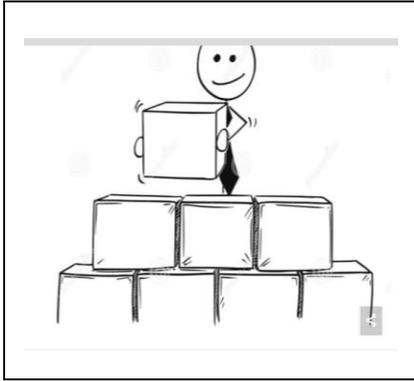




Sixth Form Preparation for Success

Welcome to the one year Level 2 Foundation Course



Introduction

The **Level 2 Foundation** course is a 1 year course structured to guide and support you to make the transition onto either L3 courses at McAuley or into apprenticeships or other vocational training. The timetable you will follow enables you to achieve the Level 2 qualifications required to progress onto A-Level or equivalent course, whilst building up a portfolio of carefully selected work experience that will compliment or guide your future study pathway.

Part I – Preparation for the Level 2 Foundation course To be completed May – Sept

Remember that prizes will be awarded for 'exceptional' work

Section A - Preparing for the course

The **Level 2 Foundation Year** course provides you with the unique opportunity to undertake a day of work experience every week as part of your timetable. In preparation for work experience you will have the opportunity to work with staff in school and representatives from the Doncaster Chamber to get you 'work experience' ready.

- ✓ Ahead of this opportunity it is important that you give some consideration to what you would like to get out of this opportunity.

Things you need to consider:

- What field of work you would like to undertake the work experience in?
- Do you know a local business or have a contact that could offer you work experience?
- What would you like to get out of this experience?
- What support would you like to access before you get the opportunity to undertake the work experience?

Last year's L2 Foundation Year cohort worked with a broad range of local businesses and organisations in the local area.

Students had the opportunity to undertake work experience in the following sectors;

- ✓ Sport and leisure
- ✓ IT technical support
- ✓ Health and Social Care
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Construction and engineering
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Animal care

As part of your work experience you will be asked to keep a **log book** that evidences the development of your skills and interpersonal qualities as you become increasingly confident and competent working in your chosen placement. A number of students were offered the opportunity to progress with the company through an Apprenticeship scheme.

In preparation for applying for a work experience placement, use the website listed below and **create a CV for yourself** that can be provided to employers. I fully understand that you have no GCSE grades to add at this time, focus on you skills and interests outside of school. <https://www.cvtemplatemaster.com/tag/basic-cv-templates/>

Section B – Maths and English

You are likely to be re-sitting GCSE Maths and/or GCSE English Language. Your first opportunity to resit will be in November and you will have timetabled lessons to help you along. It would be great if you passed at the first opportunity. So give yourself the very best chance by doing the work detailed below. In any case, keeping and developing your **literacy** and **numeracy skills** is important as they underpin all courses offered in the Sixth Form as well as every career path so every student in the sixth form is required to do this work. The main aim is to access and attempt some of the AQA Maths and English Functional Skills papers to keep these essential skills fine-tuned and sharp.

Functional Skills in Mathematics

Maths is applied in **real life situations** every day; it is for **everyone** and having **sharp numeracy skills** is **extremely useful** whatever your career plans!

Task 1 –To get started, watch this inspiring TED talk on 'how Maths is our real sixth sense?'

https://www.ted.com/talks/eddie_woo_how_math_is_our_real_sixth_sense?language=en

Task 2 – Past papers

The link below will take you to a past papers search. Mark schemes are accessible to check your answers. There are level 1 and 2 resources. Start with the easier level 1 (to ease you in) but you are aiming for success at level 2 which is the standard needed to

support your sixth form studies. There are plenty of papers available so we suggest you do a paper each week maybe alternate paper 1 and paper 2 each week??!!

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

– search by selecting Subject – mathematics, Qualification – Functional Skills, Specification – Mathematics (4367)(4368) Series – All available series

The link below will take you directly to sample practice papers and mark schemes to check your answers.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/functional-skills/mathematics-8361-8362/assessment-resources>

Online resources to support your revision (email mtwitchell@mcauley.org.uk if you need your login details for these):

- ✓ mymaths - <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
 - view online lessons and homeworks for GCSE resit and Functional Skills
 - you will be doing Foundation tier so do anything from Level 1 to Level 5
- ✓ <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

Books to support your learning and progress (newest and cheapest in red)

- ✓ AQA Functional Mathematics Student Book (AQA Functional Maths) by Mr Harry Smith Paperback ISBN 978-1408260005
- ✓ **Functional Skills Maths Level 2 - Study & Test Practice (for 2019 & beyond) (CGP Functional Skills) Paperback ISBN 978-1782946335**
- ✓ **New Functional Skills Maths Level 2 - 10 Minute Tests ISBN 978-1789084863**

Functional Skills in English

The Functional Skills qualification in English will equip you and assess that you have the necessary literacy skills to make a success of your sixth form studies or the pathway you choose into employment. The qualification assesses your communication skills both verbal and written formats. The qualification assessment will focus on reading, writing and speaking, and listening.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/functional-skills/english-8720-8725>

Task 1 - Watch the inspiring TED talk, 'Why language is humanity's greatest invention'

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_peterson_why_language_is_humanity_s_greatest_invention

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– search by selecting Subject – English, Qualification – Functional Skills, Specification – English (4720)(4725) Series – All available series

The link below will take you directly to sample practice papers and mark schemes to check your answers.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/functional-skills/english-8720-8725/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes>

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- ✓ **New Functional Skills English Level 2 - 10 Minute Tests (for 2020 & beyond) (CGP Functional Skills) Paperback ISBN 978-1789084870**

We look forward to working with you in Year 12!