

# Warwickshire Adult Community Learning

September 2024 – July 2025

Courses in **South Warwickshire**

*Learning changes lives*

# Welcome to Warwickshire ACL



**Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning offers courses for adults and families across the county. Whether you want to develop skills for employment or everyday life, support your children's education, gain confidence or improve your physical or mental wellbeing, we have a range of opportunities on offer.**

**For our centres,  
your eligibility  
and fees  
please see pages  
11 and 12**

## **Not online?**

To find out about FREE computer courses for beginners call us on **01926 736392.**

We look forward to either welcoming you as a new learner, or for you to continue your learning journey with us. You can enrol or apply for courses online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl), call **01926 73639** or attend one of the information events in September - see page 11 for details.

## Alina's Story

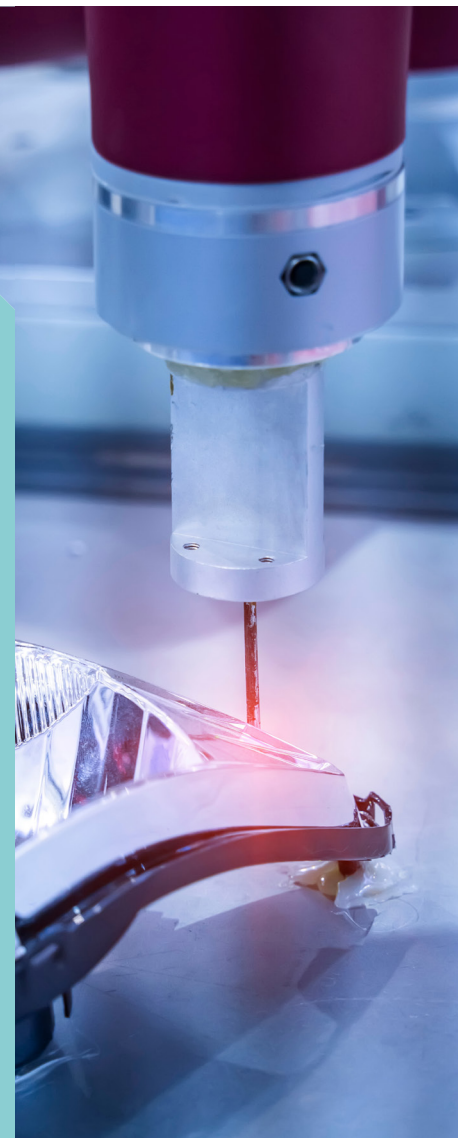


**When I moved to the UK from Romania, I struggled to find work in my field of hydro-geology. In 2020 I joined an English class with ACL. The course was online on a Monday evening, just after work, so it gave me the flexibility I needed to work and attend the classes too. After assessment, I was enrolled onto Level 1 Functional Skills English. In my second year when I was going for Level 2, I applied**

**for Maths because I was keen to get back to engineering and having a GCSE in Maths was required everywhere.**

I was successful in my application to National Grid and now work as an Apprentice in Power System Engineering.

I am grateful to ACL for offering me this opportunity to take the courses in English and Maths. I believe that these certificates were the basis for my future career in engineering and I highly recommend ACL courses to everybody. The team is happy to tailor the courses and find the best time to suit your needs, as they know that most of the students are working adults. They are supportive and interested to help you gain the knowledge and skills to pass the exams and get the certificate of completion and you will feel included and heard.



# Computer and Digital Skills



**Technology is rapidly changing the way we live, work, and learn, connecting us and creating new possibilities and challenges.**

Our digital skills courses offer basic and key skills in computer use, a variety of online activity and being safe. Whether you're looking for a new challenge, want to develop existing skills or gain a qualification, we offer a range of part-time daytime and evening courses, from the beginner to advanced. Many of our courses are FREE.

We offer specialist tutors and a friendly, welcoming environment. Once you contact us we can discuss your needs to ensure you join the course that is right for you. Unlock your potential today!

