

## What is the course about?

English Functional Skills is a fast-paced English course for adults who wish to improve their skills.

There are 3 components to the qualification, including a reading, writing, and spoken exam. All 3 must be completed to achieve the qualification. Your current level of English will be assessed prior to enrolment.

## Why should I choose the course?

This 16-week course is designed to help you complete all elements within the academic year, enabling you to progress to the next level or start using your qualification sooner than with a traditional year-long course. You'll attend 3 hours of face-to-face lessons each week. Because the course moves at a fast pace, you should also expect to spend 1 to 2 hours per week working independently at home.

## What will I learn?

The course will improve your English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills - allowing you to progress both academically and personally, building confidence in literacy and communication skills for life, work, and further education.

## What will the course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course may lead to further study of English at higher level, such as GCSE English.

## Are there any links with industry and university?

Achieving a level 2 Functional Skills qualification is recognised by most businesses and Higher Education establishments as the equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 (always check with the provider as to the qualifications they require).

## What support is available?



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Weaver St, Winsford CW7 4AH

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We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a Wellbeing Team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college. For personalised advice on funding, please contact our Learner Services Team on 01925 494 400 or email [learner.services@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:learner.services@wvr.ac.uk).

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Warrington & Vale Royal College has been rated as a Good provider in our latest Ofsted inspection.

We have a team of expert English tutors who are dedicated to helping you achieve your goals in a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

## What are the entry requirements?

Students should be confident in their spoken language and should note that there is a requirement to take part in speaking and listening activities and assessment during the course. Students should have a fair understanding of spelling, grammar, and punctuation. They may already hold a Grade 2 or below at GCSE or a level of Functional Skills below level 2.

This course is not suitable for students who are beginners to the English language. Students will be required to attend an interview and assessment before enrolment to check their suitability for this course.

## What are my funding options?

For more information about financial support, please visit: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

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## Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There are no additional costs associated with this course but you will need to provide your own stationery.



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