and ICT)

For many years now, employers have recognised that Functional Skills are important and that there should be more emphasis in education on equipping people for real life situations.

The College is fully committed to encouraging the development of these skills and students will find that Functional Skills are an important part of all the courses they study. There will be many opportunities to develop these skills both formally and informally in a range of subjects and activities.

English Functional Skills:

Details of this are included in the section on GCSE English.

Mathematics:

Details are included in the section on GCSE Mathematics.

ICT:

- many students in the College will take a Level 2 Functional Skills qualification;
- any student who does not have GCSE ICT at grade C or above (or an equivalent vocational qualification) is expected to take Level 2 ICT;
- assessment is by online examination; and
- the courses occupy one period a week.

Progression:

Key Skills and Functional Skills qualifications are recognised by both employers and Higher Education institutions and some students have used them to finally secure a university place.