## FREE COURSES

### Basic Computers for Beginners (Stage 1)

Suitable for those with little or no previous experience of computers and who would like to develop their skills and confidence in this subject.

### Developing Skills with Computers (Stage 2)

A follow-on course to Stage 1, or for those who have some basic computing skills. Topics include using email, basic word processing, file management and online safety.

### Essential Digital Skills – Entry Level (Stage 3)

A follow-on course to Stage 2. It will further support and develop your skills and confidence, whilst focusing your learning towards gaining a recognised qualification at Entry 3.

### Essential Digital Skills - Level 1

Develop skills in using spreadsheets, video conferencing, shopping safely online and solving basic technical problems. You will need to have completed Essential Digital Skills at Entry 3, or have an equivalent level of skills.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington	Mon - Fri	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30 17.30 - 20.00	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme
Brunswick Hub, Leamington	Wednesday	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30 16.30 - 19.00	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme
Venture House, Stratford	TBC	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme

Many other courses are available but may carry a charge, please ask for details.

Courses could include:

- Microsoft Office Applications
- Google Applications
- Internet & Email
- Cyber Security
- Digital Photos
- iPads

## Stella's Story

I joined a Developing Skills with Computers course. The course gave me knowledge of how to edit my words, add bullet points, and also use PowerPoint, Excel spreadsheets and many other things on the computer. I have learnt how to be safe online and how to spot and avoid scams.

My new skills have been useful at work: now I can perform tasks on the computer without having to ask colleagues for help. It's not scary any more!

My tutor was patient, flexible and always happy to answer questions. I am going to enrol again in September to develop my skills further.



# English



## Our courses help learners to improve English, grow confidence and gain qualifications.

We offer a range of FREE qualifications to suit all learners at all levels who wish to improve their English, including short introductory courses, Functional Skills and GCSE courses.

From September 2024, we are offering a brand NEW GCSE English language course designed to be completed in one academic year that offers learners a chance to gain a GCSE. This qualification focuses on real life applicable content that provides an excellent pathway for progression and will enable you to gain confidence while you learn.

Our Functional skills courses focus on three key units: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening. Our tutors will work with you to encourage you to achieve your goals at a pace that suits you in a supportive learning environment.

All our courses are designed to fit in with varying learners' needs at times and venues to suit everyone. We have a mix of both online and face to face classes.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington	Monday	10.00-12.00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 16.00-18.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

## Tyrone's Story

Hi, my name is Tyrone. I have been learning with Warwickshire ACL since 2021.

I have attained Functional Skills Level 1 in English and Level 2 Reading. I am working towards Level 2 Writing. I have also attained Functional Skills Level 1 in Maths and I am working towards Level 2.

I have autism, but I find that the tutors are very approachable and are always willing to work around my needs. They are always willing to repeat things, reword things and explain things in a different way if they feel that I didn't understand or I ask them to rephrase it.



# Maths



**We have a range of FREE maths courses suitable for all levels and abilities to improve confidence and skills, and gain qualifications.**

Courses include:

- Short introductory courses
- Functional skills courses from Entry Level to Level 2
- GCSE courses

We will work with you to build up your maths ability to allow you to progress through each level to reach your desired goals.

Our courses will help you to progress into employment or further academic or vocational pathways and will give you more confidence and independence in everyday life. They are designed to fit in with varying learners' needs at times and venues to suit everyone.

We have a mix of both online and face to face classes. Sessions are relaxed and informal and tutors will encourage you to reach your personal goals and achievements in a relaxed and friendly environment where you will receive support throughout.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington	Tues -Thurs	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 17.00-19.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

## SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY

Do you have a fear of maths? Do you struggle with budgeting, percentages or calculating area? 'Multiply' is

an initiative designed to help adults develop the maths skills we all need in everyday life. We are offering a range of FREE courses to adults without a Level 2 maths qualification\* to help build your skills. These include:

- Family Money Management
- Intensive support to help you achieve a Level 2\* qualification
- Maths skills developed through activities such as craft and gardening

If you are interested, please contact us to find out more.

