

GCSE English Language

Date: 14/9/2021 – 28/6/2022

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6.15pm – 8.45pm

Date: 15/9/2021 – 29/6/2022

Day: Wednesday

Time: 1.10pm – 3.40pm

Course Information

This course is for those who have not yet achieved a grade C/4 in GCSE English or for those who would like to improve their existing grade to a grade 4 or more. Students are required to read and analyse a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts in class from classic literary texts to current affairs articles and examples of creative writing. We also develop summarising and writing analytically as well as descriptive and narrative writing. This course follows the AQA syllabus for GCSE English language. To be successful a good standard of English is required including spelling, punctuation and grammar.

How will I be assessed?

There are 2 formal exams at the end of the course and non-examination assessment of your speaking and listening and presentation skills. The exams take place at the end of the course in May/June.

How much home study will I have to do?

Students are set weekly homework to improve their skills and knowledge and consolidate classwork. We anticipate homework to require 2 hours independent study per week.

Initial assessment

All students are required to complete an initial assessment. We will send you a link to complete this via our online BKS platform, please ensure this is completed prior to completing the enrolment process. If you are unable to do this at home, let us know and we will arrange for you to use a PC in college.

How will I be taught?

A variety of methods will be employed in the class, including oral work, reading, writing, working in pairs and small groups. Teaching methods are adapted to the needs of the group.

How much does the course cost?

The government will fund you to complete GCSE English qualification until you achieve a (Grade 4/C) or higher. If you have already achieved Grade 4/C and wish to continue your studies to achieve a higher grade the cost of this course is £382.

Additional costs

£10 non-refundable administration fee which provides you with a student ID badge and £11 print credit to use in college.

Parking

Parking during the college day is limited, there is plenty of free parking in the surrounding roads if you are unable to park onsite. For evening courses we recommend you use our White's Rd entrance SO19 7NS and enter via the sports centre reception after your first day. On your first day please come to the main college reception we will be here to greet you and show you where to go.

Expectations

We expect you to aim for 100% attendance and attendance is recorded for every timetabled session. Students are automatically withdrawn if they have not attended for 4 consecutive weeks. If a student's attendance falls below 80% their place on the course and their exam entry will be at risk. We place considerable emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality and ask you to respect and adhere to these values to ensure academic success. Any health concerns will be treated sympathetically and if necessary we will consider implementing the college's Fitness to Study Policy.

To enrol please apply via our website www.itchen.ac.uk

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the

Adult Education team on 02380 446156 or email acet@itchen.ac.uk