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Who is this course for?	GCSE English
Entry requirements	This is an intensive one year course for adults who are confident in their English skills and need to gain GCSE English in order to gain employment and/or enter training/vocational courses.
What will I learn on this course?	You need to be a good reader and be confident about writing, able to express your ideas and respond to others' ideas in a discussion. We will carry out an extended assessment with you to find out if this course is for you.
How will I learn?	You will follow the GCSE set syllabus which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading fluently, and with good understanding, a wide range of texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including fiction and nonfiction texts such as speeches, biographies and reviews . • Reading and evaluating texts critically and make comparisons between texts, summarising and synthesising information or ideas, • Using knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve your own writing, • Writing effectively and coherently using Standard English, grammar, punctuation and spelling appropriately and applying a wide range of vocabulary, • Listening to and understanding spoken language and using spoken Standard English effectively.
What qualifications will I gain?	This course is two 2.5 hour sessions per week. It is very important to attend all the sessions as this is an intensive course. When you are not able to attend you will be supported to complete home tasks. You will work in a variety of ways including pair and small/whole group activities. You will be given work to do at home.
What could this course lead to?	GCSE English Language
Other Information	This could help you get a job or a promotion or gain entry to further study. A GCSE English qualification is required by some university courses/professional routes.
Can I join anytime?	You must join in September.

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Who is this course for?	Adults who need a GCSE in English in order to gain employment and/or enter training/vocational courses. This a one year course to prepare for entrance to GCSE English exam in year 2. This route to GCSE is for adults who need more time to develop their skills to reach GCSE standard.
Entry requirements	You should have good writing, reading and spoken language skills and be able to reach GCSE standard within two years.
What will I learn on this course?	You will be introduced to the GCSE set syllabus but with a strong focus on developing punctuation, spelling, grammar and reading skills, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Read a wide range of texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including fiction and nonfiction texts. •Compare ideas and techniques used by authors in their writing •Develop writing skills using a range of styles and purposes •Develop your writing to improve accuracy, present information clearly and widen your vocabulary • Take part in a range of speaking and listening activities such as group discussions to develop your spoken language skills • Gain a valuable introduction to the GCSE syllabus and GCSE examination methods and papers
How will I learn?	This course is two sessions per week. Each session is 2.5hrs long. When you are not able to attend you will be supported to complete home tasks. You will work in a variety of ways including pair and small/whole group activities. You will be given work to do at home.
What qualifications will I gain?	This course is non-accredited - however, you will be assessed regularly to chart your progress against the GCSE assessment requirements.
What could this course lead to?	GCSE English.
Other Information	September (may be possible to enrol later subject to availability).
Can I join anytime?	Adults who need a GCSE in English in order to gain employment and/or enter training/vocational courses. This a one year course to prepare for entrance to GCSE English exam in year 2. This route to GCSE is for adults who need more time to develop their skills to reach GCSE standard.

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Course family title	English Skills for Work
Who is this course for?	Adults who want to improve their reading, writing skills for everyday life and employment purposes.
Entry requirements	There are no entry requirements. We have a course for you if you want to improve your English skills. You will be given an assessment to check where you're at and then given advice about the correct level class to join.
What will I learn on this course?	You will work on the skills you need to improve, such as spelling, punctuation, reading and vocabulary development. You will have the opportunity of applying these skills in a variety of contexts for everyday life and work.
How will I learn?	You will attend once per week for 2.5 hrs. You will learn through a variety of methods including group, pair and individual work. You will be given the opportunity to take advantage of flexi learning (ie. home tasks) when you are unable to attend a session. You will be given homework on a regular basis.
What qualifications will I gain?	You will have the chance to get a Functional English qualification
What could this course lead to?	You will gain confidence in your reading and writing skills to use them in everyday life and work and job applications. You could also progress onto a higher level English course.
Other Information	
Can I join anytime?	You can join the course at any time if there are places.