\*Level 2 qualifications include GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above and Functional Skills Level 2. If you have a qualification but don't feel confident with your skills, please contact us for a discussion.



# Art, Languages, Life Skills & Wellbeing



If you are looking to learn a new skill or develop an existing one we have a wide range of courses on offer. Daytime or evening, face to face or online, our offer will support your wellbeing, improve your employment prospects and support your progression to further learning.

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
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<b>LANGUAGES</b>									
Spanish for Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	10.00-12.00	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish for Beginners Term 2	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	10.00-12.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish for Beginners Term 2	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	18.30-20.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish for Beginners Term 4	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	10.00-12.00	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish for Beginners Term 4	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish Term 10	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	15.00-16.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£67.50	£33.75	FREE
Spanish Culture & Conversation Term 7	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	12.50-14.50	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
French Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Mon	13.00-15.00	07/10/24	16/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
French Intermediate	Online	Mon	18.00-19.30	30/09/24	09/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
French Intermediate	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	13.00-15.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
French Improvers	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	18.30-20.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Beginners Italian Term 2	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	12.30-14.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Italian Culture & Conversation Advanced	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	12.30-14.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
German for Beginners Plus	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
British Sign Language Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	18.30-20.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
British Sign Language Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	13.00-15.00	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
<b>MULTIPLY*</b>									
Business Start-up (Multiply)*	Online	Wed	19.00-20.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
Preparation for Employment (Multiply)*	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>ARTS AND CRAFTS</b>									
Art for Beginners	Venture House, Stratford	Tue	10.00-12.00	12/11/24	10/12/24	5	£45.00	£22.50	FREE
Creative Art for Relaxation	Online	Thu	18.00-19.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Print Making Beginners Term 1	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	13.00-15.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Illustrate With Inks	Online	Thu	13.00-14.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Drawing & Painting for Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	10.00-12.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Drawing & Painting for Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	18.30-20.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Online	Thu	19.00-20.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
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Drawing & Painting for Beginners Term 4	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	14.00-16.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with a Smartphone Beginners	Online	Tue	15.00-16.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with Smartphone Term 4	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with Smartphone Advanced Term 7	Online	Thu	10.00-11.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Art Mixed Media Term 4	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	10.00-12.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Acrylics Term 5	Pound Lane, Leamington	Mon	13.00-15.00	07/10/24	16/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Developing Artists	Pound Lane, Leamington	Mon	10.00-12.00	07/10/24	16/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	St Wulstan, Southam	Tue	10.00-12.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	Harbury Library	Tue	14.00-16.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	18.30-20.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	St Wulstan, Southam	Thu	19.00-21.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Dressmaking Skills Mixed Ability	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	18.30-20.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Dressmaking Skills Mixed Ability	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	13.00-15.00	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Creative Stitch for Beginners	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	10.00-12.00	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Creative Stitch	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	10.00-12.00	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Patchwork & Quilting	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	13.00-15.00	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE

### WELLBEING

Pilates	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	18.00-19.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£45.00	£22.50	FREE
Yoga	Pound Lane, Leamington	Tue	19.00-20.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£67.50	£33.75	FREE
Yoga	Pound Lane, Leamington	Thu	18.30-19.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£45.00	£22.50	FREE
Yoga	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	14.30-15.30	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.50	FREE
Grow Your Own	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	13.00-15.00	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Mindfulness for Wellbeing	Online	Tue	18.00-19.30	01/10/24	10/12.24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Family History	Pound Lane, Leamington	Fri	12.30-14.30	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Singing for Fun	Pound Lane, Leamington	Wed	10.00-12.00	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Creative Writing (The Art of Story)	Online	Thu	19.00-20.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE

\*Multiply courses are designed to develop numeracy – for learners without GCSE grade 'C' maths skills or equivalent.

