

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

GCSE Mathematics at grade C is an essential qualification for some careers and for most university courses.

The Adult Basic Skills Numeracy courses provide opportunities to develop and strengthen numerical skills. These skills are very useful to you as you enter the work place. Success at Level 1 allows you to progress to Level 2, and success at Level 2 is a good base for success at GCSE the following year.

The Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance provides you with an understanding of the issues which affect your economic well being and covers financial issues that will be important to you in the future.

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GCSE/Basic Skills GCSE Mathematics Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance

Mathematical skills, in particular numeracy, are vital to employment and are necessary for higher education.

If you are a 1st year student who has not yet gained a grade C or above in GCSE Maths you are normally required to take one of the following programmes of study.

- GCSE Mathematics (Foundation) with Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 2
- Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 and/or 2
- Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 with Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance

The choice of programme depends on the GCSE Maths grade already achieved. If you do not have a grade for GCSE Maths you will negotiate the right level of study for you with one of the Maths Teachers when you join the college.

What grades will I need?

For GCSE Mathematics (Foundation) with Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 2 you will need to have a grade D at GCSE.

For Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 and/or 2 you will need a grade E at GCSE.

There is no minimum entry grade for Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 with The Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance programme and your mathematical skills will be assessed early in the course so that you work at the right level for you.

GCSE Mathematics with Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 2

This programme, open to you if you have already gained a grade D, is roughly split into three sections. First your studies will concentrate on examination techniques and on revising some of the harder topics so that if you feel ready you can try for the November re-sit. The programme then concentrates on non-calculator work, providing you with the opportunity to take Adult Basic Skills Numeracy at Level 2 in January. The final phase of the programme prepares you thoroughly for the Summer exams.

Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 and 2

This programme is suitable for students with a grade E in GCSE Mathematics who

wish to improve their numeracy skills. Adult Basic Skills Numeracy at Level 2 is roughly equivalent to half a GCSE and is accepted by some employers in place of GCSE. During the first term you develop your numeracy skills and will have the opportunity to sit the Level 1 exam. Success at level 1 allows you to further enhance your numeracy skills and prepare for the Level 2 exam.

Each level is assessed by a multiple choice examination.

Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 with Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance

This programme develops numeracy skills by looking at the financial world and leads to two qualifications, Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 and the Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance.

Adult Basic Skills Numeracy Level 1 not only develops the number skills necessary to manage your money and deal with other financial situations but also includes some data handling and shape and space work. You are assessed by a multiple choice test.

The Foundation Certificate in Personal Finance has two modules. These two modules introduce you to money and its different forms; the different sources of money and how individuals manage and use their money. Each module is assessed by a multiple choice test.