

English and Maths: Qualification offers

Functional Skills GLH: 55

Functional Skills qualifications are available for Entry 1 (E1) – Level 2 (L2). Exams can be taken at Southside and Radstock centres.

A Level 2 Functional skills qualification is the equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 (C), this means it is widely accepted as an alternative to having a GCSE. Functional skills exams contain significantly less content than a traditional GCSE and can be taken all year round. There is also the possibility of a resit or resits within the same academic year.

Functional Skills English has three elements to the exam (spread throughout the year)

1. Speaking, Listening and Communicating
2. Reading
3. Writing

You must pass all elements to gain the full qualification. Partial passes can be carried over to the following academic year only and so long as the awarding body remains the same. This qualification is designed to help people apply skills in real life situations such as work, education and everyday life with an emphasis on practical, usable knowledge.

Functional Skills Maths teaches practical math skills suitable for everyday life and work which equips you with usable/transferable knowledge. It has two elements, Calculator and Non - Calculator both elements need to be passed to gain the full qualification.



GCSE GLH: 120-140

We offer GCSE resits in English and Maths for those who meet the assessment criteria. The resit is the full academic year. Lessons will be face to face and/or online learning. Young people will need to be enrolled and attending sessions from October. This will be regularly reviewed against attendance.



Ascentis: Stepping Stones to Functional Skills GLH: 20 - 140 (typically 40-60)

Aimed at adults and young people who wish to improve their English and Maths skills. You can gain accreditation from individual Awards, levels range from Entry 1 (E1) to Level 1 (L1). The Awards are intended to aid progression, typically to Functional Skills. The individual stand-alone units have been mapped to the Adult Literacy Core Curriculum and reflect the requirements of the Functional Skills qualification.

There are several features of these qualifications that make them very appropriate for their target learners:

- **Small Award-sized qualifications are available as well as unit certificates**
- **They include relatively short units, each of 20/30 guided learning hours – bite-sized learning**
- **They can be delivered either as a classroom-based course or as a blended learning programme**
- **They are assessed by completion of Ascentis-designed assessments – no portfolio of evidence required**
- **Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility.**

Stepping Stones assessments can be taken at Southside or Radstock sites.

Non-accredited - Reading Programme 'Let's read'

'Lets Read' is a reading programme designed for adolescents and adults who have gaps in their reading ability. Its purpose is to build confidence in phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The learners can then progress on to the accredited Stepping Stones to Functional Skills qualifications.

The learners starting point within the programme is determined through a short assessment which will identify where the gaps in their learning begin. Through regular 20-minute sessions their journey to free reading begins!

Books have appropriate text for adults. The text can be in any format, such as emails, articles, or poetry. These materials can be tailored to the persons hobbies or interests.

