

# English and Maths (inc. ESOL)

## English GCSE Part-time

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

Starting from w/c 9 September there are a variety of class groups to choose from including an evening session. Class attendance will be one class for 3 hours per week. Enrolment will stay open until and including 6 January 2025.

#### Entry Requirements

- Aged 19+
- You are normally expected to have achieved grade 3/D in GCSE Maths. However you will undertake an assessment. Learners who are not suitable will be offered an English functional skills alternative qualification

#### You will achieve

GCSE English at Higher Tier (maximum grade 8/9) or GCSE English at Foundation Tier (maximum grade 5)

Grades are given from 9-1, with 9 being the highest.

## Course Overview

English is invaluable for your future no matter what you are aiming for. This course will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to gain a GCSE qualification in English.

## Course Content

From Architecture to Zoology, GCSE English will help you to:

- Work independently
- Be creative
- Think critically
- Communicate your ideas with confidence
- Think logically

Barnsley College offers you the opportunity to choose between a mixture of classroom based and online attendance, or completely online study. This can be discussed at your initial assessment.

You will study the following areas:

- Effective communication through speaking and listening
- The ability to read with insight, distinguish between fact and opinion, follow an argument and understand how writers use language to achieve effect
- The ability to organise your ideas and to communicate clearly through writing
- The use of accurate spelling and punctuation

You can view AQA course specifications by clicking on the link below;

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>Results  
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## How will I be assessed?

The new specification of GCSE English has no coursework element. There are two exams at the end of the course.

You must be able to attend the exams on the days given to you as they are fixed dates for all GCSE exams across the country.

There is a separate Speaking and Listening component to the course which is assessed in class and does not count towards your overall 1 – 9 grade. A separate grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction is given for this element of the course.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

You will be required to provide file paper and writing equipment. It is possible that you may need to obtain copies of certain texts, although these can usually be borrowed from the Learning Curve (the library at Barnsley College) if you do not want to purchase them. Some coursework assignments can be word processed if you wish.

## Where will I study?

Old Mill Lane campus  
Church Street  
Barnsley  
S70 2AX

## What can I do next?

GCSE English Language is a basic qualification for a wide variety of possible career options and the option of further study.

## How much does the course cost?

This course is fully funded to anyone who is aged 19+ and does not already have a grade 4/C in this subject. For applicants who do not meet all these criteria, the full cost of the course is £500.

This course is funded by *South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and/or West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA)*.

## **Extra information**

### **Contact the Information Unit**

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email [info@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk) [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

### **Additional Learning Support**

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

### **Disclaimer**

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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