English Skills for Work with Grammar Support

Course family title	English Skills for Work with Grammar Support
Who is this course for?	Adults who have English as a second language who have good speaking and listening skills but need to improve their reading and writing.
Entry requirements	This course is for you if you want/ need to improve your reading, writing and grammar skills. You should be at an intermediate level or above, which means you can read newspapers and can read/ write your own personal letters or emails to friends. Your speaking and listening must be good.
What will I learn on this course?	The focus will mostly be on reading and writing, with a strong focus on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving your grammar and use of vocabulary • improving /refining your speaking and listening skills by taking part in discussions and practising your interview techniques. • writing with accuracy and clarity in a variety of contexts including job applications and CVs, formal letters, emails and reports • reading and understanding a wide range of texts to widen your vocabulary
How will I learn?	This course is two sessions per week. Each session will last 2.5 hrs. You will work as a group, in pairs and on your own. You will be given work/reading tasks or research to do at home. The more you practise the more progress you will make.
What qualifications will I gain?	You will have the chance to get a Functional English qualification
What could this course lead to?	You will gain confidence in your reading and writing skills to use them in everyday life and work and job applications. You could also progress onto a higher level English course.
Other Information	
Can I join anytime?	You can join the course at any time if there are places.

English Skills for Work Fast Track

Course family title	English Skills for Work Fast Track
Who is this course for?	Adults who need to gain level 1 or 2 literacy skills and a qualification to gain employment and or enter training/vocational courses.
Entry requirements	You will be quite confident in your reading and writing skills but you may need to refresh/boost your skills around punctuation, spelling and general confident in writing in writing formal letters and other formal documents in life and work such as reports and job applications.
What will I learn on this course?	You will develop your reading, writing and spoken language skills in a variety of contexts to help you succeed in everyday life and work including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and understanding a range of texts independently and accurately to obtain information and main points • Being able to critically evaluate and compare information/ideas and opinions from different sources • Writing in different formats and styles for a variety of purposes such as letters, emails and reports • Taking part in discussions and exchanges - both formal and informal, including a formal presentation.
How will I learn?	This is a fast track courses so the pace is quick. You will need to complete homework tasks. You will learn through a variety of methods including group, pair and individual work. You will be given the opportunity to take advantage of flexi learning (ie home tasks) when you are unable to attend a session.
What qualifications will I gain?	Functional Skills in English Level 1 or Level 2.
What could this course lead to?	This could help you gain the skills you need to help you look for a job or voluntary work. It could also help you to get on another course or training, including progress to a higher level English course, eg GCSE in English.
Other Information	
Can I join anytime?	Courses start throughout the year

Splendid Blended

Course family title	Splendid Blended
Who is this course for?	Adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills and prefer to work more independently and online.
Entry requirements	This course is for you if you want to improve your reading and writing skills and/or want to gain a qualification in English, but like to work independently/flexibly and are confident using computers. You should be quite confident in your reading and writing skills but you may need to refresh/boost your skills around punctuation, spelling and general confidence in reading and writing.
What will I learn on this course?	You will develop your reading, writing and spoken language skills in a variety of contexts to help you succeed in everyday life and work including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and understanding a range of texts independently and accurately to obtain information and main points • Being able to critically evaluate and compare information/ideas and opinions from different sources • Writing in different formats and styles for a variety of purposes such as letters, emails and reports • Taking part in discussions and exchanges - both formal and informal.
How will I learn?	This course is a blend of independent online study and occasional attendance at a centre. You can study in your own time and in a flexible way. Your tutor will provide guidance via on-line support, 1:1 tutorials and some small group workshops if appropriate. You must attend a centre for all your exams and for practice exams.
What qualifications will I gain?	Functional skills in English Level 1 and/or Level 2.
What could this course lead to?	This could help you gain the skills you need to help you look for a job or voluntary work. It could also help you to get on another course or training.
Other Information	
Can I join anytime?	You can join the courses throughout the year, September-June.

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