## Anita's Story

I joined an ACL Art course to support my wellbeing. One course led to another, and I am now working as an artist full-time!



# Family Learning



**Family Learning is learning that takes place among family members including parents, grandparents, and carers. It's about discovering and exploring things together; learning in a relaxed atmosphere and is an opportunity for parents and carers to discover how their children learn and develop.**

## Family Learning

### Courses include:

Family Money Matters (Multiply)

Family Food

Understanding your Child

Story Explorers (REAL Programme)

Number Explorers (REAM Programme)  
Primary Maths, English and Reading  
Play and Learn  
Together into School  
Phonics



## NEW Family Learning Qualification for 2024-25!!

### Family Learning: 'Moving On' Certificate

Our unique programme is designed specifically for parents and carers to gain a Level 1 and 2 qualification in a family-friendly, flexible way.

From Spring 2025, learners who complete Level 1 and Level 2 Family Learning provision will be offered a **guaranteed interview** for a **Degree at the University of Warwick** from the list below:

- BA (Hons) Early Childhood
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Mental Health
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Health and Wellbeing



*Please see university website for terms and conditions about their courses.*

This FREE course offers:

- Fast-track options, with online and in person opportunities, to allow you to choose your learning pace and fit around your family life
- Support and guidance from experienced and qualified teachers
- Modules that are meaningful to family life

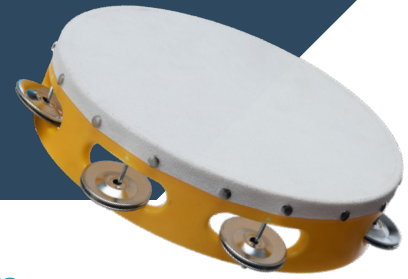
### Example Modules:

- Family Cooking Skills
- Supporting Children's Literacy and Numeracy Development
- Using Craft Activities with Children and Young People
- Family Relationships
- Making Choices in Pursuit of Personal Goals
- Understanding the Importance of Play
- Understanding Children's Language and Communication

Course	Venue	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST*		
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Family Learning 'Moving On' Certificate	Pound Lane, Leamington	9.30-14.30	20/09/24	11/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Family Learning 'Moving On' Certificate	Self-Access	Learners attending at least one face to face session can self-access some modules to enable flexible or quicker access. Please speak to a member of the Family Learning Team for more information				FREE	FREE	FREE



# Active Learning



**Our Active Learning programme is a suite of courses for adults with SEND and/or learning differences. Our courses promote independence, build confidence, and develop new skills.**

Classes are small, supportive and fun, led by highly experienced teaching and support staff. We can also support you to access English, maths and IT qualifications and offer careers guidance.

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
							A	B	C
Moving on with Cooking	Leamington College (WCG)	Wed	13.00-15.30	18/09/24	09/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Basic Cooking Skills	Leamington College (WCG)	Tue	10.00-12.00	17/09/24	08/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Basic Cooking Skills	Leamington College (WCG)	Tue	13.00-15.00	17/09/24	08/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Life Skills	Pound Lane	Thu	10.00-12.00	19/09/24	10/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Life Skills	Pound Lane	Thu	13.00-15.00	19/09/24	10/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Music	Pound Lane	Wed	10.00-12.00	18/09/24	09/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Drama	Pound Lane	Tue	10.00-12.00	17/09/24	08/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Visual Art	Pound Lane	Wed	13.00-15.00	18/09/24	09/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness	Pound Lane	Mon	13.00-15.00	16/09/24	21/10/24	6	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness	Pound Lane	Mon	13.00-15.00	13/01/25	10/02/25	6	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness – Booster Workshops	Pound Lane	TBC	13.00-15.00	12/05/25	19/05/25	6	FREE	FREE	FREE

*New learners can enrol at any time during the academic year. Please contact us for more information or to book an enrolment session.*



# English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



## Is this for me?

Yes, if you are 19+, permanent UK resident and English is not your first language.

