

What is the course about?

The course is a fast-paced, fast-track resit GCSE English Language course.

If you have not yet achieved your C grade or grade 4 & in English, then this course is FREE for you!

Why should I choose the course?

Many employers require a minimum C/4 grade, so achieving your English GCSE could greatly enhance your career prospects. If you would like to progress onto further study, it may be a requirement of your course to have achieved a grade C/4 in English.

For the year 24/25 (subject to demand) we will be offering one of our GCSE classes partially online. This means that most lessons will be held via Teams with 1 or 2 lessons per half term compulsory in the classroom. The aim of this blended model, is to support our adult learners with attendance challenges, such as child care or transport, ensuring everyone gets an opportunity to upskill. We will require applicants for our blended GCSE to be IT savvy and extremely committed. Students joining this course must still attend at the designated time and must have the facility to put on a camera and use a microphone

What will I learn?

The course is split into two main areas of study with an additional spoken language endorsement.

Component 1: Non Fiction Texts;

We will study a range of functional 19th-century non-fiction texts.

- Develop skills to analyse and evaluate non-fiction extracts.
- Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Component 2: Contemporary Texts

We will study a range of 20th- and 21st-century prose fiction and literary non-fiction.

- Develop skills to analyse and compare 20th- and 21st-century fiction and literary non-fiction extracts.
- Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

The final assessment takes place by way of two exams at the end of the academic year, usually in May & June. The dates of the exams are fixed and nationwide and therefore you must check you can attend before joining the course.



Throughout the course you will be continually assessed by your tutor. You will receive individual feedback and regularly complete assignments tailored to the exam requirements. The final assessment for the qualification is 100% exam.

What will the course lead on to?

The college offers a wide range of accredited and non-accredited courses. For further information, please refer to the website or contact our Learner services Team on 01925 494400.

What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is 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.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

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

Warrington & Vale Royal College has been rated as a good college in the latest Ofsted inspection. Our tutors are dedicated to helping you achieve your goals in a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

What are the entry requirements?

Students wishing to join us on our GCSE course should ideally hold a Functional Skills English L1 as a minimum. If you do not have any qualifications, we would recommend you join us through our Functional Skills pathway before joining the GCSE course because of the skills and level of knowledge and understanding required at GCSE. Students who have English as an additional language are recommended to take our ESOL, then Functional skills pathway before joining us at GCSE. All applicants should have a very strong grasp of English speaking, listening and reading, to join this course and be prepared to complete work outside the classroom.

Applicants for our blended GCSE course need to be confident with IT systems such as Google Classroom and must be able to join and actively participate in online meetings.

All applicants for GCSE will be required to complete an assessment to ensure you can cope with the demands of the course.

What are my funding options?

For any funding enquiries, please contact our Learner Services Team by calling 01925 494400 or emailing learner.services@wvr.ac.uk.



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Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There are no additional costs associated with this course. You will need to provide your own stationary.



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