

Quick Guide to the English & Maths Policy 2016/17

Purpose & Scope of the English & Maths Policy

- All 16-18 learners who have **not yet achieved grade A* to C in GCSE English and Maths will continue to study towards achieving them**
- Learners who **do not yet have Grade A* to C in GCSE English and / or maths must take either GCSE or Functional Skills** as a stepping stone to achieving GCSE grade A* to C
- Learners who **have GCSE English & maths at A*-C will undertake a diagnostic assessment** and be linked to appropriate materials on an individualised programme to continue to improve their English and Maths

General Principles & Level of Study

- **The level of English and maths studied will be based on previous qualifications and initial assessment. As a GENERAL* guide:**
 - English / Maths GCSE Grade E or below, = **FUNCTIONAL SKILLS LEVEL E3, 1 or 2**
 - English / Maths GCSE Grade E or below & Functional Skills Level 1 = **FUNCTIONAL SKILLS LEVEL 2 or GCSE**
 - English / Maths GCSE Grade D or Functional Skills Level 2 = **GCSE**
 - English / Maths GCSE Grade A* to C = **CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH & MATHS IN VOCATIONAL SESSIONS PLUS TARGETED WORK ON AREAS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT FOLLOWING DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT**
- *Note that this may vary depending on individual circumstances, for example additional learning needs or career aspirations*

Delivery

- **For full time learners** - each functional skill will be timetabled for one and a half hours per week, each GCSE will be timetabled for 3 hours per week. All learners will continue to develop their English & maths through embedding in their vocational qualification and feedback via assessment. Learners will be expected to do work outside of the classroom.
- **For part time learners** - delivery will be through an appropriate combination of classroom sessions and online delivery. All learners will continue to develop their English & maths through embedding in their vocational qualification and feedback via assessment. Learners will be expected to do work outside of the classroom.