## What will I learn?

Skills to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

## What can I expect?

Develop your English communication. There will be an opportunity to take exams suited to your learning level.

## Why should I join?

To improve your communication skills, employability options and the chance to meet learners from around the world.

## What will happen once I register for a course?

You will be invited to an assessment session where we will check your level and give you advice about the best class for you. There will also be an opportunity to discuss your career.

## What do I need to bring to my appointment?

You will need to bring your ID and your residency proof to show you are eligible to study with us. You will be sent an email listing the items you need to bring.

## Will I be offered a course at the appointment?

The appointment will help us to decide on the best class for you. If you meet the criteria to study with us, we aim to place you onto a course. Please be aware you may be placed onto a waiting list if a suitable place is not available.

## What if I can't attend a course every week?

If you are unable to attend a regular session, please discuss your availability at your assessment. We can explore other options with you.

Venue	Day	Time	Course Length	COST
Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington, CV32 7RT	Various	Various	One session per week, September to July	FREE (exam fees may apply)
Venture House, Stratford, CV37 0HR				
Tyler House, Stratford, CV37 6TY				

## Course highlights:

- Qualifications at Entry Level to Level 1
- Learners from a range of nationalities
- Enrichment activities including visits and guest speakers to sessions
- Topics and activities in your sessions will help you integrate into your local community



# How to Find Us

## Venues

**Pound Lane Learning Centre:** Pound Lane, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7RT

**Brunswick Hub:** 98-100 Shrubland Street, Leamington Spa CV31 3BD

**Venture House:** Avenue Farm Industrial Estate, Birmingham Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0HR

**Tyler House:** Tyler Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6TY

**St Wulstan Church:** Daventry Road, Southam, CV47 1PP

**Leamington College:** Warwick New Road, CV32 5JE

**Harbury Library:** High St, Harbury, CV33 9HW

## How to enrol

**Online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl)**

follow the 'Booking onto a course' link. Complete the enrolment form to apply or make an enquiry.

**Call us on 01926 736392**

and an advisor can answer questions and assist you with the process.

**In person at one of our centres.**

*Please note our course list is a guide and may be subject to change. Get in touch if something you're interested in is not listed.*

For any enquiries please email [acl@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:acl@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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## Enrolment Dates for September:

Rugby:	Leamington Spa:	Nuneaton:
<b>Tuesday 3 September 2024</b> <b>2pm - 7pm</b> Hill Street Centre, Hill Street, Rugby CV21 2NB	<b>Thursday 5 September 2024</b> <b>2pm - 7pm</b> Pound Lane Learning Centre, Lillington, CV32 7RT	<b>Monday 9 September 2024</b> <b>2pm - 7pm</b> Hatters Space, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5DN

# Enrolment Fees and Eligibility

## Fees

English, Maths, Family Learning and some other classes, including Essential Digital Skills, are free. You will be required to complete an eligibility form for all English, Maths, Computer & Digital Skills and ESOL classes that are free.

Details of the fees for each course can be found on our website. Please contact us for further advice. For ESOL and some other courses, you may be eligible for a free course and exams if you earn less than £25,000 per year.

### Where fees apply, we operate the following categories:

- A** Full fee (depending on eligibility and/or non Warwickshire resident)
- B** Discounted fee (50% for learners aged 66 or over)
- C** Fully remitted (FREE for learners in receipt of qualifying benefits)

## Am I eligible?

We accept learners aged 19 or over on 31/08/2024. Most learners are required to have been permanently resident in the UK for the last 3 years. If you do not meet these criteria please contact us. We are not funded to work with learners living in the West Midlands Combined Authority area. If you pay your council tax to Coventry, Birmingham, Solihull, Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley or Wolverhampton please contact us for more information as different fee rates may apply.

