

Buckinghamshire College Group

ENGLISH AND MATHS

Subject Information for Parents and Carers



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SUPPORTING LEARNERS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS

At Buckinghamshire College Group, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed. Our tailored approach to English and Maths ensures that all learners—regardless of their starting point—can make progress, build confidence and achieve their goals.

We deliver English and Maths through three distinct pathways.

1. Functional Skills

For students who enter college with a grade U, 0, 1 or no previous mark, we offer Functional Skills L1 qualifications. These provide a strong foundation in essential literacy and numeracy. Students will have up to three opportunities to sit the exam between February and July. Once they pass, they will continue in class with a focus on GCSE content, preparing them for the next academic year.

2. GCSE Plus

Our GCSE Plus pathway is designed for students working at a grade 2. These learners receive targeted support to help them progress to a grade 3, with the potential to reach grade 4. We use a personalised approach that includes:

- Individualised lesson content
- Targeted interventions
- Regular assessments
- Goal setting and positive reinforcement

We also help students make connections between their English and Maths learning and their vocational subjects, breaking down barriers and building confidence.

3. GCSE Resit

Students who previously achieved a grade 3 will begin the year with an intensive 8-week revision programme, preparing them to retake the exam in November. Based on their performance, they will either sit the exam or complete a practice paper to assess readiness.

After the November results, we tailor the curriculum to address any gaps in knowledge, ensuring students are fully supported in the lead-up to the summer exam series.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to their regular 3 hours per week of English and Maths, all students will receive:

- 10 hours of bespoke support throughout the year
- Vocational English and Maths sessions (where needed) to support progression from Level 2 to Level 3

These sessions will be clearly marked on student timetables, and our dedicated English and Maths coaches will be in touch to confirm attendance dates.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our three-strand model ensures that every student has multiple opportunities to succeed. By building resilience, confidence, and a growth mindset, we help learners see the value of English and Maths—not just in exams, but in their future careers and everyday lives.

EXAM DATES

November Resits (selected students only)

English Language AQA – 4th November and 6th November 2025

Maths Eduqas – 5th November and 7th November 2025

Whole College Mock Exams (all students)

English Language AQA – 11th March 2026

Maths Eduqas – 13th March 2026

Summer Exams (all students)

English Language AQA – 21st May and 5th June 2026

Maths Eduqas – 14th May and the 3rd June 2026

For all exams, students are required to be in college by 8.30am.

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